WHERE TO STAY THIS MONTH
BARCELONA
Barcelona is clamping down on Airbnb but a host of great new properties have been opening that were already in the pipeline. The nine-room Morgan House, by Casa Bonay, Autograph collection’s Cotton House Hotel and the discreet Wittenhouse, have all opened since 2015. As Soho House throws its hat into the ring this autumn, it’s clear that the city has no intention of giving up its role as a hospitality heavyweight—should you visit this month, grab a table at Service Continue (see page 32).

THE PRIMER
Our monthly edit of the stories, narratives and themes that are on the horizon for our editors, correspondents and bureaus chiefs.

PALME D’OR WINNER DIRECTOR APICHATHONG WEERASETHAKUL WILL THIS YEAR BECOME THE FIRST THAI TO JOIN THE ACADEMY—AND VOTE ON THE NEXT OSCAR WINNERS. THAI CINEMA IS SET FOR A BOOMING FINALE TO 2016.

WHAT TO WEAR: FASHION BRAND SLOANE MAKES US HAPPY TO SEE THE THERMOMETER DROPPING. THE DEBUT COLLECTION FROM THIS JAPANESE KNITWEAR LABEL FEATURES CHUNKY ‘MADE IN JAPAN’ JUMPERS, INCLUDING TURTLENECKS AND CABLE-KNIT, YOU CAN FIND THEM IN BEAMS AND UNITED ARROWS. COSY.

WHAT TO READ: ‘GENTLE RAIN’ IS HAMBURG’S FIRST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE ABOUT THE CITY. ITS DEBUT ISSUE HIT NEWSTANDS THIS SUMMER; WE’RE EAGER TO TUCK IN.

Being a mayor: the inside line
“You have to take in everything from a bird’s-eye view but slip from the viewpoint of a bug. And you have to keep tabs on trends, the way a fish knows the river currents. You need to come up with a list of priorities and then tackle them. But the most important thing is to have a vision of what you want to do.”

Yuriko Koike GOVERNOR OF TOKYO Blind well, no way to

THE MONOCLE GUIDE TO DRINKING & DINING

AND FINALLY...
OUR NEW BOOK
We’re all for championing new restaurants but aren’t openings from LA to Paris starting to look a tad samey? Edwin is a new wine bar, asian-inspired, cocktails, and wall-to-wall Japanese street food. And you still have to wash the dishes yourself. For an alternative to the usual sameness, get The Monocle Guide to Drinking & Dining, on sale from 29 September.

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ONE TO WATCH: WHILE CESSNA PONDERS WHETHER IT SHOULD SNAP UP COMPETITOR LEARJET, IT’S ALSO CLOSER TO GETTING ITS LARGE-CABIN CITATION Longitude INTO THE HEAVENS.

Top news
Take off to Asia’s Pride, Asia’s largest festival of its kind, is expecting record numbers this month. Liberal Asians will also be watching to see if the island’s leader, president Tsai Ing-wen, can deliver on her pledge to support marriage equality. If nothing else, it has established its position as the region’s leading gay-weekend getaway destination.