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**A RANCH
HOUSE REVIVAL**

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Whether your ideal escape is a chic stay downtown or a mountain lodge, these new and improved hotels are perfect places to recharge

KENTUCKY

Aloft Louisville Downtown

LOUISVILLE

In 2015, this 175-room hotel opened in the heart of the Whiskey Row District. It features a 24-hour gym and

the cozy Corner Restaurant & Bar. **CHECK IN & CHECK THIS OUT:** Walk to some of the city's best restaurants and music, or take a short drive to Museum Row on Main as well as spirited attractions like the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience artisanal distillery. **PLAN YOUR VISIT:** \$\$ aloftlouisvilledowntown.com; gotolouisville.com

MISSOURI

Big Cedar Lodge

RIDGEDALE

Service at this 30-year-old resort and former fish camp got even better last year with the addition of the impressive 18,000-square-foot Cedar

Creek Spa. **CHECK IN & CHECK THIS OUT:** Explore Table Rock Lake, 3,000 acres of Ozark Mountain forests, and 10,000-acre Dogwood Canyon Nature Park nearby. **PLAN YOUR VISIT:** \$\$ bigcedar.com; dogwoodcanyon.org

Hotel Vandivort

SPRINGFIELD

A 50-room, 14-suite boutique hotel, the Vandivort opened two years ago in a circa-1906 former Masonic temple. The hotel's restaurant, The Order, is a popular gathering spot.

CHECK IN & CHECK THIS OUT: Hit the theaters and clubs of Springfield's downtown entertainment district. **PLAN YOUR VISIT:** \$\$ hotelvandivort.com; springfieldmo.org

WEST VIRGINIA

Bavarian Inn

SHEPHERDSTOWN

This 72-room country inn is owned and operated on 12 scenic acres by German-born Erwin Asam and his family. West Virginia's oldest town, Shepherdstown is loaded with historic character. But last year, the Asams added something decidedly new: the Infinity 101 Pool & Bar, exactly 101 feet above the Potomac River. The pool's infinity edge sends water cascading down while you enjoy river views. **CHECK IN & CHECK THIS OUT:** Shop local in downtown Shepherdstown. **PLAN YOUR VISIT:** \$\$ bavarianinn.wv.com; shepherdstown.org