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Kelly Wearstler lent her eclectic touch to transforming an iconic California Renaissance Revival landmark building in Downtown Los Angeles into Proper's latest. First constructed in the 1930s, the building served as a private club as well as a YWCA in the 1960s, but in recent years, it had fallen into disrepair. To that end, Wearstler restored many original elements including the checkered tiled floor and wood paneling. Working with local artists was also top of mind. The lobby's vaulted ceiling, for instance, is camouflaged by a handpainted mural by artist Abel Macias. In addition to 148 rooms, a major undertaking was reimagining a 35-foot-by-22-foot indoor swimming pool into the Pool suite. Here, Portuguese-inspired marble and stonework mingle with vintage furnishings and a handcrafted ceramic tile mural by artist Ben Medanaky.

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