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Portland: 'It's a state of mind'

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A variety of art in the lobby of the Hotel Lucia in Portland.

In past visits I've stayed at the Benson, a 1913-built Portland landmark, and also at the Vintage Plaza, with its pre-dinner, free wine tasting in the hotel lobby.

This trip I stayed at the stylish Hotel Lucia, an elegantly minimalist, 128-room boutique hotel on Broadway. Rooms and public spaces at the Lucia are lined with more than 600 of David Kennerly's black-and-white photos of Republican politicians and other public figures. Kennerly's photos of Richard Nixon playing the piano and Hugh Hefner playing with his playmates also shared wall space in the lobby with an eclectic collection of abstract modern art and sculpture.