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## Uptown Makeover

New York's Surrey has long been the sort of hotel where Upper East Side matrons check in after a nip and tuck when there isn't



■ The Surrey's new look

enough left in the budget for the Carlyle. But the Surrey has just received a \$60 million facelift of its own, courtesy of interior designer Lauren Rottet. She added custom Deco-inspired furniture, a lobby cocktail bargreat news for waiting patrons of Café Boulud next door-and a roof garden. Rottet has also procured Richard Serra prints, two Jenny Holzers, Imogen Cunningham's images of Frida Kahlo and a Cecily Brown work for the hotel. Fortunately, due to terrific lighting, it remains an ideal place to admire newly smooth faces. Rottet disdains hotel bathrooms, attributing their flaws to male designers. "If light is coming straight down, you look like you have a thousand wrinkles," she says. "With ambient light you'll look nice and even."