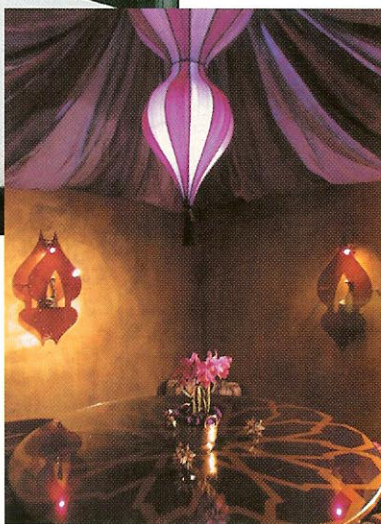




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the perfect home for the company's streamlined collection of chairs, tables and state-of-the-art office units (1327 5th St.; 310/393-9542, vitra.com). Andy Hackman and wife-partner Lisa oversee **California Living**, where they feature a beguiling mix of vintage, newly reissued pieces and designs by emerging talents (601 N. La Brea; 323/930-2601). Further down the road, furniture designers Michelle Johnson and Jason Martin's new showroom, **Silho Furniture**, holds an airy display of the duo's handcrafted pieces, augmented with sleek lighting by Clark Collins (142 N. La Brea; 323/935-9955, silhofurniture.com). Top interior designers are also going retail. **Tim Clarke, Inc.**, housed in a classic Rudolph Schindler storefront in West Hollywood, has a tasty mix of classical antiques and mid-century

modern furnishings with vintage accessories and collectibles (8760 Holloway Dr.; 310/659-1950, timclarkeinc.com). Interior designer Gary Gibson's eponymous new studio, **Gibson**, showcases his own furniture as well as the works of up-and-coming new talents (7352 Beverly Blvd.; 323/934-4248). —*Laura Hull*

>>> **eat Paladar**, a cool modernist take on a Cuban bistro, has updated Cuban fare that's terrific and inexpensive (all entrées are under \$20): *medianoches* (sandwiches of ham, cheese and pork) with a heap of fries and grilled octopus with cranberry-bean salsa (1651 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood; 323/465-7500). **Oasis** draws a young Hollywood crowd of late nighters who perch on brocade poufs nibbling "Moorish" tapas—lipstick-red peppers

stuffed with anchovies and pork kebabs with quince sauce. The decor by Eva Schwarz is a lurid vision of Morocco with cobalt blue walls and metallic gold booths with chain-link canopies overhead (611 N. La Brea; 323/939-8900). **Dolce** puts Italian food and a 2,000-bottle wine list in a hyper-trendy setting designed by Dodd Mitchell. You can order up delicious grilled cuttlefish, San Marzano tomato soup and spicy seafood spaghetti alla chitarra, but don't expect a quiet dinner (8284 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; 323/852-7174). **Lucky Strike Lanes** brings the "bowling lounge" concept screeching onto the scene with 12 state-of-the-art lanes, video projections on floor-to-ceiling screens and "real" food from Hollywood caterer Along Came Mary Productions: from fried clams to tomato-and-cheese s'mores (Hollywood & Highland; 323/467-7776, bowlluckystrike.com). —*S. Irene Virbila*

