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Best new lounge

Cathay Pacific first-class lounge at Hong Kong Airport

A year after the debut at Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Ilse Crawford's lounges for Cathay Pacific are slowly rolling out. And they still astound. The first-class lounge at Hong Kong Airport, which opened this summer, is another masterclass in well-wrought hospitality, packed with homely touches including artwork and plants, plus furniture by the likes of Cappellini, BDDW, JL Møller and lighting from Michael Anastassiades. But the facilities themselves impress as much as the design, including foot massages courtesy of Gentlemen's Tonic, a quiet library and walnut-coated day suites where waiting passengers can curl up overlooking the runway. Next up? Studioilse's concept will land in Heathrow, Vancouver and Taipei. — TM

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