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**1 new orleans** Vintage meets modern at the tenacious **u-Dwell**, a beautifully appointed home furnishings and accessories store that opened on Magazine Street in the weeks before Katrina. The shop itself sustained little damage, and business is now bustling. Store owner and decorator Mary Satterlee promises high style at relatively low prices with an alluring mix of lamps and lighting, antique and modern furniture, bedding, glassware, rugs, pillows, paintings by local and regional artists and more (2101 Magazine St.; 504/309-2503).

**2 culver city, ca** Only a tiny sign on a steep narrow road marks the entrance to **Rolling Greens Nursery**, a modern-day plant metropolis that has until recently been the best-kept secret of Southern California professionals. Now open to the public, the enterprise offers a plethora of plant options. Along with expert advice from owner Greg Salmeri, the savvy establishment boasts a 10 to 25 percent lower-than-retail price range. But the true coup de grâce for plant enthusiasts is the unsurpassed freshness of the botanical fare, due in part to the constant commercial turnover (9528 Jefferson Blvd.; 310/559-8656. [rollinggreensnursery.com](http://rollinggreensnursery.com)).

**3 new york city** A beloved Beaux Arts landmark in midtown, the **Morgan Library** has reopened after an almost three-year renovation and expansion helmed by Pritzker winner Renzo Piano. Once a hodgepodge of disparate buildings (including the original library Charles McKim designed for Pierpont Morgan in 1902), the campus has been unified and expanded though Piano's design, which uses soaring glass and steel walls in harmony with the original stone facades. Additions include a naturally lit reading room and a 280-seat auditorium for lectures, readings and musical performances (29 East 36th St.; 212/590-0300. [morganlibrary.org](http://morganlibrary.org)).

**4 whistler, bc** The 41-room **Adara Hotel** is that rare thing among wilderness hostels: boutique accommodation with a modernist look. Located steps from the resort's shops and restaurants, the hotel is the brainchild of John Kuharchuk and Box Interior Design, who took traditional lodge elements—stone, timber, fire—and reinterpreted them in amusing ways: resin antlers in the lobby, exaggerated woodgrain laminates, ironic hologram fireplaces. The mix of camp and contemporary furnishings gives this alpine hotel an urbane feel. Summer rates from \$130 (4122 Village Green; 604/905-4009. [adarahotel.com](http://adarahotel.com)).

**5 louisville, ky** The Bluegrass State might not be the obvious place for a white-hot New York restaurateur to open a new eatery, but that's what Drew Nieporent (of Nobu fame) did when he teamed with local philanthropists Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson at **Proof on Main**. Designed by architect Deborah Berke, the modern brick-and-white interiors feature museum-caliber contemporary art. Chef Michael Paley celebrates regional traditions with dishes like braised pork shank with grits, enjoyed best with one of the 45 Kentucky bourbons stocked at the bar. Entrées from \$12 (702 West Main St.; 502/217-6360).

**6 dallas** Perched on a hillside overlooking downtown, the newly restored **Belmont Hotel** mixes city convenience and modern amenities with a liberal dash of '40s flair. Designed as a motor court hotel in 1946 by the late architect Charles Stevens Dilbeck (renowned for his Mediterranean-meets-moderne style), the structure eventually fell into disrepair. Locals united to renovate the landmark, which now features 68 rooms, a cocktail lounge and terrace, extensive gardens and a pool with panoramic views. Rooms from \$125 (901 Fort Worth Ave.; 866/870-8010. [belmontdallas.com](http://belmontdallas.com)).

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