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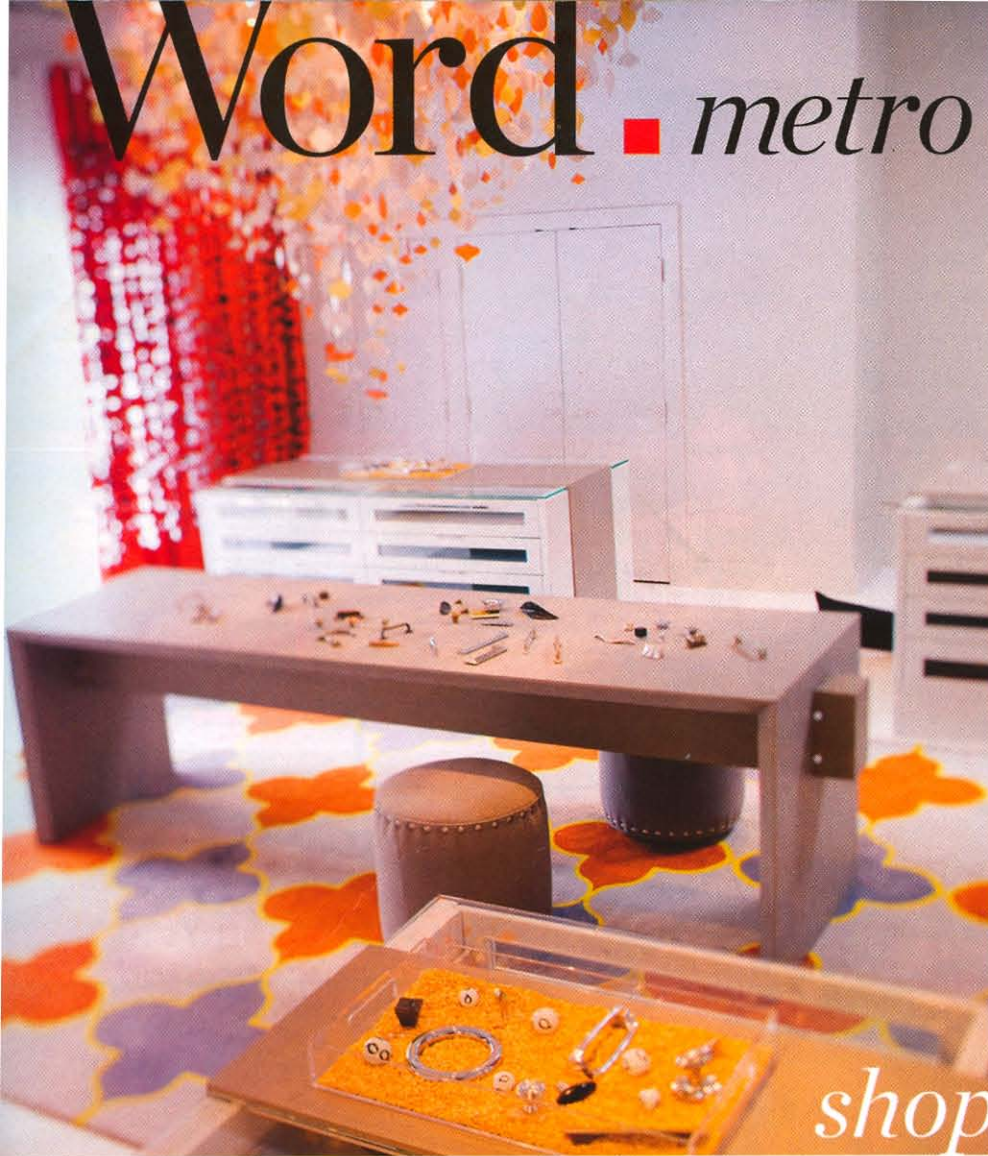
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matthew quinn collection / atlanta

Top kitchen designer Matthew Quinn has opened up his own luxury hardware showroom at the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center. It looks more like a jewelry store, with pulls and knobs in quartz, jade, metal, wood or reclaimed materials arranged like baubles in cases lined with crisp white fabric; prices range from \$12 to \$500. Also available: his new bath and sinks and the bath furniture line he designed in partnership with MTI Whirlpools (349 Peachtree Hills Ave., 404/974-3560; MatthewQuinnCollection.com).—Lisa Mowry

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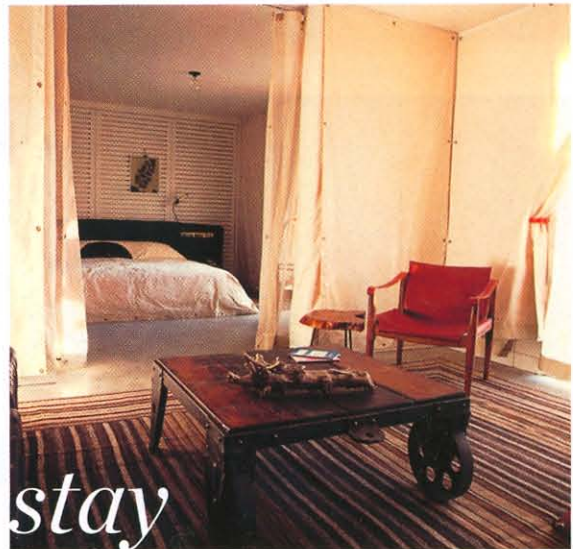
la mar / san francisco

Peruvian celebrity chef Gastón Acurio serves up several kinds of cebiche (or sevice) in his new Pier 1½ hotspot. Designed by local architect Cass Calder Smith, the 11,000-square-foot space is spiced up with richly stained mahogany, Corian, stainless steel and vivid blue glass. Try the Clásico cebiche with habanero-spiked halibut, corn and yams (\$18) or the Nikei cebiche with ahi tuna, avocado and Japanese cucumber (\$17). (415/397-8880; LaMarCebicheria.com).—KL

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ace hotel & swim club / palm springs

A decade ago, when the first Ace Hotel opened, in a rehabbed Seattle halfway house, its edgy style struck a chord with budget-conscious, creative travelers. The brand has since expanded and now includes a branch in Palm Springs, where the L.A. design firm Commune transformed a vintage Howard Johnson's motor lodge into an oasis of desert hip. The hotel's 180 rooms are draped in canvas and filled with campaign furniture and retro-industrial pieces. Doubles from \$89 (701 E. Palm Canyon Dr., 760/325-9900; AceHotel.com).—Raul Barreneche



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