

# VIRTUOSO

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A junior suite.

## Fixer-Upper, Venetian-Style

Reviving a sixteenth-century Venetian palace designed by Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio is no small feat, but leave it to Airelles – the French group behind Le Grand Contrôle, the lone hotel on the grounds of Versailles – to pull it off with ease. **Airelles Palladio, Venezia**, opening in April on Giudecca Island, spreads across three structures and nearly two and a half acres of gardens, including a private sanctuary for one of the villas and a designated outdoor wellness space attached to the gym. Views from the 45-room hotel extend to the Doge’s Palace shimmering across the canal; the short water-taxi ride from Piazza San Marco means guests get all the romance of Venice without the throngs. Interiors are quintessentially Venetian (terrazzo and marble floors, Rubelli wallpaper, custom Fortuny chandeliers), with a pinch of French influence from Christophe Tollemer, the designer behind all nine Airelles properties. Details of three fine-dining venues are still to be revealed, but a casual *cicchetti* bar, paying homage to Venice’s small-plate snacks traditionally eaten while standing, is already in the cards. *Virtuoso travelers receive breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.* – Mary Gray