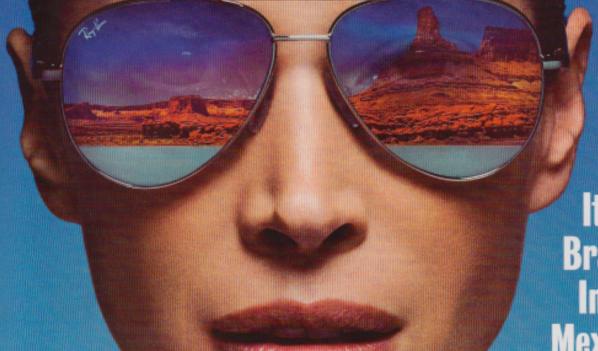
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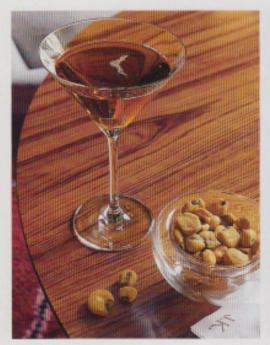
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There's a newfound vibrancy sweeping across Rome, from its timeless trattorias to its fresh crop of hotels and boutiques. Maria Shollenbarger takes the pulse and finds the Eternal City enthrallingly of-the-moment.

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where you'll find the beloved salumeria/wine bar Roscioli. Everyone extols brothers Alessandro and Pierluigi Roscioli's genius, from the prosciutto-studded bread to what has to be the city's most faultless cacio e pepe. (Perhaps the thing it hasn't perfected is amiable and refined service—but no one in Rome should expect that.) A takeout baccalà sandwich wrapped in paper from Dar Filettaro—a block up from Roscioli, set back from the street in a tiny piazzetta—is a greasier, messier, but equally transporting affair.

Between D.O.M and the Piazza Navona lies the Via del Governo Vecchio. This is Rome's answer to New York's Elizabeth Street in Nolita: home to independent boutiques and a couple of superlative vintage emporiums, where anyone with a hundred-odd euros and a serious inclination to dig can turn up gems like a ladies' Belstaff motorcycle jacket circa 1974. The street's appeal was enhanced with the arrival of jewelry designer Delfina Delettrez-daughter of Silvia Venturini Fendi-who opened her first boutique here in 2011. Delettrez's totemic design motifs-evil eyes, skulls, jewelencrusted spiders, and attenuated bones recalling reliquaries-are as beautiful as they are provocative. Equally imaginative are the jewelry designs by Paolo Giacomelli and Roberta Paolucci at Iosselliani R-01-IOS, where the pieces incorporate brass and silver into chain mail or tribal feather motifs.

Just around the corner from Iosselliani is D.O.M's primary competition. J.K. Place Roma is the third J.K. hotel from Florentine entrepreneur Ori Kafri. Its 30 rooms are a stylish retrofit of a former school, situated about halfway between the august angles of Richard Meier's Ara Pacis Museum and the sceney Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina. (Ciampini, at number 29 on the piazza, is your HQ here: perfect morning espresso stop; humming aperitivo scene; best pistachio gelato in town; air-kissing all day.) The hotel's flamboyant style favors neutrals doused with color (corridors are upholstered in turquoise and lime raw silk) and reproduction antiquities rubbing marble shoulders with mid-century designs. The hotel achieved cachet with the Roman movida more or less from the day it opened; it's an ideal place to feel at the center of things.

Monti

Wedged between the crumbling monoliths of the Imperial Fora and the staid government palaces of Quirinal Hill, the lemon-and-apricot facades lining Monti's eighteenth-century streets are lovely, if not terrifically distinct from those in many other parts of town. Over the last several years, though, a new generation of adoptive Monticiani have given it an indie vibrancy that's made it a destination in its own right. This is evident in the "kilometer-zero" mantra of Urbana 47, an industrial-chic space serving hyper-locally sourced meats and produce (an adjacent art-house movie theater, Cinema Urbana 47, made its debut in 2012). At Aromaticus, owners Luca De Marco and Francesca Lombardi bring culinary bona fides—they worked in Rome

STAY

D.O.M Via Giulia 131; 39-06-683-2144; domhotelroma .com; doubles from 8545.

Hotel Eden Via Ludovisi 49: 39-06-478-121; dorehester collection.com; doubles from \$321.

J.K. Place Roma Via di Monte d'Oro 30; 39-06-698-2634; jkroma.com; doubles from 8820.

EAT

Aromaticus Via Urbana 134; 39-06-488-1305; aromaticus.it; small plates from \$7.

Assunta Madre Via Giulia 14; 39-06-6880-6972; assuntamadre.com; entrées from \$34.

Ciampini 29 Piazza San Lorenzo; 39-06-687-6606; ciampini .com; entrées from \$15.

Dar Filettaro Largo dei Librari 88; 39-06-686-4108; sandwiches from 87.

Eataly Piazzale XII Ottobre 1492; 39-06-9027-9201; roma .eataly.it; entrées from 826.

Gaudeo Via del Boschetto 112; 39-06-9818-3689; gaudeo.it; sandwiches from 88.

Necci Via Fanfulla da Lodi 68; 39-06-9760-1552; necci1924.com; entrées from 816.

Porto Fluviale Via del Porto Fluviale 22; 39-06-574-3199; porto fluviale.com; entrées from \$19.

Primo Via del Pigneto 46; 39-06-701-3827; primoalpigneto.it; entrées from \$16.