



Inside Dopolavoro. (Photo: Courtesy Dopolavoro)

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Self-catering luxury apartments are a cropping up all over the city. The newest arrival is [Palazzo Morosini Degli Spezieri](#), owned by the Cipriani empire and situated in a quiet section of the San Polo district. Housed in a 15th-century palazzo, nine flats are decked out in Istrian stone and white oak beam ceilings, and overlook a small canal-side garden.

The [Aman Canal Grande](#) is one of Venice's most lavish offerings, with 24 rooms tucked inside the elaborate confines of the 16th-century Palazzo Papadopoli, whose interiors are decorated with Tiepolo frescos. Check out the recently unveiled bar with a menu that's heavy on gin-based cocktails, or the new spa, with signature treatments by Salsomaggiore Terme, one of Italy's most famous spa regions. During the biennale, Japanese sculptor Kan Yasuda is collaborating with Christie's to show seven of the artist's massive marble-and-bronze works inspired by the natural world on the grounds.

For the best post-fair recovery, head north to the [Isola Santa Cristina](#), a sprawling private island hidden from the crowds that was once owned by Gernot Langes-Swarovski of the eponymous crystal empire, before he bequeathed it to his stepson and wife. In November, after two decades of enjoying it for themselves, the couple transformed their Villa Ammiana into a nine-room hotel. Guests will find a property chockablock with fruit trees, peacocks, fisheries, a yoga studio, pool, and a private chef for hire.