

# The Lowell

New York, USA

There are lots of people who define themselves by their choice of hotel: 'I only ever stay in the Carlyle,' or 'It's the Mercer or bust.' At the Lowell, it's different; there's no lobby scene, no restaurant hub, no bar buzz. In fact, it's anti-buzz – and the most immaculate place to stay in the city. This is timeless, old-school Upper East Side New York, away from fashion and fad and trend. The new rooms have been designed by Michael S Smith, decorator behind the houses of Steven Spielberg, Michelle Pfeiffer and Dustin Hoffman – and now the Obamas' White House. With beautiful chinoiserie wallpapers, roaring fires and terraces, it has a private-house elegance. Discreet and wonderful, it waltzes to its own tune. **Website** [lowellhotel.com](http://lowellhotel.com).

**UK reservations** Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732). **Rates** Double, from £430.

