

FARTHER AFIELD

Poised one block away from the beach in a quiet Carmel neighborhood lined with cypress trees, the newly opened Villa Mara is evocative of an elegant private residence. With interiors by Lisa Koch Design (who also designed the Sunset Tower Hotel in Hollywood and Faena Hotel Miami Beach), the property's 16 rooms are appointed with rain showers, Waterworks bath fixtures and in-room mini bars stocked with complimentary gourmet snacks and locally sourced beverages. "Villa Mara's setting within the Carmel Point neighborhood really makes you feel like you are a resident of Carmel," says Dev Patel, proprietor of Villa Mara Carmel. "When driving by the property, you could never tell that it is a hotel, and that is the experience that we do our best to allude to during your stay. It's as if you've rented a beautiful, luxurious home with friends that you've never met." For even more privacy, book the Jeffers Cottage, a 500-square-foot standalone hideaway complete with an outdoor firepit and soaking tub. villamaracarmel.com



FROM TOP:
A hallway en route
to guest rooms and
the Living Room
lounge at Villa Mara



The Van Cleef

DOWNTOWN DECO

Van Cleef & Arpels has opened its first boutique on Geary Street. The 3,000-square-foot space boasts an art deco-inspired façade and a modern interior designed in gold, onyx and dove gray tones. Among the décor's special features are a hand-crafted alass chandelier custom-made in France, as well as intricately decorated walls paneled in gold leaf. "We look forward to sharing the Maison's rich heritage and iconic creations with this thriving community," says Americas president and CEO Helen King. The boutique will showcase pieces from the brand's Snowflake, Perlée and Alhambra collections along with high jewelry pieces. vancleefarpels.com

