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1. KLAP YOUR HANDS Klapsons, Singapore

Klapsons in Singapore's central business district may officially be targeting the business market, but its interiors tell a different story. Designers Sawaya & Moroni make use of luminous acrylic, steel mesh walls and Swarovski chandeliers, and there's a steel sphere that's both a reception booth and art installation. Rooms share this retro-Jetsons vibe, but bedding is comfortably traditional. After hours, head to Lucas restaurant where chef Ivan Schuls sends out chunks of smoky steak. **DW**
15 Hoe Chiang Road, 01-01 Tower Fifteen, Singapore. tel: 65.65 219 030. www.klapsons.com. Rates: from S\$385

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2. ISLAND FEVER Ven Bar, Maldives

There's any number of reasons for winging your way to the Maldives. That it's slowly sinking into the Indian Ocean is one. Another is the irresistible Velassaru resort. In her first international outing, Singapore-based interior designer Leong Mei Keng unveils a sensual blend of white linen, silver-leafed walls, stone and oak. Her finest moment, however, is the beach bar, Ven. Here, a hypnotic tessellated timber roof hangs over a raised bar, while just steps away the fabled Maldives sand – the colour of pure white coral – meets crystalline blue water. **Daven Wu**
39 Orchid Magu, Maale, Maldives. tel: 9.60 664 3042. www.velassaru.com

3. TORY TIME Tory Row, Boston

Tory Row, the latest addition to Chris Lutes' and Matthew Curtis' already five-strong local empire, injects some much-needed life into Boston's Harvard Square. Local architect Temple Simpson has created a casual space with teak veneer walls, communal grey slate tables and stripped wood floors, as well as Shepard Fairey artwork made from graffiti that once adorned the building's exterior. The stripped-back aesthetic complements the rustic fare – from chicken pot pie to cheesy baked pasta, the cuisine is hearty and unpretentious. **Sarah Baldwin**
3 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Boston. tel: 1.617 876 8769. www.toryrow.us