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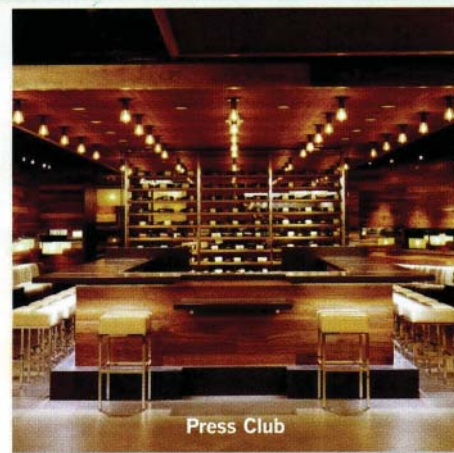
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Zoned-in San Francisco

As summer mists are replaced with autumn sunshine, now is the time to visit the new galleries, museums and restaurants around Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco's cultural heart

STAY The **St Regis San Francisco** reflects its location in a fine collection of modern art throughout the hotel. The spacious rooms, in shades of taupe with luxurious finishes such as leather and snakeskin, have great views. 125 3rd Street (00 1 415 284 4000; www.starwoodhotels.com/stregis). Doubles from \$550

SEE You can't miss the new **Contemporary Jewish Museum**, designed by Daniel Libeskind:

a reworked brick building with a striking, blue-black 'diamond' extension. 736 Mission Street (00 1 415 655 7800; www.theejm.org)

EAT **Anchor & Hope** is where the hip set dine on bacon-wrapped oysters and basil-stuffed clams in a minimalist white space with exposed beams and concrete floors, inside a converted garage. 83 Minna Street (00 1 415 501 9100; www.anchorandhopesf.com). Three-course dinner about \$100 for two without wine

DRINK Eight Californian vineyards have tasting areas in **Press Club** – part urban winery, part subterranean drinking den. 20 Yerba Buena Lane (00 1 415 744 2000; www.pressclubsf.com)

● Behind a wisteria-covered patio above Yerba Buena Gardens, the **Samovar Tea Lounge** is a relaxing spot for a light lunch, or to try inventively named teas such as Monkey Picked Iron Goddess of Mercy. Yerba Buena Gardens, Upper Terrace. 730 Howard Street (www.samovarteasf.com; 00 1 415 227 9400)

PARTY Dramatic Renaissance-style paintings line the black walls at **Harlot**, a glamorous bar and club where stylish locals dance

beneath chandeliers made from deer antlers. Wed-Sat, 9pm-2am. 46 Minna Street (00 1 415 777 1077; www.harlotsf.com)

SHOP The **SFMOMA** store is a treasure trove of posters, stationery, furniture and homewares. International shipping available. 151 3rd Street (00 1 415 357 4000; www.sfmoma.org)

● For more shopping, **Bloomingdale's** is right around the corner. Travellers can take their passport to the Visitor Center for a 15 per cent discount. 845 Market Street (00 1 415 856 5300; www.bloomingdales.com)

Don't miss ● The city's contemporary dance maestro Robert Moses performs at the **Yerba Buena Cultural Center** (18-20 September; www.ybca.org)

● **Open Studios** month provides an inside look at how local artists work (11-12; 18-19; 25-26 October; www.artspan.org)

● Hidden gallery gems such as funky **111 Minna** (www.111minnagallery.com) are revealed on the free monthly 'art walk' by the **Yerba Buena Alliance** (www.yerbabuena.org)

