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STARY STARY NIGHT ▲ *Stary, Cracow*

For the past ten years, the Cracow-based Likus family has been transforming run-down Polish buildings into hotels, restaurants and shops, and this little gem is its latest. Smoothly blending historic substance with modern finishes, this is a long-awaited alternative to Cracow's chain hotels. Swim in a gothic cellar, sleep beside 15th-century frescoes or have a cocktail on the roof terrace with views of the Old Town. **Grzegorz Piatek** Ulica Szczepanska 5, Cracow, Poland, tel: 48.12 384 08 08, www.stary.hotel.com.pl. Room rate: from €225

SNOW WONDER ▼ *Nevai, Verbier*

The urbane interiors of this new Verbier hotel are as fresh as the powder snow outside. Interior designers Mahmoudieh took a luxuriously comfortable approach to the guest rooms – hardwood flooring, silk-edged 'Gandalf' bed throws by Fanny Aronsen and iPod docks. Two penthouse suites, with wraparound terraces and hot tubs, feature a sexy décor of deep purples, fireplaces and electronically controlled scent emitters. **Guy Dittrich** Route de Verbier, Verbier, Switzerland, tel: 41.27 771 61 21, www.nevai.ch. Room rate: from CHF230 (€140)



WHITE HOT
Left, the white lobby at the Nevai hotel in the Swiss Alps leads into a sunken lounge fronting a lengthy fireplace

DIVINE INSPIRATION ▲ *The Dominican, Brussels*

This hotel, the first Belgian member of Design Hotels, shows off the work of Amsterdam-based duo Gerard Glintmeijer and Colin Finnegan, of FG Stijl, who have brought a touch of bourgeois glamour to Brussels with lavish interiors that include pieces from their AngloDutch furniture range for Interna. The Grand Lounge features splashes of crimson, cobalt and orange; the best rooms are the split-level semi-duplex ones with courtyard views from the built-in window seats. **GD** 9 rue Léopold, Brussels, tel: 32.2 203 08 08, www.thedominican.be. Room rate: from €150