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① **tokyo** The new **Mori Art Museum** is the cultural centerpiece of the city's Roppongi Hills, the largest privately funded urban development in Japan. Designed by Richard Gluckman, this 32,000-square-foot space, a major contemporary venue, crowns the 54-story Mori tower. The inaugural exhibition *Happiness: A Survival Guide for Art and Life* includes this Luo Brothers multimedia artwork, "I Love Tiananmen Square, Beijing" (mori.art.museum). Roppongi Hills' sybaritic **Grand Hyatt Tokyo** is the perfect place to stay. Rooms from \$385 (grandhyatttokyo.com).

② **washington, d.c.** The burgeoning 14th Street NW home-furnishings shopping district has a new addition, **Muleh** (it means "to come home" in Javanese). The store, housed in a white, semi-industrial space, features contemporary furniture with eco-friendly designs from places like the Philippines and Bali. Among the wares: furniture of Manila hemp and rattan by Kenneth Cobonpue, Tes Pasola's paper-fiber accessories and Warisan's new pieces fashioned from reclaimed teak. Lamps by deLighting complement the mix (1831 14th St. NW; 202/667-3440, muleh.com).

③ **dallas** The name is **Local** but it might as well be Local Treasure. Designer Alice Cottrell and chef Tracy Miller teamed up to create a restaurant that's equal parts city chic and down-home comfort. Housed in a historic building, the classic-modern interiors pair well with the streamlined menu emphasizing fresh, seasonal produce and meats. Try crispy buttermilk chicken paired with a Yukon gold potato tart wedge (\$20). With just 16 tables, reservations are essential (2936 Elm St.; 214/752-7500).

④ **san francisco** Top landscape designer Topher Delaney's **Seam** is a vivid combination of store and design studio filled with a world of art, products, amusements and furniture for the garden. Here, lightweight plastic planters in bold hues jostle for space with pine tables stained magenta and shocking pink. Among her most popular pieces are Ethiopian carved stools, Philippine planters and brightly colored plastic watering-can handbags. "I want to have products that are culturally diverse and cheerful," says Delaney (600 Illinois St.; 415/621-9899, tdelaney.com).

⑤ **paris** After a seven-year time-out, celebrity chef Joël Robuchon has come back with a culinary revolution. **L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon** forsakes starchy three-star dining for the casual convivial chic of an open kitchen where hams and sausages hang overhead and diners feast at black rosewood counters seated on red leather stools. His new tapas-style treats include avocado vegetable fondant, Bresse chicken foie gras and morilles mushroom cannelloni. They don't take reservations, so go early. About \$55 without wine (5 rue de Montalembert; 011-331/42.22.56.56).

⑥ **san antonio** Most spas pitch themselves as getaways, but the **Watermark Hotel & Spa** proudly calls itself an urban resort. The luxurious 99-room retreat, housed in a 19th-century landmark stylishly restored by HKS Architects, is on the Riverwalk in the heart of downtown. Guests can get treatments in their rooms—high-ceilinged romantic modern sanctuaries with contemporary cast-iron beds and Jacuzzi tubs—or at the 17,000-square-foot European-style spa that occupies the entire second floor. Rates begin at \$250 (212 West Crockett; 210/223-8500, watermarkhotel.com).

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