



BEST NEW HOTEL

AMSTERDAM > CITIZENM, SCHIPHOL AMSTERDAM (AMS)
 You'll find check-in kiosks in place of a front desk, a 24-hour canteen instead of a restaurant, and Eames furniture in lieu of overstuffed sofas. The 193-square-foot guest rooms are affordable and have outside windows and free movies and Wi-Fi. citizenmsterdamairport.com; doubles from \$94.

RUNNER-UP > Minute Suites, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta



BEST NEW LOUNGE

HONG KONG > THE ARRIVAL, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL (HKG) Cathay Pacific's 1,980-square-foot lounge has minimalist interiors by renowned British designer John Pawson; passengers can reserve one of eight private bathroom suites, which have black-and-white veined marble walls. *Passage between Terminals 1 and 2.*

RUNNER-UP > Air France La Première Lounge, Paris-Charles de Gaulle



BEST NEW RESTAURANT

GENEVA > ALTITUDE, GENEVA INTERNATIONAL (GVA)
 Chefs Gilles Dupont and Thomas Byrne prepare savory dishes such as sautéed veal with risotto and zucchini flowers in a white-tablecloth dining room overlooking the Jura Mountains. *Main Terminal, Level 3; dinner for two \$158.*

RUNNER-UP > Dining Street Restaurant, Heathrow, London



BEST NEW SNACK JOINT

HOUSTON > LE GRAND COMPTOIR, GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL (IAH) This sleek brasserie satisfies all kinds of cravings, with dozens of international wines served by the glass, menu options both hearty (French onion soup) and light (bruschetta), and house-baked pastries. *Terminal C South (near Gates C29-C45); lunch for two \$20.*

RUNNER-UP > Café Chocolat, Schiphol Amsterdam



BEST NEW SHOP

MIAMI > BRITTO, MIAMI INTERNATIONAL (MIA)
 Silver-and-enamel sculptures and coffee-table books line the shelves at the first airport shop dedicated to Brazilian artist Romero Britto, whose works have been featured at the Louvre. *North Terminal, Concourse D, Gate 32.*

RUNNER-UP > Uniqlo, Narita International, Tokyo



BEST NEW SPA

LONDON > COWSHED SPA, GATWICK (LGW)
 A cult U.K. brand, Cowshed is known for organic products and an English-manoir vibe; its new outpost (open to Virgin Atlantic Upper Class and Flying Club Gold members only) provides hydrating facials and hot-stone massage tailored to reduce preflight stress. *Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse, South Terminal.*

RUNNER-UP > Six Senses, Abu Dhabi International

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IT'S RARE THAT ANYONE ACTUALLY ENJOYS being in airports these days, but if you're obliged to wait out, say, a seven-hour layover, you'll likely find it far more pleasant to do so overseas than in some bleak U.S. terminal. Consider your options abroad: at Singapore's Changi Airport, you can go to the movies or wander through a tropical butterfly garden. At Hong Kong International, you might fly in a simulator or play nine holes of golf. The new spa in Helsinki Airport's Terminal 2 has relaxation beds with runway views. Even T+L has branded stores in Vancouver and Halifax airports (not to mention JFK's Terminal 2). It's enough to make you want to miss your connection.

Despite some notable exceptions (see next page), stateside hubs "haven't kept pace with the new definition of an airport, which is about far more than transportation," says John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and author of *Aerotropolis* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011), a book about airports as engines of local economic development. Considering that our airports provide the first impression foreign visitors have of the United States—and constitute a virtual second home for millions of domestic »

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