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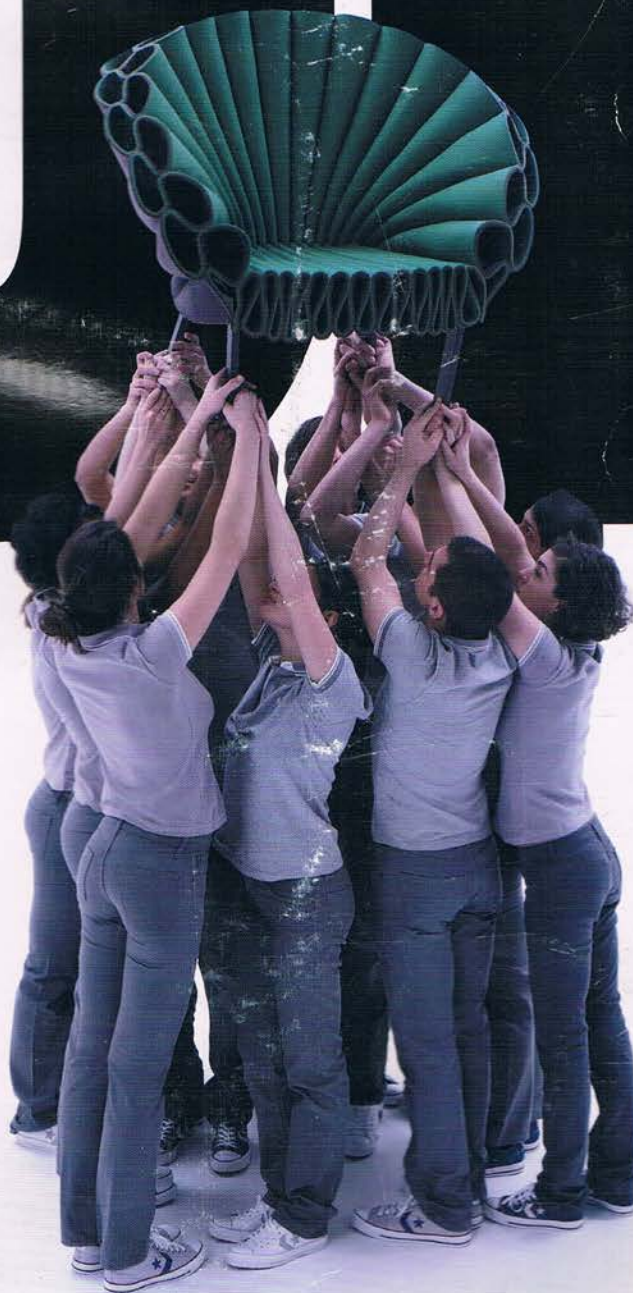
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conceptual ceramics

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supersizes  
in Singapore

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cactus omelette





## 2. MITTE SWEET *Cosmo Hotel, Berlin*

Finding a decent hotel in Berlin's Mitte used to be a bit of a problem: there weren't any. Which makes the opening of Cosmo Hotel, part of the Design Hotels group, all the more exciting. Architects SEHW's interiors are neatly executed and service is superb, with a concierge that sorts everything from a table at the most happening restaurant to an all-night club crawl. **Sophie Lovell** Spittelmarkt 13, Berlin, tel: 800.37 46 83 57, [www.designhotels.com/cosmo](http://www.designhotels.com/cosmo). Rates: from €99

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## 1. VIEW POINT *East, Hong Kong*

Less than six months after launching The Upper House in Hong Kong, the Swire group has opened a second hotel in buzzy Quarry Bay. Firmly targeted at the business market (express check-in, 24-hour gym, Wi-Fi technology), the 32-floor hotel offers dizzying views of Hong Kong harbour. Indeed, local studio CL3 Architects chose restrained décor to let the setting dominate. **Daven Wu** 29 Taikoo Shing Road, Island East, Hong Kong, tel: 852.3968 3968, [www.east-hongkong.com](http://www.east-hongkong.com). Rates: from HK\$988

## 3. SOUTHERN COMFORT *Casa Zinc, Punta del Este*

Located on a quiet side road in La Barra, a chic seaside bolt-hole in Punta del Este's 'burbs, Casa Zinc has a welcoming, lived-in ambience with its shabby chic interiors and eclectic mix of vintage furniture, books and curios. And, to make you feel even more at home, breakfast is served until 4pm at a communal table (left). **Mariana Rapoport** Parada 40, Calle 9, La Barra, Punta del Este, Uruguay, tel: 598.9962 0066, [www.casazinc.com](http://www.casazinc.com). Rates: from \$160