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Clockwise from top left: The spa at Hotel Californian; a newly redesigned guest room by Mark D. Sikes at Holiday House in Palm Springs; one of Pendry San Diego's stately bedrooms; serene patio and vineyard views abound at Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Napa Valley.



ALL CALIFORNIA

CHECKING IN

This season, a number of designcentric properties are leaving their mark on the Golden State. February saw the debut of **Pendry San Diego** (rooms from \$320, 619.738.7000, pendryhotels.com) the first hotel to open under the buzzy new brand from Montage Hotels & Resorts. Located in the bustling Gaslamp Quarter, the property features 317 guest rooms designed by Houston-based Rottet Studio, designer Alessandro Munge and the Pendry design team, as well as an expansive rooftop pool area, 6,200-square-foot spa, and six dining and entertainment options. Be sure to stop by Provisional Kitchen, Café & Mercantile, a hip boutique, market and eatery created by Raan and Lindsay Parton of cult-favorite L.A. boutique Alchemy Works.

Meanwhile, in Palm Springs, popular L.A.-based designer Mark D. Sikes has transformed **Holiday House** (rooms from \$199, 760.320.8866, holidayhouseps.com), an intimate 28-room inn recently purchased by the team behind nearby Sparrows Lodge. Sikes' signature blue and white aesthetic can be found throughout, accented by modern lighting, wicker and walnut details, Gio Ponti-inspired tiles and an ambitious art collection that includes works by John Baldessari, Roy Lichtenstein and Mr. Brainwash. "I couldn't help but be inspired by Palm Springs itself and the architectural bones of the hotel," says Sikes.

In Santa Barbara, another A-list Angeleno designer, Martyn Lawrence Bullard, is overseeing the interior design of the historic **Hotel Californian** (rooms from \$550, 310.722.7066, thehotelcalifornian.com), encompassing three

buildings that feature Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, located adjacent to the Funk Zone and a block from the beach. The 121-room resortlike property is being updated with a modern Moorish vibe, with Marrakech-inspired tile wainscoting, gilded snake sconces and a rich palette of yellow, terra-cotta, emerald green and eggplant.

But perhaps the most highly anticipated opening is up north in St. Helena: **Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Napa Valley** (rooms from \$695, 707.963.7000, lasalcobasnapavalley.com). Located adjacent to the picturesque Beringer Vineyards, the hotel has been designed by renowned New York- and Toronto-based hospitality firm Yabu Pushelberg. The 68 guest rooms have been infused with a clean, minimalist style, featuring neutral tones and warm, organic materials like oak and woven jute. There is also a serene 3,500-square-foot spa, and a barn-style yoga and meditation studio, as well as Acacia House, a 40-seat restaurant by acclaimed San Francisco chef Chris Cosentino. —Amanda Eberstein

SAN DIEGO

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Since launching in 2011, San Diego-based **Eleanor Rigby Leather** has quickly built a following for its buttery soft bench-made furniture that blends traditional techniques with handworked artisanal elements, such as whipstitch sewing details and handcolored hides. Now, starting this spring, Old World meets new as Eleanor Rigby Leather teams up with beloved home goods emporium HD Buttercup for their Cone Bold campaign. Devoted to incorporating daring colors and unexpected textures and patterns, Eleanor Rigby Leather has created luxurious full-grain Italian leather pieces for the initiative, such as accent chairs, ottomans, sofas and sectionals in an array of standout hues; think fiery red, canary yellow and a brilliant deep blue. "The underlying beauty of these hides is the way they drape and tailor over the upholstery frames, and their depth of color and sheen," says Eleanor Rigby Leather President Christopher Thorpe. Not just pretty to look at, the pieces are irresistibly comfortable too. "The Roddy sofa was built to envelop you into it, just like a baseball glove," he says. Up next, the company is collaborating with local muralist and illustrator Manu Favas, who plans to turn their leather into canvases for his one-of-a-kind designs. Says Thorpe, "This takes customization to a whole new dimension." *H.D. Buttercup locations, hdbuttercup.com; eleanorrigbyleather.com* —Angela Ashman



Tweety chair (\$3,250) and Naomi side table, (\$695), both by Eleanor Rigby Leather.