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THE CITY
2012!*

*THE PLACES AND
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**PALM SPRINGS HEATS UP
GOLDEN GLOBE GLAMOUR
MICHAEL VOLTAGGIO'S
INDELIBLE VISION**

**BRIT CHIC
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BECKINSALE**

We've opened our little black book to create a master list of the top new and notable additions to L.A., from style to interior design and nightlife. Cheers to 2012!

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Her Name Is ZOLA

With song titles like "Lick the Palm of the Burning Handshake," you'd expect **Zola Jesus** (real name: Nika Rozà Danilova) to inhabit the Witch's House in Beverly Hills, not an apartment with paper-thin walls in West Hollywood. It was there that the Wisconsin-raised chanteuse wrote her acclaimed second album, last fall's *Cosmos* (Latin for "endeavor"). With a boundless, opera-trained voice, high-minded inclinations

(Stockhausen, Schopenhauer, Emile Zola) and eerie, industrial bears, the 22-year-old brings a gothic touch to art-pop—a dark, unyielding sound reminiscent of Kate Bush covering the Joy Division catalog. And with two releases in just three years, Danilova is on the verge of breaking through as the most gifted goth since Siouxsie Sioux. Chances are she'll make a believer out of you. zolahesus.com



On the Rise

A brand-new, PDC-adjacent location is converting **Nicky Rising** from a behind-the-scenes resource to a prime-time player. Her showroom carries a carefully selected mix of hand-painted wall coverings, including decorator *faux de Gournay* wallpaper, as well as an A-list selection of graphic, ethnic and traditional fabrics. *8625 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, 310.289.1385, nickyrising.com*

V for Valencich

Erinn Valencich is taking the plunge with 5,000 square feet of retail space that renders her take on high-flying design into

3-D reality. The showroom is filled with glam seating, sculptural tables and storage, all of Valencich's design. *379 S. Robertson Blvd., L.A., 424.777.0526, erinn.com*



The Suite Life

The Presidential Suite at the revamped Hotel Del-Air may have kept its 6,776-square-foot size, but post renovation, the changes are huge. What was once a mere kitchen area is now a bona fide culinary center with enough Wolf, Miele and Sub-Zero amenities to give any professional chef, five-star range. Nightly rates start at \$15,000. *701 Stone Canyon Road, L.A., 310.472.1271, hoteldelair.com*



Head Turner

Decamping from White's Almost Yard after almost a decade, **Nathan Turner** has opened his retail doors again, this time on Melrose Avenue. The designer has expanded his offerings, adding accessories and unique objects along with a mix of Italian and French

antiques. But even with the change in location, Turner is still laser-focused on his vision of easy elegance, where bold color and unexpected materials give rooms that hint of laid-back razz-dazzle. *8546 Melrose Ave., L.A., 310.275.1200, nathanturner.com*

CRAFTED Thoughts!

He's a woodworker and a lighting designer; she prefers the fine arts. A light bulb went off for Brandon and Sandeep Morrison when they created **whyHymn**, a new design store showcasing their eclectic styles. From furniture and lighting to photography and paintings, everything is lovingly handmade by the Morrises and other local artists. *138 N. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323.964.9900, whyhymn.com*

