

'Gun Fishing!',  
taken by Hunter  
S Thompson

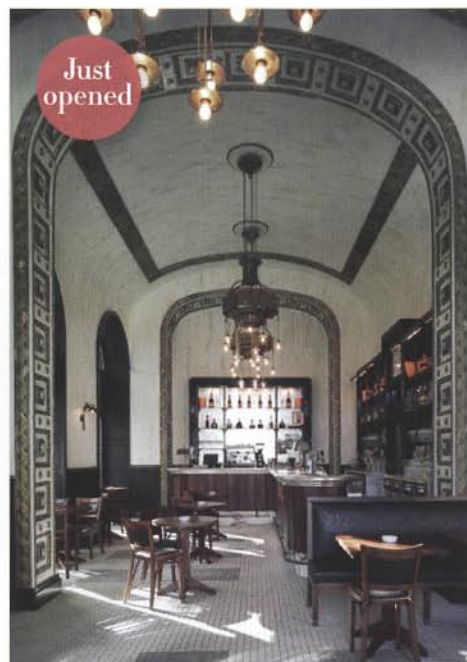
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## CALLING THE SHOTS

'I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity... but they've always worked for me.' What a gift Hunter S Thompson is to the Michael Hoppen Gallery in London. Its next exhibition, *Gonzo, Photographs of and by Hunter S Thompson*, offers a glimpse of a life that careered through the 20th century, from Hell's Angels to the air force and from Aspen politics to Big Sur, ending in 2005 when the maverick writer shot himself. The exhibition runs from 8 Feb-10 Mar 2007 at the Michael Hoppen Gallery, London ([www.michaelhoppengallery.com](http://www.michaelhoppengallery.com)); open Tues-Sat

## QUICK CHANGE

Is it a bag or is it a dress? In fact it's both. Part of the new Y's Mandarinina range from Yohji Yamamoto and Mandarinina Duck, the £660 Tablier bag morphs into a dress with a bustled silhouette. It will be available from Mandarinina Duck in London (020 7495 8288), from March



The interior of the Callas Bar & Café in Budapest

## Vaulty towers



This winter has seen a double whammy for London designer **David Collins**, left. Hot on the heels of the **Callas Bar & Café** – the new restaurant in Budapest that he designed – comes the opening of the **Artesian** bar at London's Langham Hotel. The Hungarian owner

of Callas had seen Collins' work with historic interiors such as The Wolseley and wanted the same sensitivity of design. Drawing inspiration from the elegant interior of Budapest's Franz Liszt Academy of Music, whose stars (including Maria Callas) once frequented the café, Collins created a plaster-and-mosaic vaulted ceiling echoing the Venetian plasterwork and mosaic floor of the original building. The Artesian is named after the artesian well beneath the bar, which dates back to the hotel's Victorian heyday. The exotic decor combines chinoiserie and Victoriana, brought up to date with timber chandeliers, imitation rattlesnake-leather flooring and resin table tops with a lilac-butterfly motif.

The ornate, white walls are enhanced by silver-leaf, bevelled mirrors. The adjoining restaurant, also being designed by Collins, is due to open this summer.

**Callas Bar & Café**, VI. ker. Andrásy út 20, Budapest (00 36 1 354 0954; [www.callascafe.hu](http://www.callascafe.hu)). Dinner for two about £50 without wine  
**Artesian at the Langham Hotel**, 1c Portland Place, London (020 7636 1000; [www.langhamhotels.com](http://www.langhamhotels.com))

**HIGH TABLES** Fancy a snack? Mountain Exposure in Zermatt runs a Gourmet Ski Guiding service to mountain restaurants, from £34 a day ([www.mountainexposure.com](http://www.mountainexposure.com))