



12 New Hotels Around The World With An Eye On Food And Drink



The quirky Graduate Athens — once a motel — pays homage to the city's artistic roots.

Athens, home to the University of Georgia, is known for its rich music history as much as its academics. R.E.M, the B-52's and Widespread Panic all got their start performing in this funky little town. Paying homage to these artistic roots is **Graduate Athens**, one of the first properties from Graduate Hotels, the new brand intent on bringing design-savvy accommodations to college towns. The quirky former motel rooms are adorned with retro photos, bulldog lamps and splashes of plaid. While away the evening at the Foundry: the onetime metalsmith mecca is now a primo spot to take in live bluegrass while smothering BBQ chicken in Alabama white sauce.