

Judges' Winners
LOCATED IN A LOVINGLY RESTORED
LANDMARK BUILDING IN PANAMA
CITY'S HISTORICAL CASCO VIEJO
QUARTER, THE AMERICAN TRADE
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INCLUDING THIS SUITE, WHICH ALL
FEATURE RECLAIMED HARDWOOD
FLOORS AND HUGE WINDOWS
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BEST NEW HOTEL
American Trade Hotel,
Panama City

Built in 1917 and designed by Leonardo Villanueva Meyer, this four-story, neoclassical building, once housed the American Trade department store, but is now run by Atelier Ace, the creative arm of the Ace Hotel Group. It enlisted the help of repeat collaborator, Commune Design, which brought together a range of design influences, from Mexican modernist to Vienna Secession. All 50 guest rooms feature reclaimed hardwood floors, rainfall showers, Aesop amenities and beautiful views of the city or Panama Bay. There is also a jazz club, run by Grammy-winning Panamanian jazz pianist Danilo Pérez.

