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## New York Opening: HôtelAmericano

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HôtelAmericano, the latest from those ceaseless purveyors of fabulousity at Mexico's Grupo Habita, brings a decidedly civilized edge to a stretch of 27th Street that once served as nightlife's depravity row.

A truly internationalist affair, Mexican architect Enrique Norten's metal mesh facade nods to the area's industrial heritage, while French designer Arnaud Montigny (noted for his work on Paris' Colette boutique) has given the rooms an almost rustic Japanese feel, complete with platform beds. For romantics, some even feature fireplaces and soaking tubs. But Carlos Couturier and the Micha brothers don't want you to get too much sleep: Americano flaunts the La Piscine rooftop restaurant, with pool and cabanas, an eponymous French brasserie, and a sexy basement lounge, El Privado.