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NEW **Gallery Hotel Art** (84.50) Sleek Ferragamo-owned 7-story hotel with public spaces that double as an art gallery, near the Ponte Vecchio; sister property to Hotel Lungarno. **STATS** 74 rooms; 1 restaurant; 1 bar. **COMPETITIVE EDGE** The historic city's most modern (and hip) hotel. **ROOMS TO BOOK** Top-floor Junior Suites with private terraces. **DON'T MISS** The parade of fashionable Florentines at (*The Fusion Bar*) Shozan-Gallery. **COST** Doubles from \$373, including breakfast. **5 Vicolo dell'Oro; 39-055/27263; www.lungarnohotels.it** 📍

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■ **Hotel Lungarno** (81.08) Antiques-filled Medieval tower and later addition, steps from the Ponte Vecchio on the Arno; sister property to Gallery Hotel Art. **STATS** 73 rooms; 1 restaurant; 1 bar. **COMPETITIVE EDGE** The smartest riverside accommodations in Florence. **ROOMS TO BOOK** Nos. 652-655 have balconies overlooking the river. **DON'T MISS** A candlelit meal on the balcony at the hotel restaurant, Borgo San Jacopo. **COST** Doubles from \$386. **14 Borgo San Jacopo; 39-055/27261; www.lungarnohotels.it** 📍