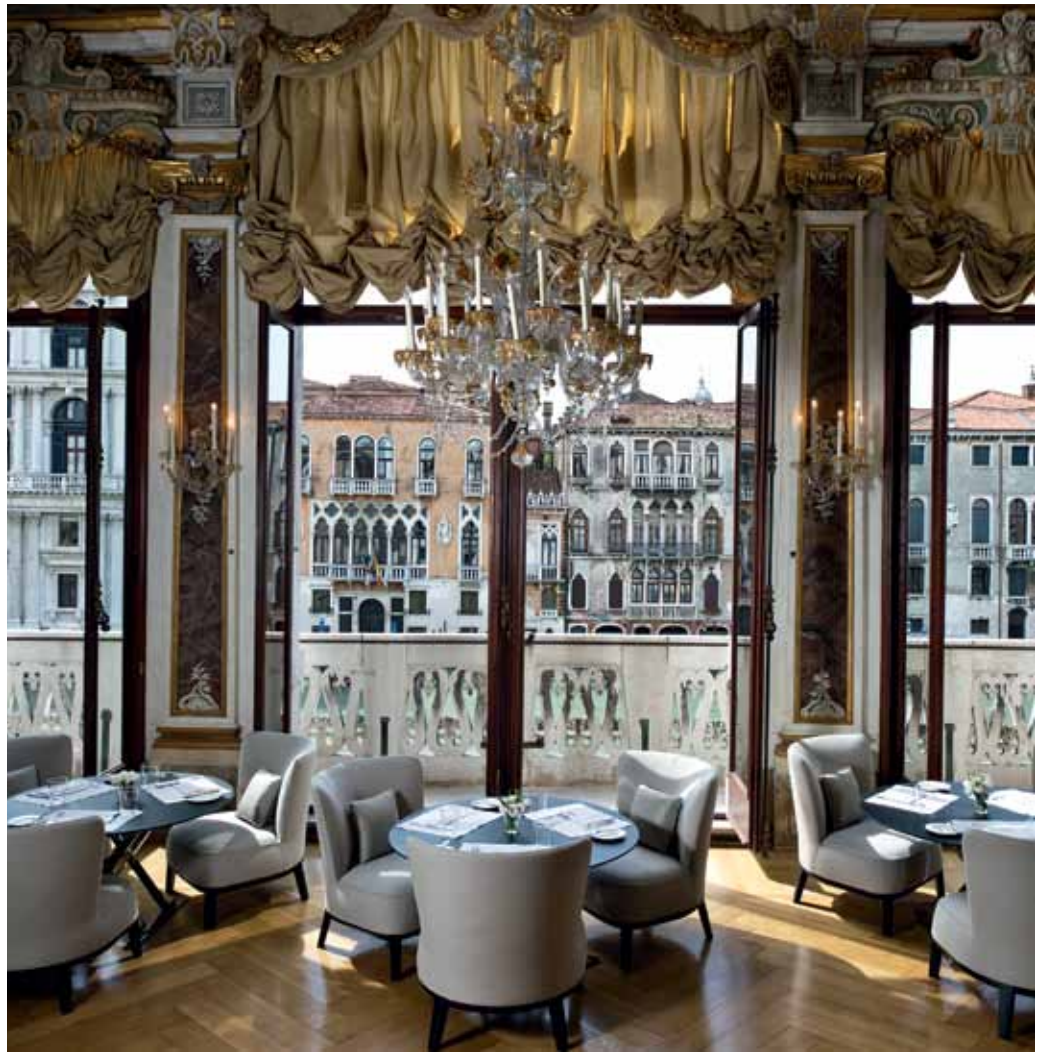# 77 AMAN CANAL GRANDE
VENICE, ITALY

The hotel's building – the 16th-century Palazzo Papadopoli on Venice's legendary Grand Canal – is a break from Aman's usually spare aesthetic, yet it's a masterly break. It's sumptuously Venetian, a regal home that is rich with history and romance. Sweeping staircases, original frescoes (including by the great 18th-century master Tiepolo), antique Murano glass chandeliers, heirloom paintings, and Rubelli silk-covered walls are complemented by minimal modern Italian furniture. And, of course, the staggeringly beautiful canal views. The restaurants serve Italian and Asian cuisines, there's an intimate rooftop terrace and bar – but most impressively there's a private garden, which is a rare privilege in Venice.

SIZE 24 suites

WEB *amanresorts.com*

DID YOU KNOW While the gondola, and therefore gondoliers, have been in Venice from at least 1094, it was only in 2010 that a female passed the strict exams and was granted a gondolier licence.

78 TWIN FARMS
BARNARD, USA

For heavy hitters and hi-fliers who don't have their own luxury bolthole in the bucolic Vermont country – here it is. Twin Farms sprawls across 300 acres of garden, rolling hills and wandering trails. There are rooms and suites but it's a cottage you'll lust after. Each is unique (themes include exotic Moroccan, art studio or an alpine chalet), impeccably equipped but with wit, warmth and whimsy, and museum-quality art. The all-inclusive tariff means you can fly-fish, snow-ski, canoe, or soak in the Japanese bathhouse to your heart's content. Meals are beyond delicious. There are no menus – everything is tailored to your personal taste, with the finest local seasonal produce.

SIZE 10 cottages, plus 10 rooms and suites

WEB *twinfarms.com*

HOTELS.COM GENUINE GUEST SCORE 5/5

HOTELS.COM GENUINE GUEST REVIEW "Magnificent... the grounds, gardens, art and design."

DID YOU KNOW The owners' million-dollar art collection includes work by the likes of Roy Lichtenstein, Jasper Johns and Cy Twombly.