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**THE MODERNIST, ATHENS**

With the edginess of Berlin and beauty and history of Rome, Athens is establishing itself as a European capital of cool. The city itself is the cradle of western civilisation, home to iconic sights like the Acropolis, Parthenon and Temple of Olympian Zeus. Here, winding, bougainvillaea-draped alleyways hide hipster coffee shops and boutique hotels, the latest addition being The Modernist, the second Modernist hotel by Greek entrepreneur Kostis Karatzas (the original in Thessaloniki). Housed in the former Canadian embassy, the hotel brings an edgy vibe to Greece's bright and breezy hotel scene, located in the trendy Kolonaki neighbourhood on the southern slopes of Lycabettus Hill. The Fifties building itself is painted dark grey, and guests step into a moody lobby with marble-topped tables, sleek leather seating and brass accents. The same theme continues into the 38 rooms, split into four categories: S, M, L, XL. Rooms are all timber floors, white walls and black ceilings and the monochrome theme continues into the smart bathrooms and out onto the balconies. The handful of XL rooms come with a drinks trolley, record player and outdoor hot tub. Finally, a rooftop bar – views of the Acropolis in the distance – offers sun loungers, a menu of fresh, Greek dishes and a drinks list curated by the co-founder of Athens most celebrated bar, The Clumsies.

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