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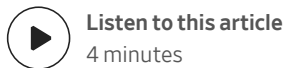
A Chic and Covid-Safe Retreat Less Than Two Hours Outside of NYC

A former brickworks in upstate New York has been converted into a rambling retreat.



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Since the coronavirus pandemic started, the small Hudson River city of Kingston, New York, has seen a rise in its popularity [as an escape](#), both temporary and permanent, for New York City dwellers. Starting in April, Kingston visitors will have a new place to stay, one that, in keeping with the distancing needs of the times, will feature 31 separate cabins and suites spread across 73 acres of riverfront property. Hutton Brickyards, as the hotel and event space is called, is a partnership between real-estate veteran Karl Slovin, who has owned the site for seven years, and Salt Hotels, which operates four other boutique hotels in Asbury Park, New Jersey, and Provincetown, Massachusetts. “It’s luxury without the white gloves and the formality,” says Salt Hotels co-founder and CEO David Bowd of the brand’s newest opening. “It works perfectly because you can choose how much you integrate with everything that’s going on around you.”



FRESH AIR A guest room at Hutton Brickyards.

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Hutton Brickyards takes its name from the former brick manufacturer that remains intact on the site. The factory, which dates to the 19th century, supplied bricks for both the Empire State Building and Yankee Stadium, and its buildings will be integrated into the property; for instance, the original office will become a two-bedroom hotel suite. The new, 300-square-foot cabins, designed by Kristina Dousharm Architecture, will feature a Shaker aesthetic, with all-glass river-facing sides and outdoor decks. Larger parties can stay in one of 10 cabins with all-pine

interiors that are tucked into the woods. Salt co-founder and chief creative officer Kevin O’Shea describes them as a design magazine version of an RV. In addition, Slovin recently purchased the adjoining Cordts Mansion, built in 1873, from the neo-expressionist artist Hunt

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Slonem; the Victorian-era house, which will be known as Edgewood, will serve as the main entrance and check-in site.

Slovin says he was drawn to Salt Hotels in large part because of its Salt School, which will train locals in the hospitality business, with an opportunity for employment at Hutton Brickyards upon successful completion of an eight-week course. “I didn’t want the town, the people who live there full time, to feel like we were ‘other,’” Slovin says. “I wanted them to be part of it.” And the city of Kingston has become a shopping and dining destination in its own right. “Hutton Brickyards is different from some of the other places upstate, where you’ve got just the hotel out in the middle of nowhere, and that’s it,” O’Shea says. “This offers so much other stuff to do off of the property if you are so inclined to explore.”



Front-row seating for Hudson River views, with the former factory in the background.

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Chef Dan Silverman, who previously worked at Balthazar and Minetta Tavern in Manhattan, is heading up the kitchen at the on-site restaurant, which will focus on wood-fired cooking with local, organic ingredients. A bar cart will come around at cocktail hour, and guests will just need to raise a flag to request a drink delivery. (There will also be traditional room service, with orders placed via tablet.)

Hutton Brickyards’ various event spaces and pavilions will be able to host weddings, corporate meetings, entertainment workshops and, in future, concerts. (The property is partnering with the Bowery Presents, which runs numerous music venues mostly throughout the Northeast.) Eventually Bowd hopes to have a wide range of offerings at any given time. “You can lie on the grass and watch a movie, or you

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can go to this more elegant dining experience. Or you can watch a concert that's happening in another part," he says. "Once the world is back to any sort of normality, there can be five different things happening on the property simultaneously that you can plug into." For now, there are plenty of Covid-safe outdoor activities, from archery to kayaking to beekeeping. The recently opened Empire State Trail—a 750-mile hiking and biking trail that runs from New York City to the Canadian border—passes through the grounds. "If you say, 'I want solitude. I want a weekend break. I want to order room service and spend my entire time in the cabin,' you can do that," says Bowd. "It's sort of like the 'choose your own adventure' moment that you'll get when you come and stay with us." salthotels.com

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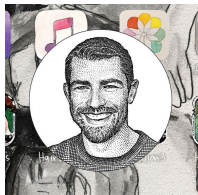
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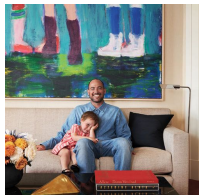
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