

## Hotel of the week



*Understated luxury*

### **Oceana**

*Santa Monica, Calif.*

Only a valet parking sign out front hints that the Oceana is a hotel, said Valli Herman in the *Los Angeles Times*. This ultra-luxe, butter-yellow inn, “fresh from a \$15 million overhaul,” is just 500 steps from the Pacific, and often gets mistaken for a fancy condominium. The understated lobby is lined with leather-bound books and overlooks a pool with a fireplace and fountain. The walls of the restaurant—not open to the public—are powder pink, and the “hearty menu” specializes in comfort food like chicken Milanese and grilled salmon. The rooms are comfortable but do look like “some upscale version of the Pottery Barn.”

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