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New heights of hotel style in London: the stairwell of No. 5 Maddox. Below: A guest suite, with a faux-sable comforter and a pair of bamboo slippers on the bed.

No. 5

You have to wonder about a hotel with door tags that read DO WE NOW PLEASE (a cheeky instruction to make up the room). Add bamboo floors, faux-sable bed throws, and kimonos in place of terry robes, and you've got No. 5 Maddox. Located on the Soho edge of Mayfair, the former office complex is part sophisticated apartment building, part boutique hotel. Guests in each of the 12 suites are greeted with a bag of groceries (to stock the kitchen), though a chef can be called in if you want to entertain. No. 5 Maddox has been an instant hit — especially with travelers who like to get around by bike. Folding Muji 10-speeds are available to rent. **No. 5 Maddox, 5 Maddox St., London; 44-171/792-4070, fax 44-171/792-4003; suites from \$317.**

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