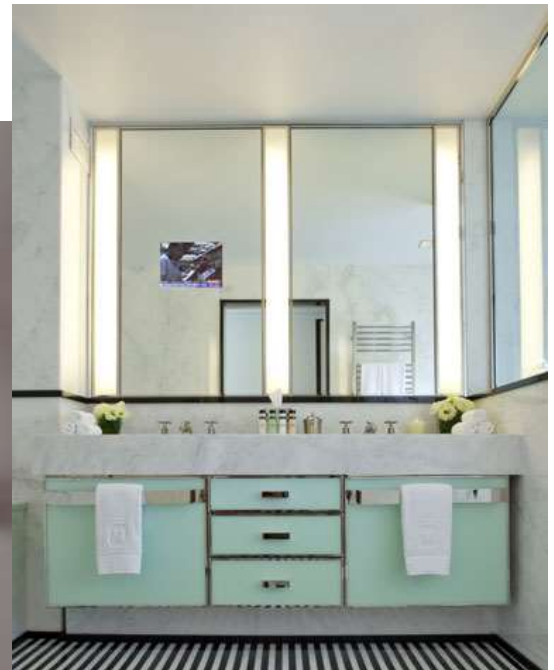


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Beauty news: the latest travel packs, perfume galleries and body-buffing treatments

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For all the downtown cool and Brooklyn hipness that New York offers, sometimes you just want a piece of the Upper East Side. Things don't get more classic or sophisticated than at The Mark hotel, an Upper East Side staple with all the luxury amenities of Madison Avenue right on its doorstep. This month, the glossy hotel unveiled a revamp of its in-room bath products, which now come decorated with the humorous illustrations of Jean-Pierre Delhomme. The caricatures each cheekily play up to neighbourhood stereotypes, depicting posh men and women partaking in the joy of grooming; one woman shares a shampoo session with her canine companion, while a gentleman can't seem to put the paper down even while in the bath. The drawings adorn miniature bottles of shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and body lotion, making them the perfect tongue-in-cheek souvenirs to bring home after your stay.

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