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For wanderlusts with an eye for the quirkily classic, Hermes has launched the perfect hand baggage. Fashioned from soft leather and sturdy canvas, these compact carry-ons are neatly detailed with a tiny gold padlock.

blanket coverage



Club Monaco, the Canadian label with a prerequisite position in the wardrobe of young style warriors throughout North America, will soon be taking over the world. In a bold marketing move, Club Monaco has teamed up with Loblaws, the country's most progressive grocery chain, to launch Club Monaco Every Day, a range of slick essentials for the home. New items include linens as well as bathroom and kitchen accessories. Buying milk and bread will never be the same again. FS

The tiny South Pacific island of New Caledonia is not the location that instantly springs to mind when discussing a major new project by internationally acclaimed architect and this year's Pritzker Prize-winner Renzo Piano. But then the Jean-Marie Tjibaou Cultural Centre is not your typical museum. A veritable village set on a promontory outside the capital, Noumea, and surrounded on three sides by the sea, it is a celebration of the local Kanak culture and traditions. A thematic pathway meanders between three main groups of iroko buildings which, shrouded in tropical vegetation, link temporary and permanent exhibition areas, indoor and outdoor performance spaces, a multimedia library and a thematic landscape. Looking more like an exotic holiday resort than cultural centre, New Caledonia's latest building is straight out of a movie. Thing 1958 South Pacific meets Gattaca. LH

piano forte

club class



(Liago, 73 Stanley Street, East Sydney, NSW 2010. Telephone 61.2 9360 4640)

(Hotel Bel-Air El Tamarindo, Cihuatlan, Jalisco 48970. Telephone 1.91 335 15031/15036. Fax 1.91 335 15032/15034.)

(Bernard's, 300 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney. Telephone 61.2 9380 8999. Opening times: 6am-10pm daily.)

(Aerospace, 925 East Pike, Seattle 98122. Telephone 1.206 320 0424)

('Victoria' travel bags by Herme's, 176 Sloane Street, London SW1, and Herme's boutiques around the world. Telephone 44.171.259 5191.)

(Jean-Marie Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Plage 1000-Tina Magenta, Noume'a, New Caledonia)

(Club Monaco, Loblaws, 10 Lower Jarvis, Toronto. Telephone 1.416 366 4222)

Having done our share of nights on the dancefloors of Amsterdam, Manchester and Berlin, we don't usually pay too much attention to club openings unless they offer us unlimited free alcohol and our own VP room- and even then we don't cover them. This issue we've had a slight change of policy, having scoped out Aerospace on the fringes of downtown Seattle. Fusing all the elements of a good bar, a leanly styled lounge, a decent disco and a college cafeteria, Aerospace is the latest essential urban destination dreamed up by hip local entrepreneurs Alex Calderwood and Jared Harler. Understatedly modern, Aerospace has been packing them in from New York, LA and Tokyo since it opened in late March. Though others might advise you to arrive after 11pm, we suggest you get there before the cafeteria runs out of macaroni and cheese. JM