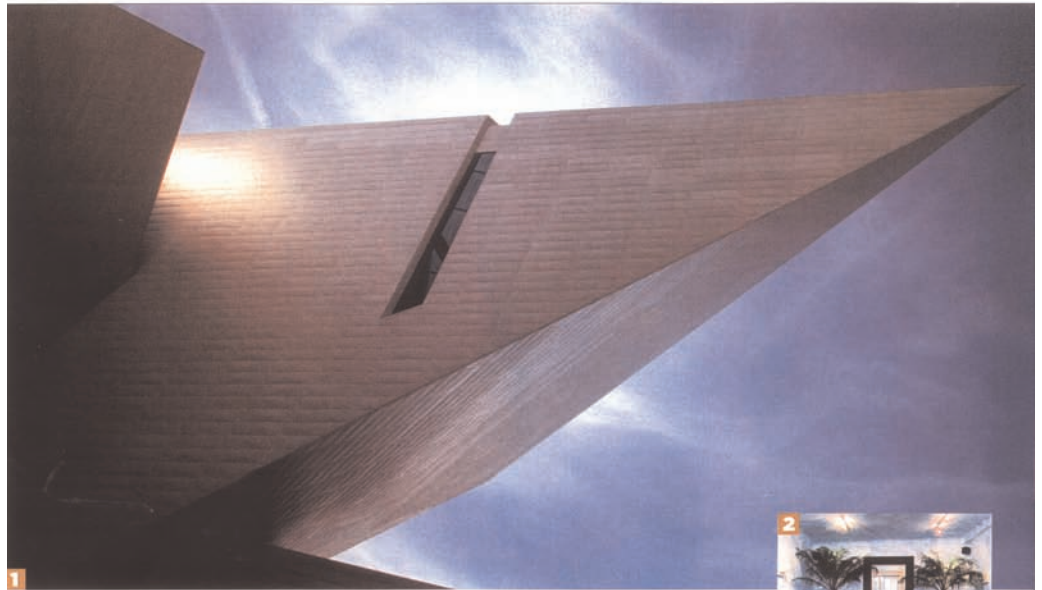




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An insiders guide to the best new places to eat, shop, stay and visit—from the Pacific Rim to the Adriatic Coast, Lake Michigan to the Seine.



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Denver Reflecting the nearby Rocky Mountain peaks in its titanium-clad angles, the Frederic C. Hamilton Building at the Denver Art Museum—the first completed public work in this country by architect Daniel Libeskind (in collaboration with Denver-based Davis Partnership Architects)—nearly doubles the museum's size. The new building adds almost 40,000 square feet of new exhibition space. A sharply cantilevered section of the structure juts across the street toward the existing Gio Ponti–designed North Building, to which it is connected by an enclosed glass-and-steel bridge (100 W. 14th Avenue Pkwy.; 720/865-5000, denverartmuseum.org).

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Paris Textile enthusiast Françoise Dorget, famous for her elegantly curated Caravane shops, has opened Emporium, in the bustling Bastille. Behind the lacquered-red facade, the blue-tinted whitewashed walls are lined with finds not just from Europe, Japan, India, Morocco, Mexico and Brazil but dozens of other locations around the world—a brilliant blend of traditional crafts and modern design. Vegetable-dyed textiles from Calcutta are illuminated by Korean designer Zinoo Park's industrial lights. British design group Gusto's straw-filled *Baley* benches contrast with Stephanie Bergman's ceramics (22 rue Saint Nicolas; 33-1/53.17.18.55).

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Portland, OR The Aspen Hotel Group's 130-room Hotel deLuxe, near the trendy Pearl District, is lavishly decorated in a style inspired by Hollywood's golden-era glamour. San Francisco designer David Hill used a rich mix of materials in the public areas, along with moderne furniture that recalls the '20s through '40s. In the lobby, a 12-foot-high mirror-framed rear-projection screen displays classic movie stills that change hourly. The guest rooms feature sunny California color schemes and beds with upholstered headboards in a distinctive '40s profile. Rooms from \$159 (729 SW 15th Ave.; 866/895-2094, hoteldeluxeportland.com).>

