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The 'art' of hotel style

Check into a suite at the Listel Vancouver hotel and you won't feel culturally deprived if you don't get a chance to visit the local art galleries. After undergoing an overhaul last year, the hotel was angling for an innovative way (in addition to slick decor by local interior designer Judy Henderson) to appeal to guests. The result is several **rooms hung with original art**, a trend also spotted recently in hotels in the U.S. In partnership with the Buschlen Mowatt Galleries, the Listel helps promote both national and international artists. Like in any stylish home, the artwork is hung to complement the room's design, not coordinate with it. "You may find modern works in our traditional room, or a classic landscape in our contemporary Italian room," says Henderson. "We hang it where it's best suited." So far, guests like what they're seeing, and the gallery is reporting a healthy increase in sales. *Listel Vancouver, 1300 Robson St., 1-800-663-5491.*

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