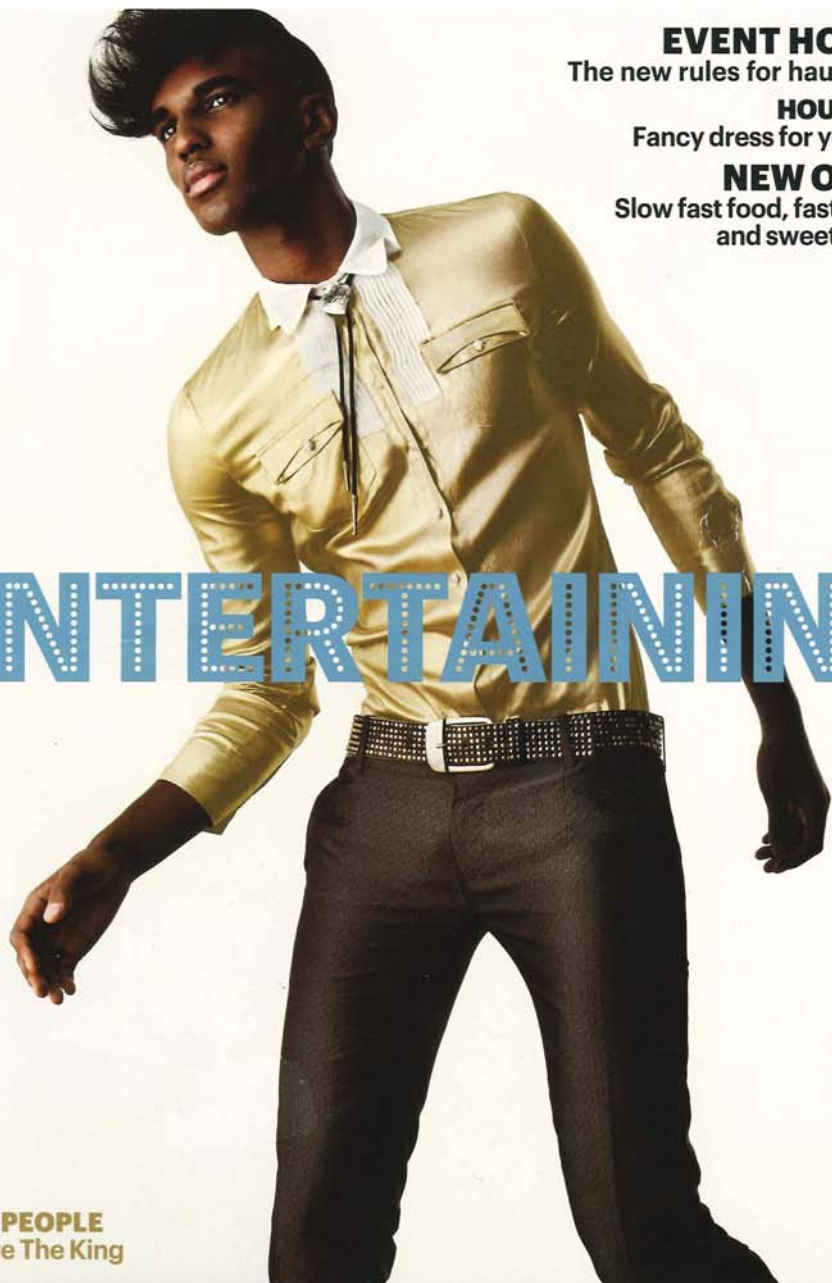


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Above, the lobby at JIA features playful works by Chinese artists, such as the bicycle. *Zi King Cbc*, by Shi Jindian and teddy bears by Liang Binbin, while bespoke furnishings are by Hong Kong architect Andre Fu

HIP TO BE SQUARE ▼
Qbic, Amsterdam

At the first Qbic hotel in Amsterdam, you don't get a room – instead, you get a Cubi, an aluminium-clad pod designed by Ferau Thomassen. Think Airstream trailer meets iPod; the idea is that the Cubi is both user-friendly and easily customised. But, while each pod includes a Hästens bed and Philippe Starck bathroom fittings, the hotel ethos is distinctly no-frills: 'The best service is self-service.' **Guy Dittrich** Strawinskyaan 241, Amsterdam, tel: 31.43 3100711, www.qbichotels.com. Room rate: from €39

GREAT WALLS ▲
JIA, Shanghai

Following the openings of Mansion Hotel and Pudi Boutique, JIA truly rings in the era of the small design hotel in Shanghai. In a 1926 building, the 55 rooms combine the local and the fashionable – bespoke wallpaper by Tsang Kin-wah and furniture by Hans Wegner, Antonio Citterio and Patricia Urquiola – while the art-filled lobby is an eclectic playground designed by Andre Fu of AFSO architects. **RM** 931 Nanjing Road, Shanghai, tel: 86.21 6217 9000, www.jiashanghai.com. Room rate: from CNY2000 (\$266)



WHITE NIGHT ▲
WTC Design Hotel, São Paulo

The WTC Hotel in São Paulo has unveiled a design floor, with 38 exclusive suites, each one created by a different Brazilian architect. The almost entirely white suite 315 is by Mauricio Queiroz, whose vision was to create a clean, futuristic place offering a sense of calm in the city. The anti-stress pillows and complimentary bar are equally soothing. **Sara Henrichs** Avenida das Nações Unidas 12.559, São Paulo, tel: 55.11 3055 8000, www.wtchotel.com.br. Room rate: from \$425

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