

TRAVEL

## LAST RESORT

QT Sydney, Australia

Words by Sherman Lim



First impressions count, and QT Sydney sure knows how to make one. At the door are beret-wearing female porters—with wigs that would make *Pulp Fiction*'s Mia proud—who greet you with a knowing grin before a lift playing Kool and the Gang-inspired music whisks you up to the lobby. Housed in what used to be a department store and a theatre, the hotel's Gothic exterior masks an interior with bespoke contemporary fittings. At first glance, the details appear to be a mish-mash of influences; closer inspection reveals a salute to emerging art, distinctive mediums and new technology. Any one of QT Sydney's 200 rooms, equipped with luxurious black stone bathrooms, bowler hat lamps, complimentary movies, classic games for purchase and a Nespresso machine

will put you in such a good mood, you'll want to stay awhile for pre-dinner drinks from the mini bar. Located near the cross section of Market Street and George Street, QT Sydney sits in the middle of all the CBD action, but if you're making the choice to stay in, it's a good one. For dinner, Gowings Bar and Grill takes excellent care of your repast needs: be it surf, turf or a bit of both, none of the choices are misses. Business travellers needing some relaxation time should pay a visit to SpaQ. Rated by Condé Nast as one of the "World's Best Spas 2013", SpaQ doesn't take that moniker lightly—prepare to be so welcomed and so pampered from head to toe, that at the end of the visit, you'll wish you could take the staff home with you. [designhotels.com](http://designhotels.com)