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McLean's Best of 2014: Pursuitist Year in Review

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It's been a banner year for Pursuitist, and I'm happy to say that I've been a part of it. After more than a year of writing as a guest contributor, I joined the team officially in March as Co-Editor/Partner. Since then, I've traveled, dined, sipped, spa-ed and house hunted in true luxury style. Not a bad gig, if you can get it.

To cap off my first year, here's a look back at some of my favorite stories — 15, to be exact, to honor the new year:



Best Trips

We traveled far and wide in 2014, with visits and returns to many new buzzy hotels and old favorites alike. Our top choices included:

- [Ocean House](#) and its beautiful new sister hotel, [Watch Hill Inn](#)
- [Newport's classic Castle Hill Inn](#)
- [Turks & Caicos' Grace Bay Club](#)
- [Canyon Ranch Lenox](#)
- [Four Seasons Toronto](#)



Hottest Openings

We saw some great hotels open and renovate in 2014, and are super excited for what next year has in store. Here's a quick look back at a few of our favorite new spots:

- [Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France](#)
- [Gansevoort Dominican Republic Playa Imbert](#)
- [The Parsonage at the Inn at Little Washington](#)
- [Shangri-La Hotel at The Shard, London](#)
- [The Delano, Las Vegas](#)



Sweetest Suites

One of our favorite columns this year has been the regular “Sweet Suites” look into some of the world’s coolest hotels and private villas. These were particularly drool worthy:

- [Rosewood Little Dix Bay’s Tree Houses](#)
- [The Dom Perignon-Stocked Wine Cave Penthouse at New York Palace](#)
- [This \\$60k \(a night!\) Turkish Villa](#)
- [The Lazy Lizard at Rosewood Jumby Bay](#)
- [Will & Kate’s Suite at Cheval Blanc Randheli](#)



Homes I Adored

The Daily Dream Home has forever spoiled us — our condo will never look as fantastic as these places:

- [A \\$139 Million Palace in Florida](#)
- [This \\$100 Million NYC Mansion](#)
- [Casa Ladera in Pebble Beach](#)
- [Switzerland's Villa Wellingtonia](#)
- [George Clooney's New UK Mansion](#)

Memorable Interviews

One of our favorite parts about this job is getting to talk to leaders in the field about trends, our favorite businesses, and new openings. For that reason, we particularly loved chatting with:

- [Marla Beck of Bluemercury](#)
- [Niki Leondakis, Commune Hotels & Resorts CEO](#)
- [Martha Napier of Marnani Design](#)
- [Jose "Pepe" Hermosillo of Casa Noble Tequila](#)
- [Rob Samuels, Chief Operating Officer at Maker's Mark](#)