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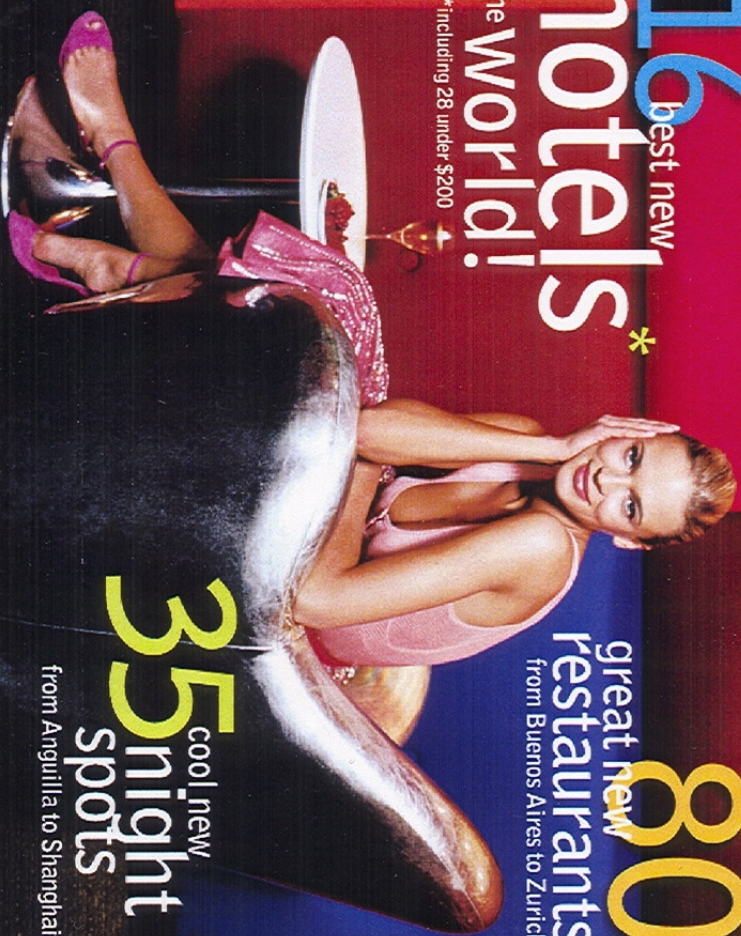
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Lloyd Hotel, Amsterdam

The Lloyd offers rooms for all budgets, from two- to five-star. Two-star rooms are as tiny as ship cabins and share dormitory-style bathrooms down the hall; the enormous five-star rooms are soundproof, airy suites with bathrooms designed by renowned local artists and architects. The 1920s landmark building, located just outside the city center in the developing Eastern Docklands area, has variously been an immigrant hotel, a prison, and artists' studios. In its current incarnation as a 120-room hotel, it still feels bohemian: Many of the rooms are decorated with quirky contemporary Dutch furniture, and artsy locals wander in for meals at the main restaurant, Snel, which serves small plates of Dutch-inspired fare. The more exclusive Sloom has no menu; guests request what they will, and the chef improvises with haute ingredients. **When to go:** Late May through September, for the best weather. **Which room to book:** A two-star on the fourth floor with views of the river, or one of two five-star attic rooms, with wood-beamed ceilings, white-fur throws, and freestanding tubs (31-20-561-3636; lloydhotel.com; doubles, \$105-\$385; ☎). (A) (G)

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