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Be it old-world glamour, off-the-tourist-trail boutiques or something a little edgier, London's got plenty of options when it comes to bedding down for the night (if sleep is on the agenda). Get up to speed on where to stay for business or pleasure with our guide to the capital's best hotels.



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