

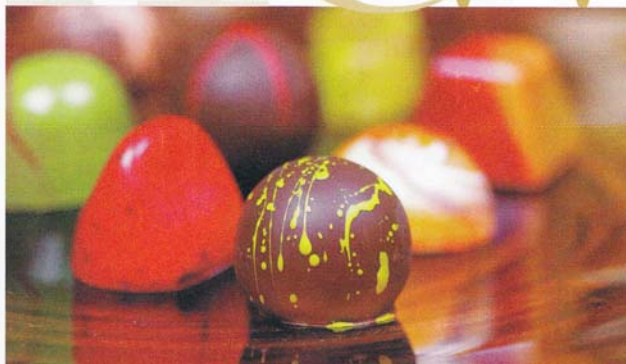


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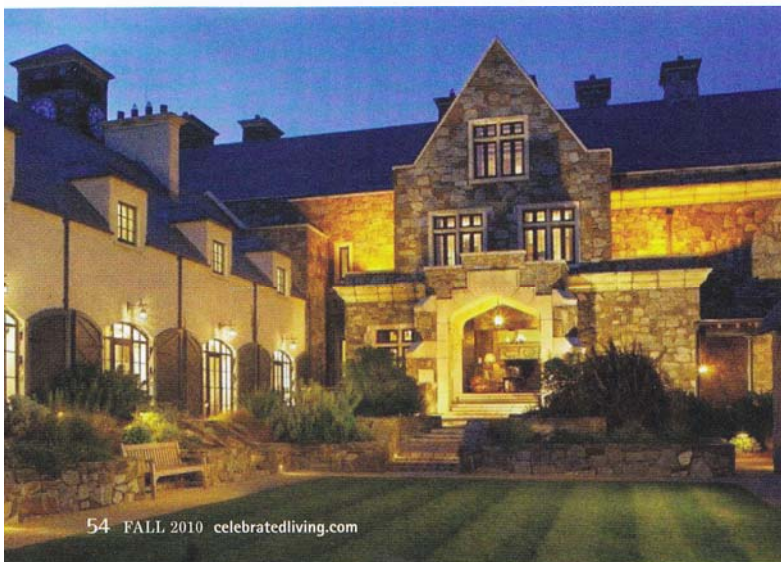
For a well-stocked alphabet soup of food and wine trends, savor these 26 culinary gems from around the world.
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↑ **URBAN OASIS** Cool poolside cocktails and delectable, light fare await you at Hotel ZaZa's Urban Oasis, one of the hottest nightlife scenes in Dallas. The elegant outdoor space is punctuated with oversize mirrors, and yes, that's a hip DJ spinning tunes from the roof. For a dreamy dinner, head inside to Dragonfly restaurant. hotelzadallas.com

➔ **VELVET ROOM** At San Francisco's iconic Cliff, the new Velvet Room — which is adorned with lush velvet curtains, mahogany and leather banquettes, and handblown Murano glass lamps — diners gather around a spectacular illuminated cross-shaped communal dining table made entirely of a hand-etched Venetian mirror. The menu, overseen by executive chef Ewart Wardhaugh, highlights seasonal specialties including the potted Santa Barbara rock shrimp with fromage blanc, truffle butter, and grilled flatbread. clifhotel.com



← **WHISKEY TASTINGS** A glass of whiskey is a must when you're curled up by the peaty fire at the luxurious Lodge at Doonbeg. The Lodge is just a tumbler's toss from one of the world's top seaside golf courses and the magical landscape of the Burren National Park, which is peppered with wildflowers and stone walls. Not sure which whiskey to try? The hotel's Whiskey Tastings (\$60 per person) enable you to sample the region's best, from Redbreast to Midleton Rare. doonbeggolfclub.com ➤