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A Guide to People,
Places + Things That
Matter in 2017

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Surfing at
Nihiwatu Resort,
Sumba Island,
Indonesia

#23

POST-BREXIT DESIGN

While the impending exit of the U.K. from the E.U. continues to cause angst around London, the city's design scene keeps booming. The

Design Museum (224-238 Kensington High St.; 44-207/403-6933) finally reopened in late November after considerable effort; the **Baldwin Gallery** (by appointment; 35 Eltham Rd.; 44-203/620-6744), the first in the U.K. to mix the works of indigenous American artists with European talents, opened the same month inside a house in Blackheath; and a seven-year restoration of various spaces in **Sir John Soane's Museum** (13 Lincoln's Inn Fields; 44-207/405-2107) gives devotees a reason to return to the 19th-century design mecca.



London's Design Museum



The redesigned lobby at Casa Laguna features Moroccan tiles and ceramics.

#24 ORANGE COUNTY IS HAVING A MOMENT

Just south of Los Angeles, a flurry of openings has upped the luxury ante in California's beach community.

When the **Ranch at Laguna Beach** (rooms from \$350; 31106 S. Coast Hwy.; 800-223-3309) opened in October in the Aliso and Wood Canyons, the 97-room hotel became a sophisticated alternative to the area's surfside properties—and the only one with a golf course. Nearby, the 23-room **Casa Laguna Hotel & Spa** (rooms from \$300; 2510 S. Coast Hwy.; 949-494-2996) has been completely reimagined by Martyn Lawrence Bullard with the interior designer's own fabric prints. In Dana Point, **Monarch Beach Resort** (rooms from \$395; One Monarch Beach Resort; 949-234-3900) finished a \$40 million transformation last summer with a 400-room redo and a new Miraval spa (which we wrote about in our November/December issue). Up the coast in Newport Beach, **Lido Marina Village** (3434 Via Lido; 949-673-1400) is a new SoCal-oriented dockside shopping destination adjacent to 47 boat slips.



#25

SECOND NATURE

The most suspenseful chase scene of any recent TV show features no cars, guns, or even people. It stars a newborn iguana miraculously eluding a gang of Galápagos racer snakes, set to a characteristically tense score by composer Hans Zimmer (*Gladiator*, *The Dark Knight*). The sequence is from **Planet Earth II**, BBC's follow-up to its phenomenally successful—and expensive (\$25 million)—2006 nature series, *Planet Earth*, which captured the animal world's rarest rituals in astounding detail. Venerable naturalist David Attenborough returns as narrator, and like all good sequels the series seeks to top its predecessor's thrills. Filming in ultrahigh definition, its stealthy camera operators move even closer to even stranger and more wondrous spectacles—be they snow leopards, swimming sloths, or the peregrine falcons of Manhattan. Premieres on BBC America January 28.



#26

Cali Kitschy Cool

The novelty of California's **AutoCamp**, located both in Santa Barbara and outside of San Francisco in the Russian River Valley, is that guests sleep in modernized Airstream trailers with walnut finishes, Caspar beds, and walk-in showers. Some even have soaking tubs.

From \$200; 888-405-7553.