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WHAT'S NEXT

36 Places,
Things, and
Ideas That Are
Changing
the Way We
Travel

Orpheus Island,
Great Barrier Reef

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THINK-TANK RESORTS

For some developers and hoteliers, it's no longer enough to build a hotel: you have to create an ideas community.

> **Claus Sendlinger** has long been ahead of the curve. When he founded Design Hotels in 1993, the boutique-hotel concept was in a nascent stage. Now Sendlinger is on to his next big thing: creating a multi-hyphenate resort that's part hotel, part members' club, and part idea incubator for the creative class.

This year, he debuted La Granja Ibiza (lagranjaibiza.com; doubles from \$500), an 11-room guesthouse on a farm in the heart of the Spanish island. The activities available for a small charge include yoga, Slow Food workshops, and lectures on the future of mobile societies, and aim to attract like-minded vacationers. Locals are welcome, too; a \$220 annual membership fee provides access to events and lectures (for overnight guests, a membership is built in to the rate). "It's all about dynamic collaboration," says Sendlinger, who plans to expand to other locations.

Similar projects are springing up, on different scales and with different levels of inclusiveness. Set on a previously uninhabited island in Croatia, Obonjan (otokobonjan.com; from \$65 per person per night) is a seasonal resort-festival that accommodates up to 500 guests. The draw: highly curated, experiential fun, including marine-conservation workshops, underwater art exhibits, and movie nights under the stars. Spread over 10,000 acres in Utah's Wasatch Mountains, Summit Powder Mountain (summitpowdermountain.com), which broke ground in 2013, is hoping to be a next-gen ski village, complete with private residences, co-working spaces, a recording studio, a culinary school, and, eventually, several hotels. The town serves as an extension of Summit Series, invite-only networking events for wealthy individuals and thought leaders; early investors include Tim Ferriss and Richard Branson. Some programs and events will be open to the public, while others will remain exclusive to Summit members. —*Gisela Williams*



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THE ROOM OF TOMORROW—VOICE-CONTROLLED AND, YES, WITH A DROID AT YOUR SERVICE—IS HERE.

SMART LIGHTING

Lighting does more than provide illumination—it can also enhance your mood. Guests at St. Martins Lane, in London, can select from a spectrum of colored LEDs. Give your room a calming blue glow or a red hue for more energy. The Stay Well rooms at the MGM Grand Las Vegas as well as six Marriott properties offer bright white lighting to reduce jet lag and circadian bedside lighting to promote better sleep.

VOICE ACTIVATION

Want to check the weather report or turn up the air-conditioning? All you have to do is ask. The Aloft Santa Clara, in California, and the Aloft Boston Seaport piloted the first-ever voice-activated rooms, powered by Siri and Apple HomeKit, this past summer.

YOUR PHONE, IN CHARGE

Landlines, keys, and remote controls may soon go extinct. Apps similar to Apple's HomeKit are being rolled out at Dream Hotels, letting guests manage everything from lighting to restaurant reservations from their phones. Proper Hotels and the DoubleTree by Hilton in Park City, Utah, are introducing apps that unlock guest rooms. And the Aloft New Orleans Downtown was the first hotel with RoomCast, which lets guests securely stream video from their devices to their room TVs.

ROBOTS TO THE RESCUE

Select properties from Starwood Hotels & Resorts and Inter-Continental Hotels deploy a robot named Relay to deliver snacks and amenities to rooms, preventing the awkwardness of receiving that 2 a.m. burger while wearing your pajamas. —*Jen Murphy*

2040

What will travel look like in the year...

There will be excursions to new, human-made worlds that orbit the Earth, to the moon, even to Mars. It will make *Star Trek* seem like nonfiction. —*James Canton, futurist and CEO of the Institute for Global Futures*

2045

Some of us will be living in homes under the sea. —*Edie Rodriguez, president and CEO of Crystal Cruises*