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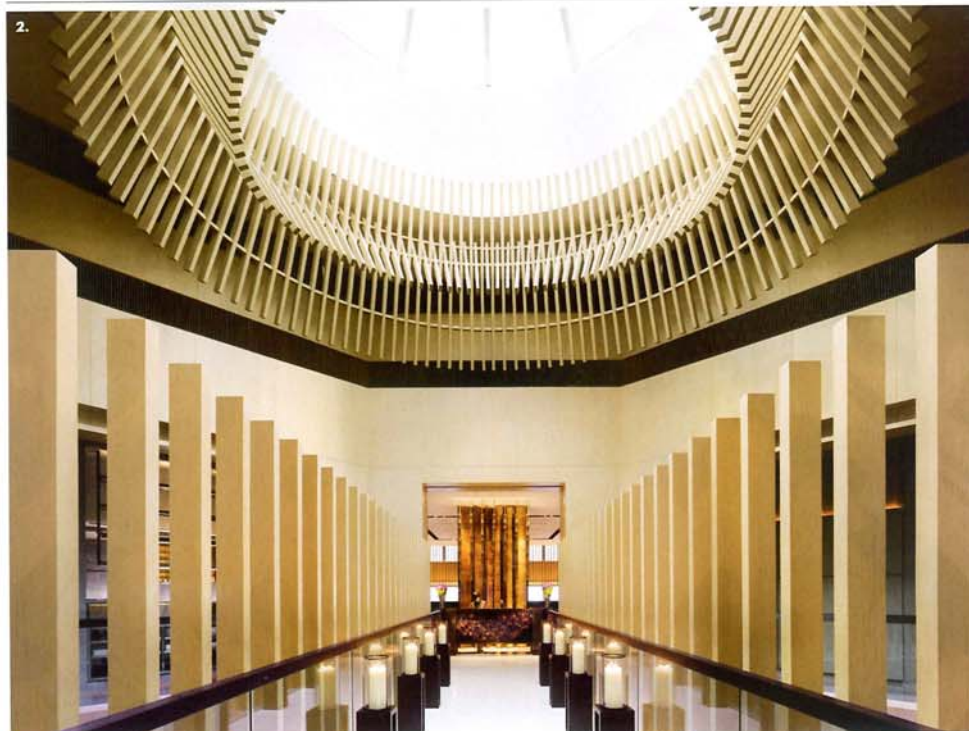
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1. LA JAPONAISE Sous Les Cerisiers, Paris

At Japanese restaurant/atelier Sous Les Cerisiers, customers can sample chef Sakura Franck's exquisite dishes or learn how to make them. The design by Ralston & Bau is striking and minimalist: clear open space up front gives way to corners bathed in deep blue light, recalling a James Turrell artwork. Our favourite dish is the sea bream with cherry blossom and ginger rice. **Marie Le Fort**
12 rue Stanislas, Paris 6e,
tel: 33.1 42 77 46 24,
www.souslescerisiers.com



2. NATURAL HIGHS The Upper House, Hong Kong

The Anglo-Chinese hotel company behind the super-luxe Opposite House in Beijing (W*123) has done it again – this time, getting us hot under the collar in a Hong Kong skyscraper. Set in the Pacific Place retail and commercial centre, The Upper House was envisaged by Hong Kong design stalwart Andre Fu as an inner-city bolt-hole. British designer Thomas Heatherwick is responsible for the simple Bedonia stone portico, which sets an impressive tone. In the public spaces, limestone and bleached oak dominate, and a bamboo 'lantern' installation curves languidly up the escalator. All 117 rooms are at least 70 sq m and Fu has generated an airy aesthetic with natural timbers, shoji glass, lacquered paper panels and green tea- and lilac-coloured upholstery. But there is a reason to leave the haven of the bedroom. Offering views of Victoria Harbour and featuring a 14m-long open kitchen, Café Gray Deluxe marks the return of chef Gray Kunz to the city. **Teo van den Broeke**
Pacific Place, 88 Queensway,
Hong Kong, www.upperhouse.com.
Rates: from HK\$3,388 (£273)



3. FRESH TO THE MARKET Louis Hotel, Munich

Like Kull & Weinzierl's previous Cortina Hotel, Louis Hotel hits a design sweet spot with its 'austerity chic' – courtesy of architects Hild und K. Its central location is bang on, too: overlooking the historic Viktualien fruit and veg market. Leather, brass, oiled-oak parquet and limestone (for the heated bathroom floors) are materials set to develop a patina and age with the hotel. Guestroom furnishings include a nifty, grey

linen-covered travel trunk; standing vertically, it opens to reveal a TV, safe and minibar. As well as the latter, most rooms also have a Gentleman's Bar; the turndown service delivers oranges, lemons and ice and guests can mix their own cocktail before heading to Emiko restaurant and bar for sushi and sashimi platters. **Guy Dittrich**
Viktualienmarkt 6, Munich, tel: 49.89 411 190 80, www.louis-hotel.com. Rates: from €195