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Is This the Fittest Hotel Ever?

Equinox announces they're going into the hotel business. Trust us: You'll want to book now.

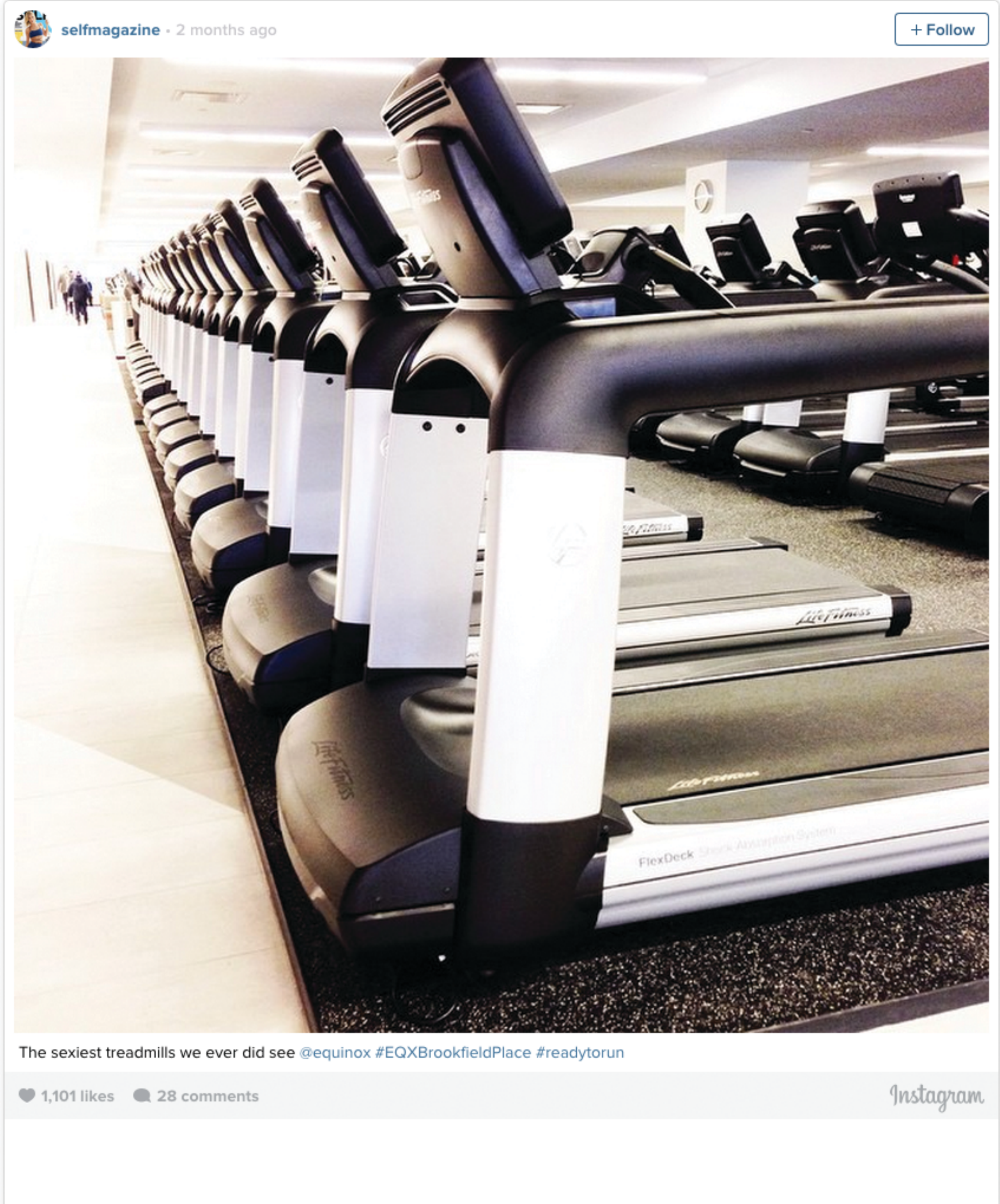


All too often, hotel gyms are nothing more than windowless conference room crammed with treadmills. (Sometimes, though, [they're totally swank.](#)) But come 2018, when Equinox is planning on getting into business of luxury lodging, everyone's favorite fancy gym is going to flip the thought of a drab room with machines straight upside its head—and not just because their yoga classes encourage headstands.

Equinox Hotel is slated to open its doors at Hudson Yards on Manhattan's West Side, and it'll be fully equipped with indoor and outdoor swimming pools—ideal for New York's four-season climate. Word is that there will be a luxe spa that focuses on recovery and rejuvenation, which you'll need after touring—and training—at the property's 60,000-square-foot fitness center.

Of course this isn't the first [wellness-conscious hotel](#), but if Equinox's clubs are any indication of what we can expect (we fell in love with their brand-new gym in downtown NYC, pictured below), the hotels will be fully decked out, too.

And, the magic three words: chilled eucalyptus towels.



Although we'd recommend booking a plane ticket for the Big Apple immediately, there's no need to feel left out if life doesn't bring you to the East Coast often. Equinox is planning to expand its hotel biz to LA by 2019, and eventually to more than 75 locations worldwide. In the mean time, you can always look for hotels near these [top-notch performance gyms](#).

The biggest question—or *my* biggest question—is what they'll be serving up for room service, which is largely the best part about staying in a hotel. (Aside from the beds, which yeah, we're expecting to be epic, too.) The only thing that beats overpriced Caesar salads and grilled cheeses? Green smoothies, açai bowls and top-notch trainers delivered straight to your door at all hours of the day. Now if only we didn't have to wait until 2018...

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