

## MAY'S HOTTEST HOTEL OPENINGS

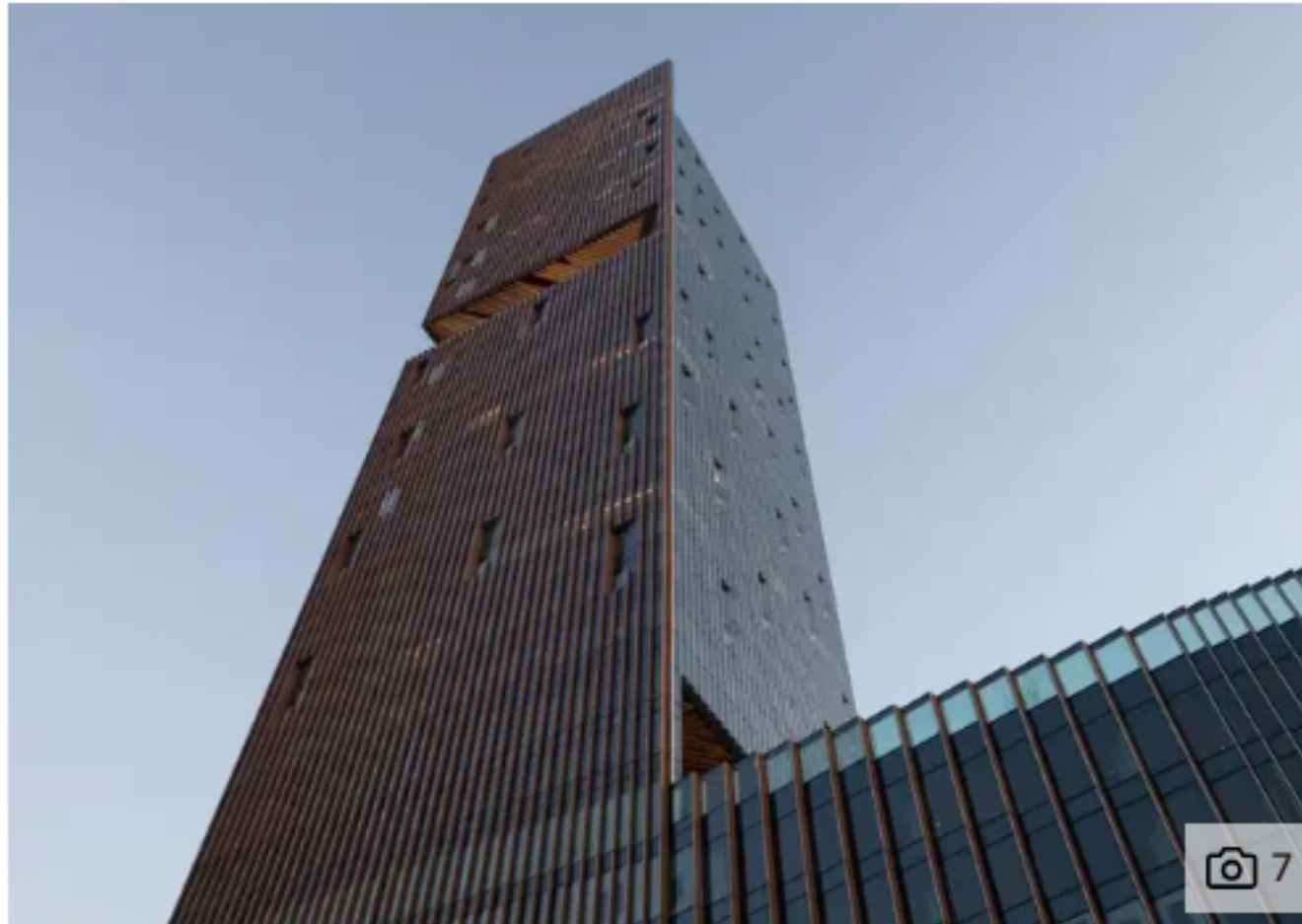
From glasshouses in Chilean wine country to The Pig's latest swanky outpost

May has a slew of exciting hotel launches, from the homegrown – in the form of The Pig's latest outpost and The Stratford Hotel – to the far-flung, including an eco-lodge deep in the Colombian forest.

Here are six of the best.



## The Stratford Hotel, London



The Stratford, a double-cantilevered Manhattan Loft Gardens skyscraper (Luke Hayes)

Design buffs are champing at the bit to check into the newbie double-cantilevered Manhattan Loft Gardens skyscraper, close to east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The 42-storey building is the brainchild of Harry Handelsman, the man behind Chiltern Firehouse and St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, with architecture by SOM (behind the Burj Khalifa) and interiors by acclaimed Danish duo Space Copenhagen (responsible for the new-look Noma).

The hotel's 145 rooms occupy the first six floors and channel old-world opulence with a contemporary Scandi twist. On the higher levels are the Stratford Lofts: 248 smart long-stay apartments. There's a ground-floor brasserie and lounge bar where DJs take to the decks at nighttime, and at the seventh-floor restaurant Allegra chef Patrick Powell serves up seasonal cuisine, such as suckling pig with swede cake and pot-roasted cabbage with potato and baked cheese, in a wildflower meadow.

*Rooms from £199, B&B; [thestratford.com](http://thestratford.com)*