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Eternal Appeal

PANNE VELVET SMOKING chairs and trompe l'oeil frescoes fill the thoroughly Italian Hotel de Ricci, recently opened in Rome's central Regola district. The intimate albergo has just eight rooms, but its cellars and bars are appointed with over 1,500 varieties of wine, from Friulians and Mosellas to Gajas and Nebbiolos. "I wanted to create something very warm," says the restaurateur-turned-hotelier Lorenzo Lisi, who now manages the nearby Pierluigi, his father's iconic seafood spot (a favorite of Cy Twombly's, who kept an apartment upstairs).

For the guest rooms, Lisi enlisted the help of his neighbors Daria Reina and Andrea Ferolla of Chez Dede — the Old World concept shop known for those lettered canvas totes found on fashionable beaches the world over. Ferolla's illustrations and retro fonts appear on embroidered bed linens, do-not-disturb signs and the menus in the lobby's Charade Bar, which hired the head barman from the Dorchester in London. He's already dressed up the house Negroni with a splash of Umeshu plum sake — ideal, says Lisi, for sipping "after you've just stepped in from the same sun-dappled sanpietrini Michelangelo and Raphael used to stroll down." hotelder Ricci.com — LINDSAY TALBOT



SCENT NOTES

In Bloom

HUSBAND-AND-WIFE team Nicolas Malleville and Francesca Bonato founded the fragrance and hotel line Coqui Coqui over a decade ago on Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, which hardly lacks for natural beauty. Still, the two were always finding reasons to fly off to Bora Bora, the site of their latest project. After buying some land there across from a lagoon, they started planning their dream garden: ylang-ylang trees, frangipani, Tahitian rose. "French Polynesia is a paradise in terms of flora," Bonato says. The result is

a new collection of a dozen fragrances, including Fleurs des Iles, with notes of tiare, the national flower, and Sancoco, which incorporates local coconut oil. To experience the full range, scent seekers should go to the source, where the pair has opened a small boutique selling their sun hats and woven string hammocks. Next year, they'll also offer a welcome alternative to the island's ubiquitous overwater bungalow resorts: a tented villa amid their fragrant Eden. coquicoqui.com — GISELA WILLIAMS



ILLUSTRATIONS BY KONSTANTIN KAKANIAS

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Mini Masterpieces

LAST YEAR, on an outing to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brazilian fine jewelry designer Silvia Furmanovich found herself marvelling at 100 or so miniature paintings — intricate scenes commissioned by India's Rajput rulers, depicting lush landscapes, limb-tangled battles and euphoric love scenes. Later, Furmanovich stepped back into these dreamscapes on a 40-day trip through India during which she commissioned artisans at a school in Udaipur to create unique pieces on scalloped, diamond-shaped chips of wood and bone. She then framed the works — painted with brushes made from the hair of squirrels' tails — with diamonds, gemstones and South Sea pearls, turning them into earrings that give refined meaning to the term "wearable art."

— HILARY MOSS



From top: a landscape accented with diamonds and black pearls, \$16,500; a cavalry scene with mismatched stone studs, \$15,180; both available at bergdorfgoodman.com.