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Remaking The Mark, The Pierre

While more Manhattan lodgings pop up — the Hotel Indigo New York City-Chelsea opened this week — two East Side grande dames have had top-to-bottom face lifts.

The Mark (25 E. 77th St. at Madison Avenue) has been redesigned by Euro-star Jacques Grange, whose client list includes Monaco's Princess Caroline. It features a dazzling but intimate black-and-white-striped marble lobby, restful rooms with Sub-Zero minibar drawers, custom Italian furniture, and apartments owners can rent out. Room service is by chi-chi chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Still to come is cozy Mark's Bar and a restaurant from Vongerichten. Once planned at \$1,000 and up, rates now begin just under \$600 on slow days.
Information: 866-744-4300; themarkhotel.com

The Pierre (2 E. 61st St. at Fifth Avenue) is fresh from a \$100 million redo. The look is discreet luxury, with lush upholstery, Indian silk comforters, Turkish marble baths and old-fashioned, white-gloved elevator operators. Views from high-story rooms overlooking Central Park will blow you away. A branch of London's chic Le Caprice restaurant is due this month. Promos start at \$516.
Information: 866-969-1825; tajhotels.com/thepierre

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The Mark: Black-and-white-striped marble entryway leads to regal, restful rooms.