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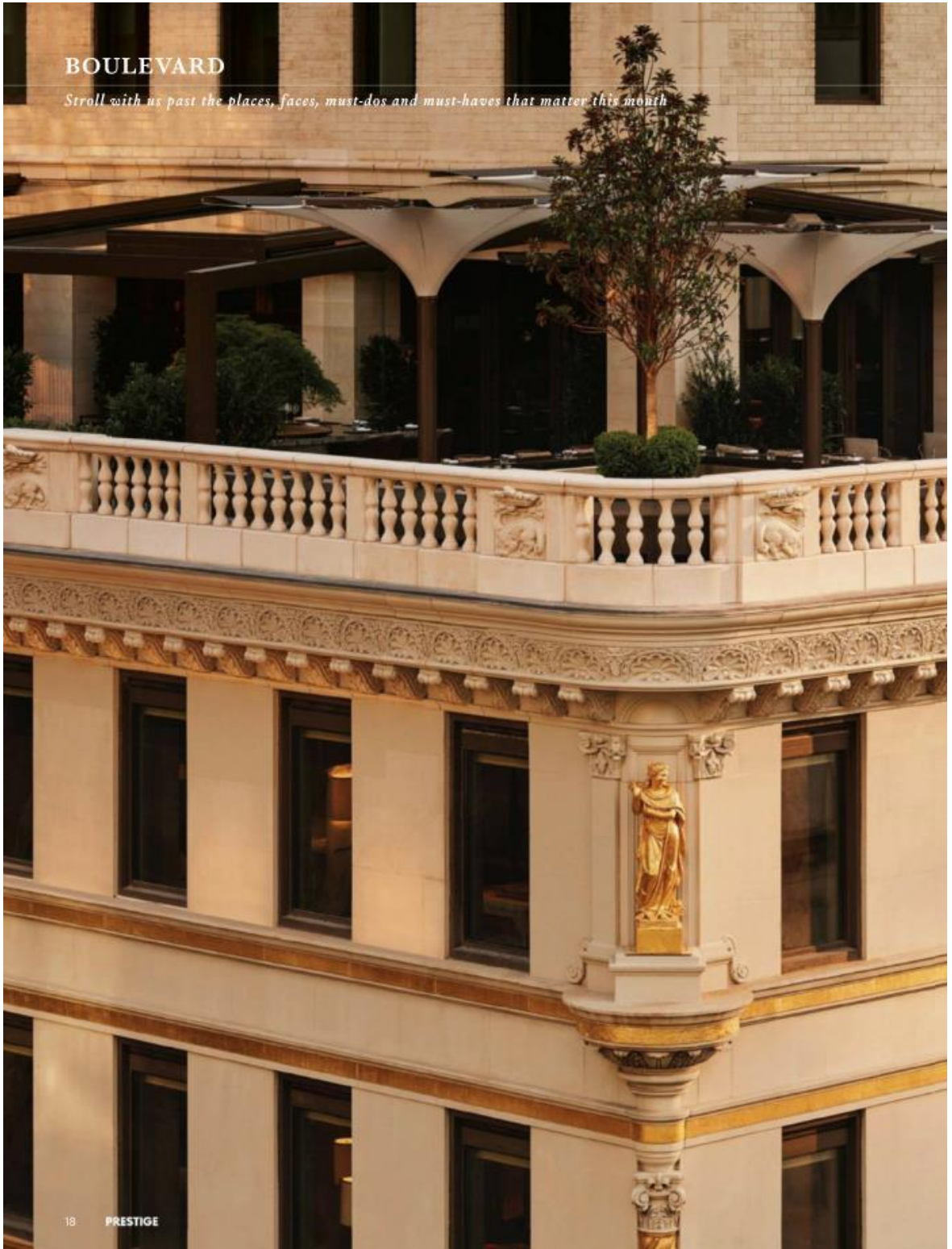
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"IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES, YOU HAVE A CHOICE. YOUR MINDSET
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BOULEVARD

Stroll with us past the places, faces, must-dos and must-haves that matter this month





THE ART OF UNWINDING

Since opening its first property, Amanpuri, almost 35 years ago, Aman has constantly redefined luxury hospitality. The group has grown to offer its coveted lifestyle in 34 deliciously tranquil resorts and hotels located in prime and often exotic spots around the world, the latest addition to this rarefied family being Aman New York, close to Central Park on Fifth Avenue. This urban escape, said to be the most expensive hotel in one of the priciest cities on the planet, occupies eight floors of a landmark 1920s building, which have been utterly reimagined by Jean-Michel Gathy, the Belgium-born and Malaysia-based architect who's been creating hideaways for Aman – not to mention many other luxury hotel brands – for the past three decades.

Within the building's Beaux Arts exterior, whose detailing has been painstakingly and expensively restored, Gathy has created a sanctuary of 83 suites and 22 branded residences, all of which bear the architects signature touches in every nook and corner. Organic materials and Aman's trademark meditative aesthetics abound, with floors, doors and custom accessories dressed in oak, walnut and aromatic cinnamon woods, and masculine palettes of Belgian Blue and Chocolate Brown juxtaposed with feminine hued soft furnishings and artworks.

To offer an out-of-this-world experience, Aman New York is the first property on Manhattan island to include working fireplaces in every suite and residence. Flexible layouts are made possible by lightweight, pivoting louvre-doors woven with backlit rice-paper panels to create mood lighting in cosy and personalised spaces. Stepping out of their own oasis, guests can enjoy the hotel's equally exquisite public areas. From the three-storey, 24,700-square-foot spa and 20-metre-long indoor swimming pool to its two signature restaurants, each space is thoughtfully and intelligently designed to marry Aman's signature serene quality with New York's cosmopolitan clamour.