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Scene setter

ORIGIN GRILL & BAR, SINGAPORE | →

The latest outfit to join the impeccable stable of eateries at Singapore's Shangri-La Hotel is Origin, which occupies the ground floor spot vacated by the iconic Nadaman. Designed by A Work of Substance, the space unfolds as a series of set-pieces. Just off the coppery-arched foyer is the bar, a moody blue cavern offering a cocktail menu spiked with jackfruit marmalade, torch ginger flowers, bamboo leaves and osthmanthus fortified wine. In the main room, furnished like an old-fashioned train station platform with hand-stitched Tripolina leather chairs and globe lamps, chef Heidi Flanagan grills snow-aged Niigata wagyu, Fremantle octopus and Lombok lobsters on the charcoal and wood oven. DW Shangri-La Hotel, 22 Orange Grove Road, Singapore, tel: 65.6213 4595, shangri-la.com



Hollywood treasure

LA PEER HOTEL, LOS ANGELES ←

The Kimpton hotel group's latest property has opened in West Hollywood's Design District, cleaving close to the brand's MO for opening in buzzy quarters. Icelandicborn designer Gulla Jónsdóttir has meshed a European sensibility with a strong sense of place. As such, a white topography artwork of the LA landscape dominates the entrance, while a poolside installation by local graffiti artist Retna sits alongside Gaudi tiles from Barcelona. Guest rooms feature muted grey and beige tones, white oak herringbone floors and giant soaking tubs, where bubbles and champagne can be waiting after dinner at the hotel's modern trattoria Viale dei Romani. Carole Dixon 627 North La Peer Drive, West Hollywood, California, US, tel: 1.213 296 3038, lapeerhotel.com. Rates: from \$448

High impact

THE CATUÇABA HIDEAWAY, SÃO PAULO →

Located on a 12,000-acre farming estate and set high on a bluff swathed in brush, The Catuçaba revels in its isolation. Using responsibly sourced Amazon hardwoods, Studio MK27 has fashioned an elongated floating platform of expansive timber decks, bedrooms and cosy spaces furnished with locally-accented rugs, blue window shutters, textiles and clay bricks. Eucalyptus twig screens cast mesmerising shadows and provide cross-breezes during summer, while chillier nights can be whiled away in a copper bathtub or by ceramic wood-burning stoves. Days can be spent on horseback trails with strapping gauchos, doing laps in rock pools, or eating platters of grass-fed steaks in local village restaurants. DW São Luíz do Paraitinga, São Paulo, tel: 41.41 520 60 46, offgridhideaways.com. Rates: from \$750

