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James Mullinger on Ontario's hottest new hotel



Toronto's newest and most eagerly awaited boutique hotel arrived in April this year. *The Maritime Edit* was the first publication to visit and fell in love instantly. Arguably the best located hotel in the city (steps from Yonge and Bloor so ideally located for Indigo, Holt Renfrew, Hermes, record shops, book shops and bars selling Moosehead on tap), The Anndore House's restaurant Constantine (which offers numerous dishes boasting Fogo Island seafood) and the lobby and lounge were designed by Studio Munge. The rooms (designed by geniuses Cecconi Simone, helmed by Elaine Cecconi and Anna Simone) are reminiscent of LA's coolest hotels (bare brick, stylish furniture, spacious rooms) but I was most impressed by the presence of a record player and selection of vinyl in each room. This is a nod to the property's past as a smoky jazz bar.

While the hotel pays homage to its history, the service is truly modern and focused on the future. Everything about a guest's stay can be controlled through a custom-designed app, from check-in, to unlocking the doors, dimming the lighting, adjusting the temperature and exploring the team's recommendations for living like a local.

"The Anndore House is the product of so many talented creatives joining together, and it is wonderful to see our vision come to life," the absurdly handsome general manager Anthony Campaniaris told *The Maritime Edit*. "We designed the hotel to not only be an inclusive resource for locals, but for travellers from all over the world, who can experience the House like it is an extension of their own homes."



Sure enough, it's that rare combination of super slick and cosy. It feels like home... if your home happened to be in the Hollywood hills. [S]

The Anndore House is the latest addition to the growing portfolio of Silver Hotel Group's Toronto Downtown Hotel Collection. Rooms start at \$299 per night and suites start at \$399 per night.

The Anndore House, 15 Charles Street East, Toronto, ON theanndorehouse.com