

# DEPARTURES

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THE 122 PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS YEAR

## +The HUNT for the \$100 MILLION APARTMENT



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### LOOK, MA, NO LEGS

The seemingly impossible grace of Paul Cocksedge's steel **Poised table** lies in balance—just a few millimeters of deviation from its current shape would cause the half-ton table to collapse. The British designer (pictured on the table demonstrating its stability) was inspired by the simplicity of a sheet of paper rolled onto itself. The piece was the showstopper of Cocksedge's inaugural solo exhibition at Friedman Benda gallery in New York last fall. *Price upon request; friedmanbenda.com.*



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#### Southern California's Super Spa

Located 26 miles outside San Diego, **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa**, in Rancho Santa Fe, has long been a favorite Southern California escape. Following a ten-month, \$30 million renovation, which included a redo of all 49 guest suites and villas, there are more reasons to visit the Mediterranean-style resort than ever before. Go for the spa, consisting of ten luxurious suites, many with fireplaces and private patios with rain showers and freestanding tubs. Most treatments incorporate the organic skincare line Amala—the standout is the Celestial (\$450), which combines a firming facial with a custom massage. Rooms start at \$650; 5921 Valencia Cir.; 858-756-1123; ranchovalencia.com.



### 52 BEST IN STEW

**Brasserie Chavot** marks a return to London's dining scene for chef Eric Chavot, who gave up a Michelin-starred restaurant in the city in 2009. On our visit to his new spot last summer, the melt-in-your-mouth beef stew dazzled; clearly the work of a man gunning for Michelin stars. Months later, he got one. At 41 Conduit St.; 44-20/7183-6425; brasseriechavot.com.

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**Drinks + Drugs** On New York's Lower East Side, **STANLEY'S** is a full service pharmacy-meets-wellness bar. Alongside prescription and over-the-counter medicines, Stanley George offers a soda fountain menu with teas, sodas, kombucha and coconut water paired with pharmaceuticals for such ailments as allergies, headaches, cramps, insomnia and anxiety. At 31 Ludlow St.; stanleyspharmacy.com.



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