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## THE GOLD LIST 2019

OUR EDITORS' ALL-TIME FAVOURITE DESTINATIONS & PLACES TO STAY

+ THE WORLD'S MOST  
EXTRAORDINARY  
TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



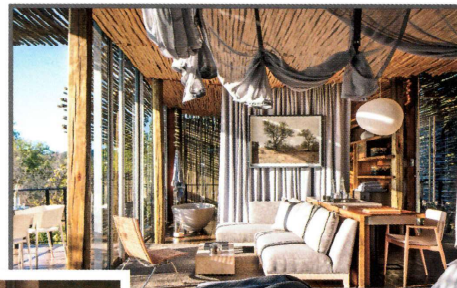
## THE HOTELIER VLADISLAV DORONIN

THE RUSSIAN BILLIONAIRE TOOK PART IN ONE OF THE MOST GRIPPING BUSINESS BATTLES OF THE CENTURY, EMERGING AS OWNER OF INDUSTRY PIN-UP THE AMAN GROUP. HERE ARE HIS FAVOURITE PLACES TO STAY



### AMANPURI PHUKET

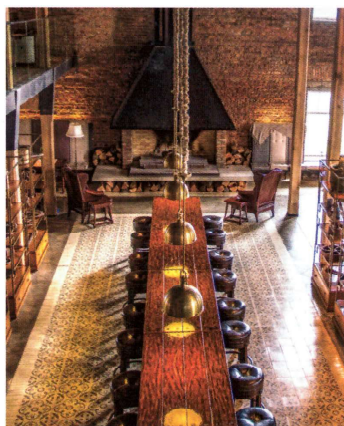
'I was one of the first guests at the hotel when it opened 30 years ago. Experiencing that warm, pared-back luxury with extraordinary architecture, generosity of space and supreme service... that was the beginning of my story with Aman. I bought it 26 years later. The New Year's Eve celebrations here have gained their own legendary status, with surprise performers and artistic firework displays.' *aman.com. Doubles from about £820*



### SINGITA LEBOMBO LODGE SOUTH AFRICA

'I'm passionate about adventure travel and exploring the more remote parts of the world. At Singita, I slept out on a balcony under a mosquito net – waking at sunrise to the sounds of the jungle was a grounding experience. Out on safari here, I encountered wildlife that I'll never forget; lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos, giraffes and hippos. People tell me that I can be demanding, but the staff at Singita went out of their way to make me feel at ease.' *singita.com. Doubles from about £1,290*

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### THE SINGULAR, PATAGONIA CHILE

'It looks like a deserted warehouse from the outside, but this hotel has done an incredible job of highlighting its views across the Señoret Channel. Staying here I'm reminded of Amangiri, but rather than gazing out at a remote desert scene you are transfixed by a horizon where the glacial waters meet the mountains. We went hiking and horseback riding in the surrounding countryside.' *thesingular.com. Doubles from about £455*



### THE SETAI MIAMI

'I lived in The Setai when I first moved to Miami, and found the Asian-inspired atmosphere incredibly soothing. I especially liked the swimming pool, designed by architect Jean-Michel Gathy. The view over Biscayne Bay is beautiful, particularly at sunset when the lights from South Beach and the city shimmer across the water.' *thesetaihotel.com. Doubles from about £685*



### QUALIA, HAMILTON ISLAND AUSTRALIA

'A serene hotel in the Whitsundays, Qualia is deeply connected with its surroundings. The pavilions are bright and well-designed – the one I stayed in overlooked the white sand and turquoise waters of Pebble Beach, where I went on a boat trip at dusk, diving off the coast of the island. I've practiced free diving in the past, controlling my breath as I do in my daily meditation.' *qualia.com.au. Doubles from about £745*

Vladislav Doronin was talking to Francesca Babb. *aman.com*

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GOLDEN TICKET 'MOUNTAIN GORILLA TREKKING IN UGANDA'S BWINDI IMPENETRABLE NATIONAL PARK WAS ASTOUNDING.' OLIVIA HOLBOROW, ENGAGEMENT MANAGER