

The Mondrian Los Angeles Gets a Makeover

He has designed projects for Lenny Kravitz and Sean Combs. And now Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz is updating a famous hotel for them to frequent in West Hollywood. He was recently hired by Morgans Hotel Group to rejuvenate the Mondrian Los Angeles on Sunset Boulevard (www.mondrianhotel.com), originally designed by Philippe Starck in 1996. While leaving signature Starck elements in place, like the 30-foot mahogany doors at the entrance, Mr. Noriega-Ortiz took a fantasy theme and ran with it by splashing the lounge with orange hues and creating undulating banquettes inspired by Antonio Gaudí's Park Güell bench in Barcelona. Next, he outfitted each guest room with orange mirrors reminiscent of "Alice in Wonderland" that pivot on swivel poles to reveal flat-screen televisions. Guest rooms also feature new bamboo floors and oversized daybeds. Nightly rates at the hotel, which will reveal its new look this month, start at \$425.



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