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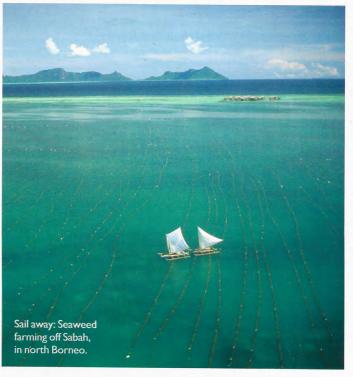
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highlights are a ground-floor bar overlooking the canal, and an attic suite with views of La Serenissima (39-041-528-4644; palazzinagrassi.it; doubles, \$280-\$590). The Palazzo Grassi, next door, is one of Venice's most important museums and was recently revived by architect Tadao Ando. His airy interiors provide a flattering backdrop for current exhibitions as well as antiquities—"Rome and the Barbarians" is now on-without clashing with the ornate eighteenth-century ceiling frescoes (palazzograssi.it). In a city famous for glass, the stunning pieces at Galleria Marina Barovier stand out (3216 San Marco; barovier.it). Nearby, interiors



boutique Gaggio offers plush hand-painted velvets of Venice past, plus vintage lamps-Uma Thurman is a fan (3441-3451 San Marco; gaggio.it). L'Arcobaleno is a one-stop shop for Venetian painters and wannabes (4615 Calle delle Rasse), while the two outposts of Gallery Holly Snapp show a diverse collection of art, from moody watercolors to contemporary abstracts. Snapp is the neighborhood's unofficial ambassador, giving counsel on out-of-the-way wine bars (Calle delle Botteghe; galleryholly snapp.com). The unpretentious Dai do Cancari, with rare bottles from Friuli, flasks of the store's house wine, and wicked grappa, is a must for oenophiles (1234 San Marco; daidocancari.it). Hungry? Everyone from lawyers to gondoliers eats at Osteria al Bacareto. To make like a Venetian, stand at the bar and order the bigoli in salsa—anchovy pasta (3447 San Marco; 39-041-528-9336; entrées, \$22-\$27; closed Saturday night and Sunday).



Young jeweler Lisa Salzer, of Lulu Frost, has teamed up with designer Chris Benz to string together vibrant one-off bracelets incorporating beads made by Rwandan refugees from recycled magazine paper. Proceeds go to relief organization Women for Women.



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part of the island is one of t wildernesses, and now it to match, KUDAT RIVIER a series of stylishly conve barns abutting a private be this spring in Sabah (60-88-14 kudatriviera.com). REMOTE has custom tours from Ki activities include trips to loc and sea turtle reserves (645 remotelands.com; from \$50 son per day). CRYSTAL CRI launching a new itinerary gion, with visits to the Seplic utan Rehabilitation Centre once-captive primates are like climbing before being into the wild (crystalcruises three-day sailing, \$2,950 per





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ing "diffusion line" restaurar high-quality grub at palatable Gordon Ramsay has just un third London gastro-pub, Tell RINGTON, in Maida Vale (93 rington Crescent; 44-20-75 entrées, \$20-\$28), while To has TOM'S PLACE, an ecofish-and-chippie near his Mic starred joint (I Cale St.; 44-2 1806; entrées, \$20-\$29). Ne High Street chain JAMIE'S from Jamie Oliver: Pasta ent the first branch, in Bath, will a \$10 (Milsom Pl.; milsomplace)