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## The 8 most glamorous New York hotels to be seen at right now

This New York Fashion Week, stay with society swans, FROW fashionistas and designer darlings at these fabulous addresses that dazzle with old Manhattan style

### *Hotel Chelsea*



THE FOYER AT HOTEL CHELSEA, COMPLETE WITH VELVET WAITING CHAIRS Annie Schlechter

'I remember you well in the Chelsea Hotel,' sang Leonard Cohen, thinking of his affair with Janis Joplin in late-1960s New York. Back then, it was the only place that a certain kind of artist would stay when visiting Manhattan (Cohen: 'We were runnin' for the money and the flesh'). Years of bohemian decline followed – but they protect it from the gentrification of everywhere else in its environs. That is, until recently, when the hotel was subjected to 'a dreary state of endless construction' (New York Times) as developers and residents of the building fought.

In February, the impossible happened, and the revamped hotel opened under the aegis of Ira Drukier, Richard Born and Sean MacPherson. This iteration marries the spirit of the previously louche hangout with a contemporary sense of cool. Art left behind by some of the tenants lines the walls, and the rooms offer a snug sense of modern luxury, with such cheeky twists as bed headboards dyed to look as if they have been splodged with paint. Downstairs, after dinner at the revamped El Quijote restaurant, a new generation of rockers in cowboy boots can be observed swaggering into the Lobby Bar, mezcal-cocktails in hand. Closing time is two, but parties that move upstairs can run 'til the cock crows.