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# RISE & SHINE Mornings, Over Easy

The first meal of the day can be a delicious introduction to a new city. These **six new hotels** make breakfast an event worth springing (out of bed) for.

by JENNIFER FLOWERS

### **1 The Durham** DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

### The Hotel

Commune, the design team behind the Ace Hotels in L.A. and Palm Springs, gave the property a retro look in a nod to its home in a 1969 bank building. **The Menu** 

James Beard winner Andrea Reusing serves such regional classics as biscuits with ham, corn muffins with house preserved blueberries, and buckwheat sugar cakes. From \$199

### 2 Thompson CHICAGO

### The Hotel

Dark velvet, exposed brick, and polished wood dominate the industrial look of this Gold Coast hotel. Quirky art hangs on the walls of the 247 rooms, which face Lake

### Michigan and the Magnificent Mile. **The Menu**

The hotel's Nico Osteria, known for Italian seafood dishes, just upped its breakfast game. Apple pancakes are topped with sweet cream and honey, and omelets are served with gnocchi. *From* \$380.

# **3** Soho House Istanbul

# The Hotel

This former 19thcentury palace is now an 87-room hotel in the happening Beyoğlu district. Original marble fireplaces and frescoes anchor the public spaces; guest rooms are decorated with kilim rugs, leather armchairs, and stand-alone tubs.

### The Menu

Turkish specialties include *sucuk* sausage, *menemen* (scrambled eggs with feta, tomatoes, and peppers), and the Istanbul Breakfast, a smorgasbord of olives, thymeinfused cheese, and pepper jams. *From \$200.* 

# **Brown Beach** House TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

The Hotel A block from the beach, the hotel has a breezy, whimsical style. Inside the 40 rooms: canaryyellow sofas, wool carpets with blackand-white geometric patterns, antiques, and oversize fourposter beds. The Menu The traditional



Israeli breakfast is a fortifying spread of meze: smoked salmon, labneh, hummus, and Emmental cheese. From \$225.

## **5** Mandarin Oriental MARRAKECH

The Hotel On 50 manicured acres, 63 villas and suites are modeled after Moroccan riads, with intricately carved walls and marble hammams clustered around elegant courtyards shaded by fig and apricot trees. The Menu

Khlie tagine is made with marinated beef and fried eggs, and square *msamen* pancakes come with organic Moroccan honey. From \$712.

### 6 Reverie Saigon Ho chi minh city, Vietnam

### The Hotel

Prominent Italian designers such as Poltrona Frau and Giorgetti designed the 286 guest rooms in this opulent new hotel with crystal chandeliers, mosaic-tiled bathrooms, and sprawling city views through the floorto-ceiling windows.

### The Menu

Café Cardinal, lined with massive columns, sets the scene for madeto-order Vietnamese classics such as chili- and basilscented noodle soup and slow-braised stew, served with a crispy baguette on the side. From \$350.

