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1. The Peninsula, Shanghai, China

With a distinguished heritage as one of Asia's oldest hotel companies, The Peninsula Hotels group has had over a century's experience in a market that the world is now rushing to conquer – benefiting from the knowledge that though times may change, customs and value seldom do. Situated on Shanghai's historic Bund amid former imperial consulates and gleaming new skyscrapers, the hotel fuses age-old traits of impeccable service and the warmest of welcomes with state-of-the-art luxury. Glorious art deco motifs abound throughout while the rooftop bar offers one of the most staggering views of this space age city.

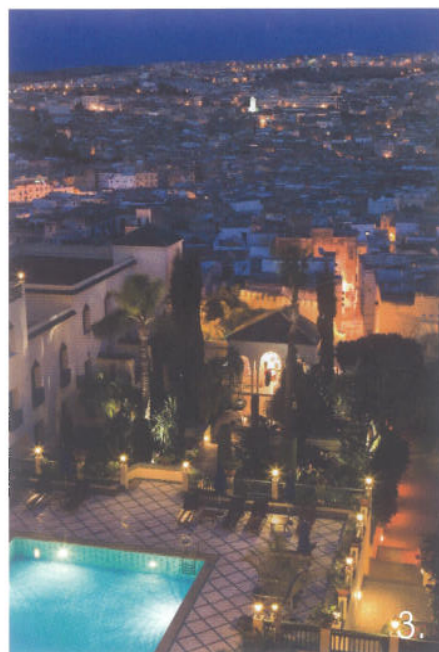
2. Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Berlin, Germany

It would be understandable if Hotel Adlon was awarded its six star status simply for its location – overlooking the Brandenburg gate alone, or for its enormous suites with every luxury adhered to, its decadent foyer or its staggering spa, but the hotel encompasses all of these and every conceivable detail in between. Painstakingly restored to its former pre-war glory (it actually survived both wars only to be tragically destroyed by a Russian soldier's errant cigarette) Adlon is every traveller's dream and its custom made beds ensure you have the best night's sleep that Berlin has to offer.

*glass getaways*  
**Four favourite homes from home...**

3. Sofitel Fès Palais Jamaï, Fes, Morocco

So distinctive is the Sofitel Fès Palais Jamaï's appearance and location that it is a historic landmark in Fes. The hotel is literally a palace dating back to 1879. Set amid rolling hills at the entrance to the Medina, the suites have, without doubt, the most remarkable view of this thriving city. An opulent pool surrounded by traditional mosaics leads onto old palace gardens hanging with Andalucian botany. And the cocktails served in the cool, dark, tiled expanse of the lobby give an unmistakable allusion to a bygone era of romanticism in travel, a vestige of colonial opulence.



4. Castille Paris, France

Paris is undoubtedly the capital of European chic, so if you are lucky enough find yourself in this magical city it is only fitting that you should stay in one of its finest hotels. Situated on the Rue Cambon, birthplace of Paris' first Chanel store, Castille sits within the very beating heart of Paris' shopping district. Just a stone's throw from the Jardin des Tuileries and Place Vendôme, the hotel's location is *sine qua non* but it's its cool, laidback decadence and ultra vogueish interior – encompassing '60s monochrome fashion prints – that make you want to sip Martinis and wander barefoot around your fabulous home from home.