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COMMUNITY CALLS

There's a new kid on the block in Byron Bay. Hybrid hotel-hostel brand Drifter has opened its first full-operation Australian outpost in the free-spirited NSW enclave. Forget dingy dorms that feel akin to braving a night in a prison cell. This 52-room, design-led social hub offers budget-friendly shared suites, along with private and twin rooms awash in earthy tones. Mingle in the rooftop pool area (featuring a DJ booth), or set up camp in the lounge's workspaces. thedrifter.com



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Suite spot

Held by the Perkhofers family for five generations, Venice's Hotel Gabrielli has returned to its former splendour after a meticulous restoration by Starhotels Collezione. Murano glass chandeliers and original frescoes suffice to make any art fiend's heart flutter, but what really makes this 66-key lodging sing is its prime placement along the Riva degli Schiavoni waterfront. Toast saffron sunsets on the panoramic rooftop terrace and wander private gardens that once welcomed Franz Kafka and Sigmund Freud. collezione.starhotels.com



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Cultivated calm

If 'design-led farm escape' makes your ears prick up, it's worth checking into Mharo Khet in India's remarkable Rajasthan region. Located just outside of Jodhpur, the retreat sits on 16 hectares of flourishing farmland that welcomed guests for the first time in 2021 with thoughtful farm tours and culinary experiences. This September saw the

property fully open with 10 private cottages – elegant, landscape-inspired dwellings providing a soulful alternative to the region's many palace stays. Guests can harvest, decompress under khejri trees and treat their taste buds to a nine-course, plant-forward dining journey set within a sprawling guava orchard. mharokhet.com