

A Look at the New York EDITION's Fabulous Photo Collection

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Ian Schrage made no small work of turning the Gramercy Park Hotel into as much an art gallery as a place to sleep and party when he unveiled its makeover in 2006. Indeed, the works of Basquiat, Warhol, Julian Schnabel, Fernando Botero and Damien Hirst have graced its public spaces.

His current hospitality masterwork is the **EDITION** brand, of which there are "editions" in Istanbul, Miami, London and now New York. The latter opened its doors this spring to rapturous reviews, and the inimitable hotelier is at it again – this time decking his hotel with glittering, star-powered narratives through photography.



To wit, the guest rooms flaunt b&w images from revered fashion photog Melvin Sokolsky's 1963 *Bubble* series. And in the glamorous, impressively opulent **Clocktower** restaurant, he employed Trunk Archive to curate a series built around such themes as Great American Artists, New York Street Scenes and American Icons.

And recently, legendary rock shutterbug **Bob Gruen** was honored for his installation of a collection of fascinatingly candid snaps of your favorite decadent music icons, now adorning the walls of the restaurant's Billiard Room.

So a stay at the New York EDITION may include spending a little time with the likes of **Clint Eastwood**, **David Bowie**, **Jasper Johns**, **John Malkovich**, **Debbie Harry**, **Robert Downey Jr.**, and even **Johnny Rotten**. Included in the room rate, of course.

