



Downtown's Hotel Icon—under new owners including Magic Johnson, below—will get a Texas-savvy renovation.



**HOTEL HIP**

# Pro and Icon

**Hotel Icon** (220 Main St., 713.224.4266) is getting a makeover. Built 100 years ago as a bank, the Downtown hotel—now owned by Canyon-Johnson group, whose partners include basketball legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson—will next spring debut a new look courtesy of the design team that transformed Houston’s Warwick Hotel into Hotel ZaZa several years ago. Expect a rich earthy palette—clay reds, coppers and bronzes—and a more low-key vibe, says Kimberly Miller of Duncan Miller Design. Think big comfy leather chairs, “cowboy cool” chandeliers, eclectic found objects and large artwork. The revamp will also play up historic features, such as the grand neoclassical columns that line the exterior, and a soaring lobby restaurant, newly renamed Line & Lariat. David Luna, formerly of Flora & Muse, is overseeing the menu overhaul, adding Gulf seafood, steaks and wild game to reflect the “bounty of Texas’ coast, waterways, farms and ranches,” say a rep. Adds Johnson: “I’m excited to be invested in this type of history.” —JS

**(OVERHEARD)**

“It’s a shame when the lady outdresses the man. But you don’t see that as much here.”

—Isaia exec **Victor DeLeon**, praising Houston men’s style. The Italian men’s clothing brand honcho visited Saks Fifth Avenue in the Galleria to launch a new contemporary suiting collection for fall, featuring Houston humidity-friendly breathable fabrics and masculine patterns. For more, see Scene in Houston.

**POP QUIZ**

## PRICE TAGS

It’s our annual Wish List Issue, and some wishes don’t come cheap! Can you match the asking price in green with the some of the most luxurious loot now available in Houston? It can all be yours, *if* the price is right. Answers bottom right.

- 1** Tesla’s new Model S electric sedan, available for order at Houston’s brand-new Tesla showroom in the Galleria, 5135 W. Alabama St. **A** **\$418**


- 2** 8.4 ounces of Creed’s new Royal Exclusives Collection Original Cologne, at Neiman Marcus. **B** **\$30,500**


- 3** Hotel ZaZa’s King Tut Package, including overnight, breakfast, two gold-wrap spa treatments and two VIP tickets for the MFA’s buzzy *Golden King* exhibit, hotelzaza.com. **C** **\$575**


- 4** Ulysse Nardin Chairman Wave cell phone in rose gold and black, uncells.com. **D** **\$57,400**


- 5** A charter flight on Starbase Aviation to Colorado ski destinations from Houston, starbasejet.com. **E** **\$16,000**


- 6** A bottle of Glenfiddich 50 Year Old Scotch whisky, which is now available at Gigi’s Asian Bistro (for more see Eat Sheet). **F** **\$9,500**


- 7** Table-tennis table by hot artist Tom Burr, one of Neiman Marcus’ annual Fantasy Gifts, 877.966.4438. **G** **\$45,000**



Answer: 1) D. 2) C. 3) A. 4) B. 5) F. 6) E. 7) G.

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