

**WHERE TO STAY THIS MONTH
BARCELONA**

Barcelona is clamping down on new hotels and the use of Airbnb but a host of great new properties have been opening that were already in the pipeline. The nine-room Margot House, hip Casa Bonay, Autograph collection's Cotton House Hotel and the discrete Wittmore, 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 Servicio Continuo (see page 252).



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

PALME D'OR-WINNING DIRECTOR APICHA TPONG 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.


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

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Taiwan Gay Pride

Taipei'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.



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-KNITS. YOU CAN FIND THEM IN BEAMS AND UNITED ARROWS. COSY.



Istanbul's Design Biennial, which is titled 'Are we Human', promises a finely assembled show that should get more travellers packing for Turkey again.

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

Business insider: are the French in gear?
Paris Motor Show

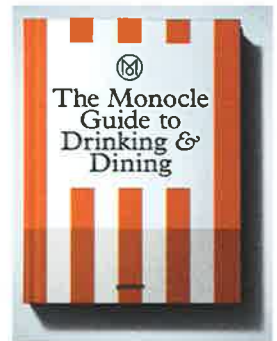
There are some notable absences in Paris this year: Aston Martin, Bugatti and Chevrolet to name but three. This is a chance for France's own lower-key marques to steal the show; our eye will be on Citroën's quirky new C3.



Being a mayor:
the inside line

"You have to take in everything from a bird's-eye view but also 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
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AND FINALLY...
OUR NEW BOOK

We're all for enterprising new restaurants but aren't openings from LA to Paris starting to look a tad samey? Edison bulbs, reclaimed-brick walls and polished concrete floors make for deafeningly loud environments too. For fresh inspiration, get *The Monocle Guide to Drinking & Dining*, on sale from 29 September.

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