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1 / GLASS ACT

Located in Manhattan's Mondrian SoHo hotel, Imperial No. Nine serves sustainable seafood by former *Top Chef* contestant Sam Talbot in a dazzling setting designed by Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz. The decor includes crystal chandeliers, glass sculptures, and a mirrored communal table. 9 Crosby St., 212-389-1000; mondriansoho.com

2 / ARABIAN NIGHTS

Italian fashion and interiors brand Missoni has chosen Kuwait for the site of its second hotel. Creative director Rosita Missoni has infused the space with Middle Eastern-inspired hues and the company's hypnotic patterns. Each of the 169 rooms boasts views of the Arabian Sea. *Symphony Center, Arabian Gulf St., 011-965-9999-1357; hotelmissoni.com*

3 / ZEN PALETTE

For the stylish interior of Niko, a restaurant in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood, designer Rafael de Cárdenas drew inspiration from the simplicity of Shinto design, employing muted tones and natural materials, such as travertine, walnut, and onyx, to create a mood of understated elegance. Classic Japanese dishes and sushi are on the menu. 170 Mercer St., 212-991-5650; helloniko.com

4 / EASTERN ACCENTS

Waldo Fernandez has outfitted the airy, light-filled Mezza eatery in Los Angeles with Moroccan tile, Venetian-plaster walls, olive trees in planters, and wood floors salvaged from a Lebanese villa. Chef Micah Wexler's inventive menu spans the Middle East, including dishes such as veal dumplings in almond milk and Israeli couscous with sea urchin. 401 La Cienega Blvd., 310-657-4103; mezzela.com



5 / STATION MASTER

The St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel in London is a grand getaway housed in an iconic Victorian structure adjacent to its namesake train station. The Gothic Revival-style building by Sir George Gilbert Scott started life as a hotel but closed its doors in 1935; it has since been restored to all its original glory, with 245 luxurious guest rooms and a spectacular entrance bedecked with gold-leaf ceilings and ornate murals. 379-381 Euston Rd., 011-44-20-7841-3540; stpancrasrenaissance.com

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