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Stonehill & Taylor draws influence from disparate cities for a pair of hotels

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One hotel takes inspiration from the singular mode of transportation that drives its city, the other looks to the industries that drive its region. One imbues a landmark with high-tech features, the other retains the classical elements applied by a former tenant to a circa-1980s office edifice. One is targeted to high-tech hipsters, the other appeals to a more luxury-seeking clientele.

But they do have some things in common: Both are recently opened by Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.—two of three independent properties Host debuted within weeks of each other—and were designed by New York's Stonehill & Taylor. San Francisco's 152-key, LEED certified-intended Axiom Hotel opened in Union Square in a historic 1908 Italianate building with soaring ceilings and a grand staircase. The Camby, offering 377 rooms in downtown

1. Camby's lobby features angular seating accented with patterned pillows and paired with more traditional wood furnishings, a large copper metal screen behind the reception desk, and a neon pink art piece that reads "One!"