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Nice hotels deposited in old banks

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Big banks once were housed in classically stylish buildings that befit their influence. Now many of those grand buildings have been turned into luxury hotels that retain some of their original style.

Stockholm

The appropriately named Bank Hotel at 6 Arsenalsgatan opened in August and is among the most recent hotels to open in a historic bank building. The structure, built in 1910, was home to various banks and companies during more than a century on Stockholm's waterfront. You can still see the bank's original bronze double door and atrium glass ceiling. Room rates from \$225 a night.

Info: bankhotel.se

Chicago

Two prominent bank buildings have made the leap to lodgings in the last decade. The JW Marriott Chicago at 151 W. Adams St. (once the Continental & Commercial National Bank Building) was designed in 1912 by architect Daniel Burnham. The 610

guest rooms on the building's first 12 floors have 10-foot ceilings and marble bathrooms. Rates on select weekends in September start at \$372.

Info: lat.ms/jwmarriottchicago

The Virgin Hotel Chicago is a 1928 Art Deco building that used to be the Dearborn Bank Building. Look for the cigar bar that's now the lobby and an original grand staircase on the first floor. Best available rates on select weekends in September start at \$329.

Info: virginhotels.com/chicago

Berlin

The Hotel de Rome occupies a building that started in the late 19th century as the Dresdner Bank headquarters. Have tea in the lounge and you'll be sitting in the bank's former lobby. Enter the vault and you can have a spa treatment. Room rates from about \$811 in September.

Info: lat.ms/hotelderome

Boston

The Langham Boston started life in 1922 as the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Check out the Bond bar, which sits underneath 25-foot vaulted ceilings. Best available weekend room rates in late September start at \$385.

Info: lat.ms/langhamboston