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"[Travel] allows us all to have more tolerance for people. I think right now that's more important than ever."

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WITH A LUSH ROOFTOP GARDEN AND EXCLUSIVE IN-STORE SHOPS, RESTORATION HARDWARE'S NEW WEHO LOCATION IS SET TO BE A NEIGHBORHOOD STAR.

By Maile Pingel | Portrait by Jen Siska

"We're not a typical retailer," says Restoration Hardware chairman and CEO Gary Friedman, a statement embodied in the company's new gallery on a prime Melrose corner between La Cienega and the Pacific Design Center. Working with architect James Gillam of Backen, Gillam & Kroeger, the Bay Area firm that defined Napa style, the duo has developed a revolutionary retail experience. "The building had to respect this area of West Hollywood, and we wanted it to feel residential," explains Friedman. The team designed the store to resemble an exclusive estate—one with 40,000 square feet of indoor-outdoor living space. There's a bit of architectural showmanship too: The facade folds open, and there's a spectacular rooftop garden. "People called us crazy," Friedman says with a laugh, recalling how they had to beef up the building's steel structure to support the outdoor area. Landscaped with heritage olive trees, fragrant blooms and Tuileries-inspired pathways, the parklike setting will not only host Restoration Hardware's fabulous outdoor pieces, but the public. "It's a gift to the neighborhood," Friedman delights. "We hope people will come over with their coffee from Urth Café across the street." New this fall are the Harlow chandeliers by Timothy Oulton (from \$2,195), the professor's chair in destroyed leather (\$1,695), and a host of items perfect for holiday entertaining: Belgian linen guest towels (\$44 per set), petrified wood cheeseboards (from \$99) and cast aluminum trays (from \$99). But what especially makes this location a gamechanger is the inclusion of a Bellocq tea shop and an exclusive Ben Soleimani rug showroom, as well as a new interior design center. "It's all a reflection of the things we love," says Friedman. We're smitten too. 8564 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, 310.652.0323, restorationhardware.com

NUMBER CRUNCH

The total dollar amount of winnings at the **Breeders' Cup World Championships** the year's richest two days in sports. A favorite of celebs like Kate Upton and Elizabeth Banks, the race will take place at

the iconic Santa Anita Park for the third consecutive year, giving a home-court advantage to the Golden State's own California Chrome. Make use of the event's VIP packages (from \$649) to gain access to private security entrances, exclusive parties, seating overlooking the finish line in the newly renovated Chandelier Room and more. And don't forget those fascinators and fedoras—the horses shouldn't be the only ones strutting their stuff! Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, 626.574.7223, breederscup.com -Victoria Kirk



The Breeders' Cup World Championships takes place at the Santa Anita Race Track on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.