

SAN DIEGO

There's nowhere in the country as reliable for sunshine, beautiful beaches and great fish tacos as San Diego. Over the past few years, the city has gotten a whole lot hipper, too. There's Raised by Wolves, which slings aged vintage cocktails in a suburban mall in La Jolla. And then there's An's Dry Cleaning, which dishes up the best gelato, with fabrics (flavors) like calico (cream cheese pumpkin butter) and felt (ricotta fig balsamic). *-AMBER GIBSON*

Shop PIGMENT

Chic flora, furniture and home decor are the name of the game at this locally owned boutique. Husband-and-wife duo Chad Anglin and Amy Paul first opened their North Park flagship in 2007 as an art gallery, followed by a second 5,000-square-foot outpost in historic Liberty Station in the heart of the Arts District just last year.

Pigment's new boutique is even more experiential, hosting product launches, community events and more. It has a wraparound patio deck with picnic tables to encourage lingering, and shoppers can explore a comprehensive selection of flora from the store's indoor-outdoor plant lab and DIY terrarium bar. You'll find pretty much anything you might need for your home, down to details like pillows and placemats. shoppigment.com



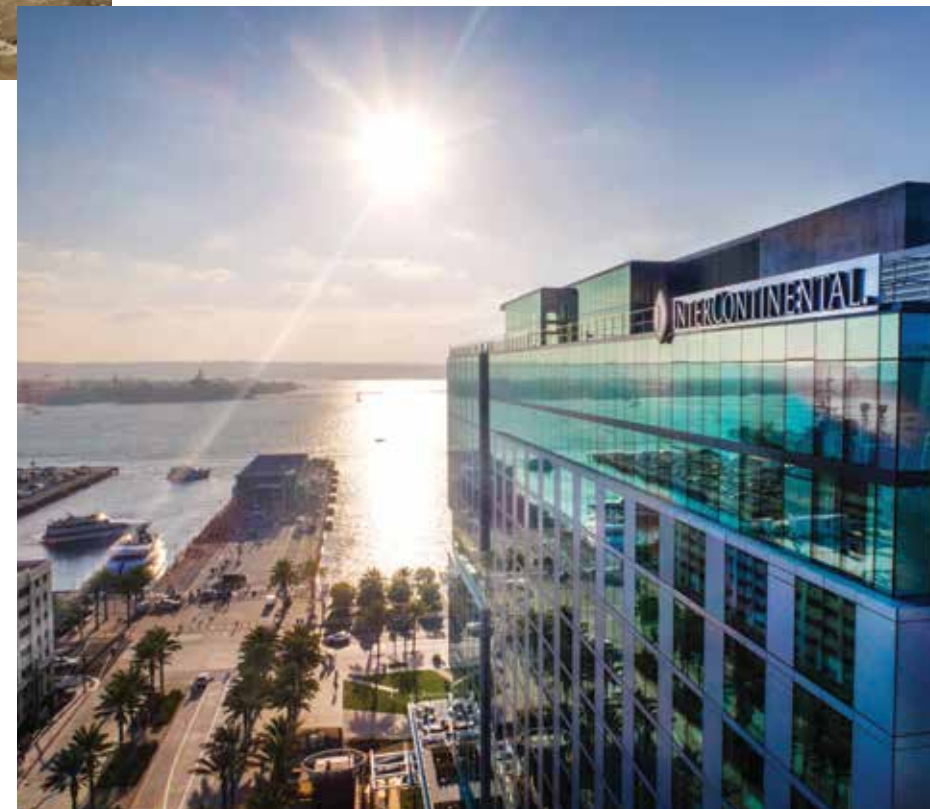
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Dine HERB & WOOD

Herb & Wood chef Brian Malarkey is one of San Diego's most renowned restaurateurs. He launched Herringbone and Searsucker to multi-city success, but now his focus is local once more. He's partnered with co-chef Shane McIntyre to churn out wood-roasted dishes, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients. Here, everything including the pizza dough is made from scratch.

The large dining room feels very San Diego: light, bright and airy. If you visit for Sunday brunch, order the monkey bread with tahini gelato before it runs out. On the savory side, opt for the heirloom tomatoes with burrata and hemp seeds, a light segue into the heartier filet and eggs with potatoes or the creamy polenta with wild mushrooms. Next door, Herb & Eatery is a fun all-day cafe and gourmet market great for coffee, pastries and more casual meals. herbandwood.com



Stay INTERCONTINENTAL SAN DIEGO

The InterContinental is the latest luxury hotel in town, with sweeping waterfront views in the new BRIC mixed-use development. The 400-room property includes 24 spacious apartment-style suites, which boast the best sunset views. Sip freshly muddled mojitos poolside from your private cabana before exploring the city by foot or electric scooter, which can be found on nearly every street corner. The InterContinental's prime location is within easy walking distance of hip Little Italy and the popular Gaslamp Quarter.

The hotel's health and wellness center offers an on-demand studio with instructor-led classes on a video wall ranging from yoga to kickboxing. Work up an appetite before dinner at the West Coast flagship of Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse or the InterContinental's signature eatery, Vistal. intercontinentalsandiego.com