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## Design Directions: *from Beirut to São Paulo, Rovaniemi to Toronto*

**PART TWO** – of Monocle’s overview of the best in handsome architecture, desirable furniture, retail outposts, fine craft folk and top designers

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- 25 well-turned-out products that can help fix spaces from home to office
- 3 residences that we’d be happy to call home
- 60 years of Ljubljana’s graphic-design show that still sets the agenda
- 1 ever-growing fair for the best in garden furniture and budding talent



From pencil makers to tech players, the companies that keep the region sharp and on point

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**Preface**

This month's array of places to stay includes a regency-era London hotel, a renovated bank in North Carolina and a hostel in Tokyo that offers books instead of breakfast.



**Halcyon House  
Cabarita, Australia**

In 2011 Brisbane-based sisters Siobhan and Elisha Bickle acquired what was a rundown 1960s motel, a 30-minute drive from Byron Bay. On their property that skirts Cabarita Beach – a little-known yet pristine stretch of sand – the pair transformed the motel with the help of architect Virginia Kerridge and interior designer Anna Spiro.

Retaining the Spanish mission-style exteriors, the now 21-room boutique hotel is comprised of cosy guest rooms and Mediterranean-inspired public areas such as Paper Daisy, a poolside restaurant headed by chef Ben Devlin. Guests are provided with bikes and boards and have the chance to take surf lessons, administered by surf champion Joel Parkinson. — GR  
[halcyonhouse.com.au](http://halcyonhouse.com.au)

**Puro Hotel**

Gdansk, Poland  
With branches in Wroclaw, Krakow and Poznan, this year Polish company Puro opened its fourth hotel on Granary Island in Gdansk (see page 83), a stone's throw from the port city's Old Town. The lobby and restaurant feature maritime influences and work by local artists, while the 92 rooms combine clean lines with discretely deployed technology. A perfect base for a weekend break – with free bicycle rentals and decent coffee to boot. — ABC  
[en.purohotel.pl](http://en.purohotel.pl)



**The Lanesborough  
London**

Interior-design studio Alberto Pinto and London-based architecture firm ReardonSmith have overseen the extensive renovation of the beautiful regency-era Lanesborough hotel. Reopened this summer on Hyde Park Corner, moments from Buckingham Palace and between well-heeled Park Lane and Knightsbridge, the whitewashed Georgian pile hosts seven dining rooms and a cigar lounge, alongside 93 rooms that include 43 suites – the largest of which has seven bedrooms.

The imposing Oetker Collection-operated hotel isn't a relaxed, under-the-radar escape. Instead, enjoy it for what it is: an inimitably British and lovingly updated exercise in hospitality at its most grandiose. — JAF  
[lanesborough.com](http://lanesborough.com)

