

# TRAVEL + LEISURE

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SPECIAL



Waterbar



Harputs



Blue Bottle Café



Cavallo Point

## WHAT'S NEW IN SAN FRANCISCO

WELCOME TO San Francisco 2.0. Nearly a decade after the dot-com bust, the city is getting ready to unveil its upgrade. The astonishing slew of rising towers comes thanks to the latest in superflexible (read earthquake-friendly) materials. These structures are complemented by innovative grabber restaurants. The newest is the city's much the better for

**SOUTH OF MAJ** building boom is a the city's best chefs **Orson** (508 Fourth St.; dinner for two \$70),

BY JOSH SENS

Japanese coffee siphon is the only one of its kind in North America. Blocks away, a pair of Pat Kuleto restaurants have made a bayside splash. **Waterbar** (399 The Embarcadero; 415/284-9922; dinner for two \$115) does high-end surf;

with an immense Japanese restaurant: Pat Metheny meets bluefin *toro* roulade. On the style front, **Harputs** (1525-1527 Fillmore St.; 415/923-9300) hawks Yohji Yamamoto clothing and several eras of

Adidas kicks. In Japantown, between Lower and Upper Fillmore, **Hotel Tomo** (1800 Sutter St.; 888/822-8666; jdhoteles.com; doubles from \$149), a groovy Best Western, has guest rooms with bright animal prints. Hello, *Ken*, some of age. And on Upper Fillmore, Roman-style osteria **SPQR** (1911 Fillmore St.; 415/771-7779; dinner for two \$90) is drawing Colosseum-worthy crowds and cheers.

**THAT GOLDEN GATE** Two eco-centric attractions open this fall on either side of the city's most famous

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planetarium, and natural history museum. Topping it all off: a 2½-acre living roof, bursting with native plants. Meet you on the observation deck.

COVER: In San Francisco's Union Square.