To say that Fendi has opened its first hotel in Rome is something of an understatement. The fur house – founded in the city in 1925 by Edoardo and Adele Fendi, and now run by their five daughters – has, instead, thrown open the doors to its opulent world. With just seven bedrooms, Fendi Private Suites is located above the brand’s flagship store, near the Spanish Steps. Historically respectful yet wonderfully glamorous, with Fendi Casa furniture and artwork by the house’s creative director Karl Lagerfeld, the whole place is a symphony of sensual materials and the kind of luxury that money often doesn’t buy.

From about £535 a room a night (www.fendiprivatesuites.com).
107  Ett Hem  STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Ett Hem has Scandinavian cool in abundance. Situated in the embassy district, away from the tourist bustle of Gamla Stan, it features an elegant mix of antiques and classic design pieces: one room is lit with candles in a brass chandelier, another by chic Michael Anastassiades lights. Kaare Klint chairs sit alongside bespoke pieces commissioned from Ilse Crawford, who designed the hotel’s interior. After a meditative sauna in the stone-flagged spa, settle down in front of the tiled stove with a glass of wine.

From about £350 a room a night (www.etthem.com).

108  The Mark  NEW YORK, USA

The Mark’s understated refinement comes courtesy of the interior designer Jacques Grange, whose previous clients include Valentino and Princess Caroline of Monaco. The Frenchman’s flourish can be seen in the penthouse suite (the largest in the US) – a 12,000-square-foot abode with five bedrooms, six bathrooms and a terrace overlooking Central Park. Even in the less palatial rooms you’ll be able to enjoy sleek surroundings such as black and white marble bathrooms.

From about £650 a room a night (www.themarkhotel.com).

109  The Beaumont  LONDON, UK

It’s not surprising that Jeremy King and Chris Corbin should have launched such a successful establishment as the Beaumont: who can doubt the taste of the men who brought us the Wolseley, Colbert and so many more? But not content merely to offer a traditionally sophisticated hotel, they want to experiment. Hence the Antony Gormley sculpture/room hybrid; the guests-only Cub Room bar; and the fact that all this luxury comes with the presiding spirit of James Beaumont, an imaginary Prohibition-era hotelier who escaped New York for this art deco Mayfair establishment.

From £395 a room a night (www.thebeaumont.com).

110  Soho House  BARCELONA, SPAIN

At 80,000 square feet, the latest Soho House outpost has opened in Barcelona’s once-gritty Gòtic district. Aside from the 57 beautifully appointed bedrooms that have been built around a central courtyard, there’s a familiar assortment of public spaces, including the Italian restaurant Cecconi’s, a Cowshed spa, a 30-seat cinema and a rooftop pool with stunning views over the marina. Nods to the host city are everywhere, from the hand-worked wooden headboards in the bedrooms to the wrought-iron chairs on the roof terrace and the vibrant Catalan floor tiles.

From £162 a room a night (www.sohohousebarcelona.com).