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Hotels in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district come in one of two forms: big international chains take care of business travellers while love hotels look after other business by the hour. In the middle of this melee is The Fleming, which reopened in 2017 after a 16-month renovation. The 66-room venue brings a friendly feel to this colourful locale, such a rarity that the trio behind it - owner John Hui, his consultant and childhood friend Iason Cohen and their designer Max Dautresme - headed to New York and Los Angeles in search of inspiration.

One of the first things you notice on arrival at the new-look hotel is that the lobby is now upstairs. It takes the place of two small conference rooms and overlooks the hotel's Italian restaurant, operated by the Black Sheep Group, which now occupies the entire ground floor and has become the centre of the hotel.

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