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1 INN STYLE

Following a multimillion-dollar makeover, the formerly low-key Malibu Beach Inn has reopened in high style. Outfitted in sleek glass, polished steel, and exotic woods, the luxury hotel on a 300-foot-long stretch of private coastline couples contemporary design with relaxed seaside ambience. Each of the 47 rooms boasts water views, balconies, and custom-made furnishings. Guests also gain access to the on-site Carbon Beach Club—with its concierge services and priority reservations in the dining room—for a nominal fee. At 22878 Pacific Coast Hwy. Call 310-456-6444; malibubeachinn.com.

2 IN THE MIX

Brimming with quirky panache, designer Gary Gibson's new shop is a melting pot of eclecticism. The 2,000-square-foot space with soaring ceilings and distressed concrete floors features a well-curated collection of handcrafted furniture—including Gibson's own tailored line—plus found and vintage objects. Also on hand: appealing Larsen textiles and paintings by local artists and the decorator himself. At 7350 Beverly Blvd. Call 323-934-4248; garygibson.com.

3 CONTINENTAL DRIFT

Continuing its westward expansion, chic boutique chain Thompson Hotels unveiled an outpost in Beverly Hills. The 107 Dodd Mitchell-designed rooms include leather-sheathed headboards, ebonized white-oak floors, and secluded balconies with sweeping city views. A bi-level lounge and rooftop pool as well as the first West Coast BondSt restaurant round out the offerings. At 9360 Wilshire Blvd. Call 310-273-1400; thompsonhotels.com.





