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### Upscale hotels install fancier showers, fewer tubs

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By Roger Yu, USA TODAY

Showers at upscale hotels are getting fancier, says *The Wall Street Journal*.

Crystal chandeliers, stalls with multiple heads, glass walls and even hammocks are starting to appear, it says.

Wyndham Gettysburg in Pennsylvania features a 43-square-foot shower with five shower heads - two on opposing walls at thigh level, two more heads at chest level and a fifth overhead.

The upper floor rooms of Mondrian SoHo in New York City have showers featuring 66-inch-high windows that provide views of Manhattan, it says. Mondrian South Beach in Miami has shower heads that protrude from a crystal chandelier.

Several hotels, including some W properties and the Andaz in San Diego, have a glass wall between the shower and the guest room, allowing more light into the bathroom. "That's not everyone's cup of tea, however," Matthew Richardson, chief of architecture, design and construction for Hilton Worldwide, told the paper. "You can give people the option of privacy by having curtains or shutters."

The report also notes that hotels are increasingly replacing tubs with shower stalls. Holiday Inn put tubs in 95% of rooms ten years ago, but only 55% of rooms in newly built hotels have them. Business travelers are less likely to lounge in a tub, it says.

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