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PARIS

GM OF THE MOMENT

The New Prince of the Eighth, as in the chic Parisian arrondissement, is **Omer Acar** (above), who runs the two-year-old Le Royal Monceau-Raffles Paris (left), a palace that's now a superluxe 149-room hotel near the Champs-Élysées. Designed by Philippe Starck with his signature wit and artful tricks (sometimes, alas, more for theatricality than practicality), the property gets it right, from the perfect gym and dreamy pool to the first-rate staff and our new favorite in-hotel boutique. Acar, who did five years at the Ritz on Place Vendôme, believes every truly great hotel—chic, small or very grand—should dazzle with elegance and that special something he calls “emotional luxury.” Whether it’s at table, at front desk or ensconced in the Ray Charles suite (with a grand piano for that spur-of-the-moment-I-gotta-make-beautiful-music night), Acar seems to know what it takes. *Rooms start at \$870; 37 Av. Hoche; 33-1/42-99-88-00; leroyalmonceau.com.*

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THIS YEAR'S BEST AMERICAN RESTAURANTS

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RANGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. With his new meat-centric restaurant, Bryan Voltaggio may or may not outcook his brother, Michael, but sibling rivalry never tasted so good.