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brick and piping exposed, but there's a smartness to the post-industrialism and lots of art, from Melbourne ceramist James Lemon's installation of polychromatic glazed bricks in the reception to patchwork wall hangings by Sydney artist Julia Gutman. The deeply comfortable rooms – some with terraces, living areas and marble-clad bathrooms with deep tubs – are soundproof and mostly kitted out with turntables and records. The lobby is an homage to 1970s suburbia, with a burnt orange and tan sunken lounge, where a local freelance crowd drink almond piccolos by day. At night the lights dim, DJs move in and olive-leaf Martinis flow from the marble bar. Good Chemistry is a striking, mint-green terrazzo and tadelakt-accented bar that champions the natural wine movement. Upstairs, the retractable-rooftop restaurant Kiln, with its billowy linen walls and Pollock-esque splotches, is helmed by chef-about-town Mitch Orr, who delivers an on-trend menu of wood-fired fare and views every which way across Sydney's cityscape. CHLOE SACHDEV
Doubles from about £240; acehotel.com

ANTARCTICA

ECHO

The ambitions of White Desert's founder, the record-holding polar explorer and novelist Patrick Woodhead, know no bounds. Having launched Antarctica's first fly-in luxury eco-camp with his wife Robyn in 2006, he has now unveiled Echo, his third and most audacious offering. Lit by the endless Antarctic sun, this space-inspired camp in the region's frigid, no-man's-land interior looks like a futuristic sci-fi film set, with six ellipsoid en-suite sky pods looking out onto the vast whiteness outside.

The "command centre"-style hub, built with composite fibreglass, contains an astro-chic lounge, library, dining room, kitchen and showers. In the communal space, a trippy Pythagorean installation by British sculptor Anthony James competes with stirring views of ice-capped nunataks and jagged mountain peaks, visible through every floor-to-ceiling window. Mind-boggling logistics – often at the mercy of volatile weather – make the execution of Echo's eclectic fine dining extra impressive. Daytime activities include ice-wall climbing, skiing, summit hikes and abseils, and fat biking through scenic wave-formation ice plains. Best of all is the emperor penguin colony encounter at Atka Bay and the South Pole journey, which requires flights on White Desert's trusty Basler BT-67 plane. TRAVIS LEVIUS *Itineraries from about £53,100 per person for five nights; white-desert.com*

