

## Monocle travel guide Global

**Preface**  
This month Monocle visits a new luxury retail behemoth in Milan, a Yemeni coffee outlet in Tokyo and a Copenhagen restaurant serving New Nordic food at affordable prices.



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### Excelsior Milan

In a 4,000 sq m venue that used to house an old cinema in downtown Milan is Italian luxury retailer Gruppo Coin's latest venture, the Excelsior, a department store where fashion and food mix. Designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, the neon-bright building is a new landmark in the capital's centre, stretching from Corso Vittorio Emanuele to Piazza Beccaria, taking up two sides of Galleria del Corso.

The shop's top three floors offer clothing from brands such as Rag & Bone, Mackintosh and Borsalino while the basement is reserved for the Eat's Store, a food market and three eating spots: an elegant take-away, a bistro and a restaurant hosted by guest chefs. — SRT  
excelsiormilano.com

### Monocle's favourite department stores:

- 1) Shinsagae, South Korea
- 2) Mitsukoshi, Japan
- 3) Beymen, Turkey

### 45 Park Lane London

45 Park Lane, sister hotel to The Dorchester, opened its doors in September. Architect and designer Thierry W Despont has transformed the former Playboy Club into an Art Deco space full of cosy woody interiors. Each of the 45 rooms and suites have a verdant view of Hyde Park and original art works by artists such as Sir Peter Blake and Damien Hirst hang on each floor. — AK  
45parklane.com



### Fasano Boa Vista São Paulo State

Brazilian hotelier Rogério Fasano has created the ultimate country retreat set in Fazenda Boa Vista, a mere 10-minute chopper hop from São Paulo. "Brazil had hotels like this but they have disappeared. I wanted to recreate this concept," he says. Architect Isay Weinfeld has satisfied Paulistas yearning for a reconnection with nature by giving all the living areas (including the 39 rooms and suites) floor to ceiling windows with views of the Floresta Nacional de Ipanema natural reserve. Diners at the Italian restaurant enjoy views of the fresh-water lake, ideal for swimming in the late afternoon sun. — LH  
fasano.com.br



**Highlights:** Sundowners under the sibipiruna trees at the 1930s vintage railroad wagon, the golf bar that sits on the first tee of Randall Thompson's 18-hole course. Other highlights include vintage horse-drawn carriages and six helpads.



**Highlight:** Wolfgang Puck's signature steaks at restaurant Cut. They are grilled over hardwood and charcoal then finished to a crisp perfection under a custom-made broiler.

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