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SUITE DREAMS

Hollywood has its newest hot spot.

BY AMBER GIBSON

Dream Hotels' West Coast flagship is just as glamorous as its New York sisters, if not a touch more natural. Tufts of grass poke out between the stone tiles lining the lobby floor, welcoming you inside. A pedestrian alleyway between the hotel and restaurant is playfully decorated with strings of lights and a vivid mural.

Contemporary artwork and fashionable guests bring the midcentury modern architecture to life. Accommodations are spacious, with views of either the Hollywood Hills or the city skyline. Read a book (or gossip rag) in a private cabana or on a daybed in between dips in the rooftop pool.

There's complimentary house car service courtesy of Lincoln Motor Company, featuring the sleek new Continental and MKZ models. You might not want to leave though, considering you can nosh on crispy fish tacos, tuna tataki and roasted bone marrow at glitzy Beauty & Essex before heading upstairs to the 11,000-square-foot rooftop club, the Highlight Room, to dance the night away. TAO Group manages the dining and nightlife experiences, so you know the party will be Snapchat-worthy. *Dream Hollywood, 6417 Selma Ave., Los Angeles, 323-844-6417, dreamhotels.com/hollywood*

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SHOP

TIMELESS TOUCH

Clean lines meet nautical designs at Miansai.

BY AMBER GIBSON

Michael Saiger started Miansai out of his University of Miami dorm room a decade ago with the goal of creating everyday jewelry for men that was neither blingy nor boring. Since then, his signature anchor and fish hook leather and rope bracelets have become iconic.

Opening last year, the Venice Miansai store is the brand's third brick-and-mortar location, after Miami and the New York flagship. The Zen-like, 1,000-square-foot space even includes a tea and kombucha bar. Shoppers can sip while browsing the goods and soaking up the California sun in the backyard garden.

Simplicity is at the heart of Miansai. Each mold is designed at the company's Miami studio before craftsmen melt the metals and assemble each piece. A durable brass base is plated with sterling silver, gold or rose gold. There's even a collection of fine jewelry bedazzled with pavé diamonds. New this summer are Italian leather backpacks and totes. *Miansai, 1116 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, California, 310-683-0060, miansai.com*

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DINE

WILD CARD

Get ready for a culinary adventure.

BY RUDY MAXA

Surely it's time to break the mold when it comes to dining out. Say *hola* to buzzy downtown eatery Broken Spanish, where everything you thought you knew about Mexican food gets turned on its head. As *Los Angeles Times* dining critic Jonathan Gold puts it, "Your opinion of the place is probably going to depend on what you think about the idea of chopped snout in your sweet potato."

But don't let that put you off. Broken Spanish is a roller coaster of a ride, with fascinating menu options like a starter of diver scallops with apple, cucumber and serrano pepper. And a thick octopus tentacle cooked sous vide with sausage until tender and infused with hearty flavor. And rabbit stew served with liver in a plastic bag that, upon opening, releases a rush of aroma.

An enthusiastic chef guided by the nose-to-tail philosophy, Ray Garcia serves up a culinary adventure that will have you struggling to describe what you ate when you report back to friends later. In a dining room I can only describe as joyful, you may find yourself comparing notes with other patrons as plates arrive that beg the question, "What's that?" The answer, almost always: "You have to try it!" *Broken Spanish, 1050 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, 213-749-1460, brokenspanish.com*

