



**CAPE TOWN COOL**  
Above: The exterior of the new hotel Labotessa.  
Right: The seven-room property's Governor Suite.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CITY CENTRE

The inner city of Cape Town, South Africa, has become a chic hangout thanks to an influx of new restaurants.

### The Athletic Club & Social

This three-story restaurant and bar serves Middle Eastern-inflected dishes and zesty cocktails against a high-design backdrop of cane-seat cafe chairs and lush wallpaper. [theathletic.co.za](http://theathletic.co.za)

### Belly of the Beast

There are only 24 seats available at this nose-to-tail restaurant, which offers wild venison and lamb from South African farms. [bellyofthebeast.co.za](http://bellyofthebeast.co.za)

### Exhibit A

Based around science and theater, the menu at this new gastronomic spot spins well-known ingredients like blue cheese into less-expected items like fudge. [exhibit.co.za](http://exhibit.co.za)

### Fyn

Chef Peter Tempelhoff uses South African ingredients to create Japanese-style dishes like prawn crudo with wakame and the indigenous citrus naartjie. [fynrestaurant.com](http://fynrestaurant.com)

### Kirsten Goss

Snap up the designer's gold rings, necklaces and other jewelry, handcrafted in Durban. [kirstengoss.com](http://kirstengoss.com)

### Labotessa

This new seven-room hotel is set in a former church from the 17th century. Inside, the design favors jewel-tone colors, and the suites have sweeping views. [labotessa.com](http://labotessa.com)

### Missibaba

Founded by a local artist, Missibaba sells bold, playful leather bags and accessories, all expertly handmade in Cape Town. [missibaba.com](http://missibaba.com)

### Pezula Interiors

Woven baskets and hand-loomed robes are some of the items available at this stylish home and gift store. [pezulainteriors.co.za](http://pezulainteriors.co.za)  
—Mary Holland



**EAT SWELL**  
Left: The dining room at Fyn. Above: The restaurant's take on ramen.



**BEST BETS**  
Clockwise from left: The Athletic Club & Social; a Missibaba bag; cozy seating at the Athletic Club; Squid de Fleur at Exhibit A.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: LABOTESSA (2); BRUCE TUCK; KARL ROGERS; RIKKU O'DONNCHU; KARL ROGERS; COURTESY OF MISSIBABA; BRUCE TUCK