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DETOX ▶
Armani Spa, Tokyo

Giorgio Armani's first spa, occupying the fifth floor of the Italian designer's new 8,000 sq m Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas-designed Armani building in Ginza (also home to his restaurant and stores), is tempting discerning Tokyoites away from the traditional hot springs. Sliding gold doors mark the entrance to the spa's private suites where Japanese tea is served before treatments. The treatment rooms, inspired by ancient Roman baths, are lined with white mosaic tiles and accented with gold and black furnishings, including an extraordinary black leather bed that gently moves to help you relax as you receive one of the four treatments offered. The spa makes use of Armani's Crema Nera beauty products, formulated using skin cell-rejuvenating obsidian stone extracted from lava found on the remote southern Italian island of Pantelleria, where Armani holidays.

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RETOX ▲
S Bar, Hollywood

While the flashbulbs are still blinding A-list celebrities at their other venues, Area and Hyde Lounge, Los Angeles nightlife luminaries Sam Nazarian and Brent Bolthouse have been nurturing their newest creation, the Philippe Starck-designed S Bar, which connects, via a hallway, to the pair's newly opened sushi restaurant, Katsuya Hollywood. The bar's walls are adorned with large-scale images of the interiors of Versailles by French photographer Patrick Tournéboeuf, part of his 'Museum Project'. Mismatched flea-market-style seating and cosy cocktail tables lend a comfortable, bohemian vibe to the warehouse-like space, which is dominated by a neon-lit bar. This being California, mixologist Ryan Magarian's bespoke cocktail menu features fresh organic fruit and vegetable juices and herbs for Angelinos who have early morning casting calls and hillside hikes to consider. **Cynthia Rosenfeld**
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