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HONG KONG

Designer **ADAM D. TIHANY** on why it's happening right now.



I recently found myself in Hong Kong's tallest skyscraper, a staggering 118 stories in Kowloon. As a designer, I'm always impressed with the attention to interior detail in Hong Kong, but nothing compares to the view from the 104th floor—a skyline ringed by mountains, surrounded by water and dotted with parks. Topographically, this is one of the world's most beautiful cities. My favorite up-and-coming galleries and restaurants line a stretch of Hollywood Road in Central, where everyone takes to the streets in the early evening, beautifully attired, to enjoy their first drink of the night. ♦

- 1. DRINK**
Perched 118 floors ab 90ve the city, the Ritz-Carlton's **Ozone** rises—in every sense—above the rest. The bar's space-age interiors are as captivating as the view. At 1 Austin Rd. W.; 85-2/2263-2263; ritzcarlton.com.
- 2. SNACK...**
The original outpost of Bonnae Gokson's growing café empire, **C'est La B**, serves her famous Caramel Crunch Cake alongside savory dishes like this Rainbow Club Sandwich. At 110-114 Tung Lo Wan Rd.; msbscakery.hk.
- 3. ...AND EAT**
I designed **Amber**, where chef Richard Ekkebus has since earned two Michelin stars. Dishes like the foie gras, beetroot and raspberry pop (bottom left) showcase his refined French cuisine with an Asian twist. At 15 Queen's Rd. Central; 85-2/2132-0066; amberhongkong.com.
- 4. VISIT**
Sundaram Tagore Gallery showcases pieces that blend elements of Eastern and Western cultures like this print, *Drunken-Gone with the Wind*, by Korean artist Kim Joon. At 57-59 Hollywood Rd.; sundaramtagore.com.
- 5. STAY**
When creating the common spaces for **The Landmark Mandarin Oriental**, I looked to Hong Kong's geography and mobility for inspiration. Rooms start at \$530; 15 Queen's Rd. Central; 85-2/2132-0188; mandarinoriental.com.
- 6. SHOP**
The well-heeled man should book a fitting at **Tassels**, which offers some of the most exquisite bespoke shoes I've ever seen. At 15 Queen's Rd. Central; tassels.com.hk.



A FEW MORE DETAILS

Duddell's (1 Duddell St.; 85-2/2525-9191; duddells.co), which opened in May, is the city's newest social hub: The 8,000-square-foot space hosts talks, performances and film screenings and is home to a restaurant helmed by a Michelin-starred chef. For a taste of old Hong Kong, **The Chairman's** (18 Kau U Fong; 85-2/2555-2202; thechairmangroup.com) traditional Cantonese cuisine can't be beat. A new favorite is the **Blue Butcher** (108 Hollywood Rd.; 85-2/2613-9286; bluebutcher.com), a contemporary steakhouse that serves terrific food and even better cocktails.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: OZONE AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, HONG KONG; COURTESY TASSELS; MICHAEL WEBER; COURTESY SUNDARAM TAGORE GALLERY, C'EST LA B; THE LANDMARK MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG; JOE SCHMELZER/COURTESY TIHANY DESIGNS