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BURNING QUESTION

What's your favorite restaurant for its design right now?

"Brunch (644 N. Orleans, 312.265.1411, brunchit.com) is located in a fantastic loft building in River North with high ceilings and exposed wood columns and beams. The interiors mix cool retro art with architectural minimalism, making me feel like I can gently ease into the day."



-TOM Z. SPANIER, TZS DESIGN

"The repurposing of a historic bank for The Bedford (1612 W. Division St., 773.235.8800, bedfordchicago.com) is brilliant. You feel transplanted to another time and place, and the variety of spaces allows for many different functions. The main attraction is the impressive vault room. You enter through a massive copper code door to find floor-to-ceiling lock boxes and cozy leather banquettes."



-JUDSON BARRETT-O'KEEFE, DESIGN VERITE

"Though Ruxbin in West Town (851 N. Ashland Ave., 312.624.8509, ruxbinchicago.com) has been garnering national acclaim for its cuisine, the atmosphere is just as much of a conversation piece as the food. The interior mixes an industrial vibe with the warmth of reclaimed wood and a bit of quirkiness in the custom details—namely, the booth backs are made from seatbelts and modern Herman Miller chairs are retrofitted with Prairie-style legs."



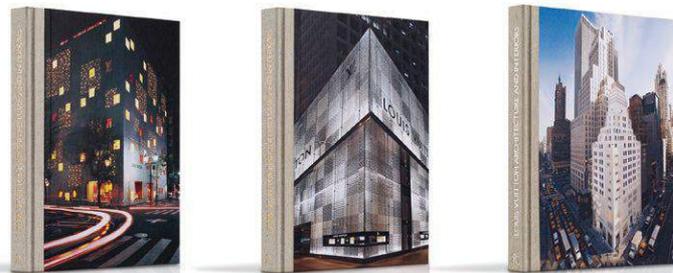
-BRYNN OLSON, NATE BERKUS ASSOCIATES



SPOTTED

99 Bottles of Beer

Craft is a double entendre at **Revolution Brewing** in Logan Square, thanks to the "99 Bottles of Beer Chandelier" that mans its entry and is just as dazzling as the brewpub's acclaimed artisanal ales. The tavern's architects, Cheryl Noel and Ravi Ricker of Wrap Architecture, dreamed up the fixture, but fabricating it proved to be a labor of love. Noel blew 99 beer bottles into globes—not an easy task, since molded glass is not very flexible—and Ricker designed and fabricated a hanging system out of 300 little hand-cut pieces of aluminum, threaded into three-piece holders. Once inserted into the bottlenecks, they open to become 3-D stars that hold the bottles in place with heavenly élan. 2323 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773.227.2739, revbrew.com —Lisa Skolnik



REQUIRED READING

Building Luxury

From retail spaces to fashion and accessories, the house of **Louis Vuitton** encourages innovation and playfulness, creating a natural harmony between fashion and design. And a new book, *Louis Vuitton: Architecture* (Rizzoli, \$85) delves into the process of designing the brand's retail spaces and how they have allowed the luxury outfit to explore avant-garde architecture. The tome touts interviews with some of today's most talented architects and designers, who discuss what it was like to collaborate with LV to dream up the physical characteristics of the buildings—as well as the concepts behind them. At *Louis Vuitton* and louisvuitton.com —Kate Baratta