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1 FINE PRINT

A 1930s former printing factory in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen is the site of the new boutique hotel Ink48. The Rockwell Group-designed property includes 222 loftlike rooms, many with Hudson River views, and a rooftop lounge. At 653 11th Ave. Call 212-757-0088; ink48.com.

2 BEYOND THE ALE

More than 500 beers share the spotlight with seasonal American fare at Washington, D.C.'s Birch & Barley, where natural materials such as bamboo floors and limestone tabletops create an earthy vibe. At 1337 14th St. Call 202-567-2576; birchandbarley.com.

3 VANTAGE POINT

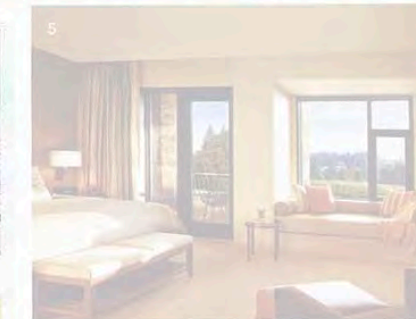
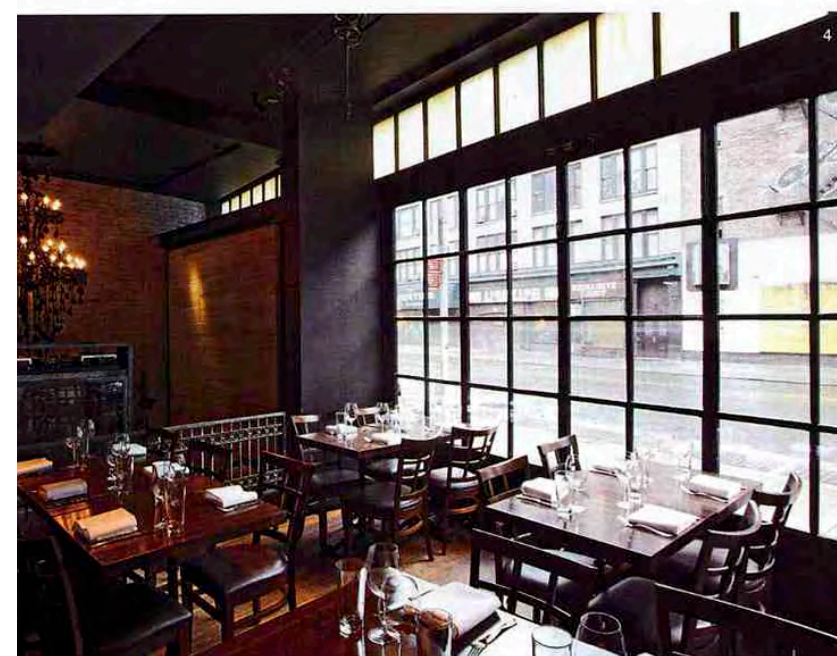
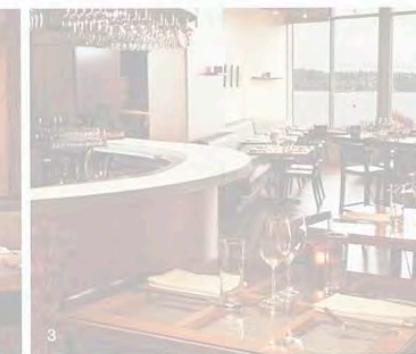
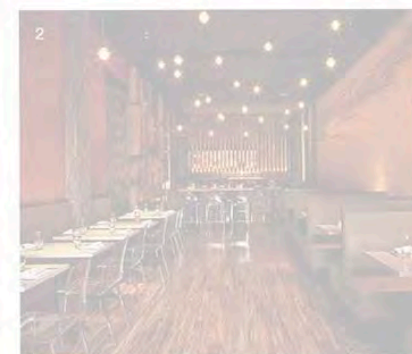
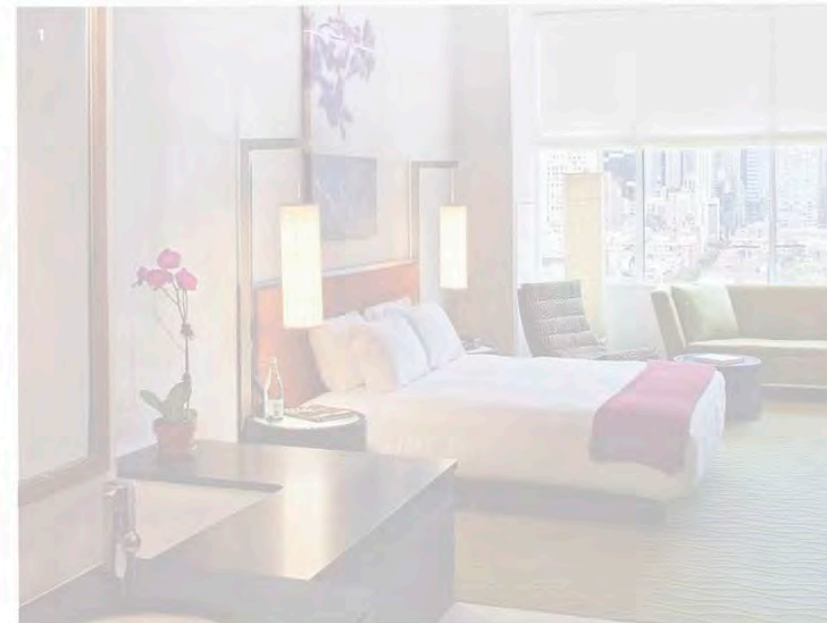
Stunning Puget Sound vistas complement the contemporary interior at Seattle's Ventana Restaurant. Diners tuck into New American cuisine amid soaring ceilings and tables resembling window panes. At 2323 First Ave. Call 206-441-4789; ventanaseattle.com.

4 SET IN STONE

At New York City's Travertine, modern Mediterranean dishes are served in a casually elegant space featuring vintage-leather banquettes, reclaimed-maple floors, and crystal chandeliers. At 19 Kenmare St. Call 212-966-1810; travertinenyc.com.

5 GREEN ACRES

The Allison Inn & Spa in Newberg, Oregon, is situated on 35 acres of lush vineyards and gardens in the heart of the state's wine country. The eco-friendly hotel offers 85 spacious guest rooms with fireplaces and bay windows as well as an indoor swimming pool and fitness center in the spa. At 2525 Allison Ln. Call 503-554-2525; theallison.com.



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