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silhouettes, including eco-friendly lines. The Bethesda Row boutique itself is even green, with sustainable materials everywhere you look, from the bamboo floors to the recycled glass and concrete surfaces. Shop here and you'll not only look good, you'll feel good too. 7114 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda. 301.664.9242. gingerstyle.com

UPSTAIRS ON 7TH

This boutique is the go-to spot for the city's movers and shakers, reportedly a favorite among members of the Obama administration. Packed with sophisticated clothing and accessories, you'll find pieces that will effortlessly take you from day to night. And drop in for a trunk show to discover the latest in international fashion. 555 12th St. N.W. 301.351.8308. upstairson7th.com

Best Men's Boutiques

HUGO BOSS GEORGETOWN

This men's suiting store from the German clothier is known for its impeccable fit and complementary alterations. It's impos-

sible to leave without the perfect fit. 1517 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. 202.625.2677. hugoboss.com

COMMONWEALTH

Whether you're looking for a hot new sneaker, or the perfect outfit for your next night out, you'll find it at this hipster haven. The well-curated collection

focuses on casual clothing designers, both well-known and brand new, including its own namesake line. 1781 Florida Ave. N.W. 202.265.1830. cmonwealth.com

Best Home Décor Stores

THEODORE'S MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE

Head here for all things modern. This 10,000-square-foot showroom hosts the best domestic and international home furnishing and décor around. Their on-site design team can pick the perfect pieces to transform your space. 2233 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. 202.333.2300. theodores.com

MULÉH

The fitting name means "to come home" in Javanese, and the modern Asian pieces that lie within will turn your space into a true home. 1831 14th St. N.W. 202.667.3440. muleh.com

Best Hotels for Friends

(So they don't stay at your place)

DONOVAN HOUSE

It doesn't get any sexier than this modern getaway. Guests are treated to uncommon luxury the mo-

ment they enter the lobby, and the rooms push enough that they never want to leave. In for a drink at the lounge, or enjoy authentic modern Asian cuisine at Zentan, the on-site taurant. 1155 14th St. 202.737.1200. thompsonhotels.com



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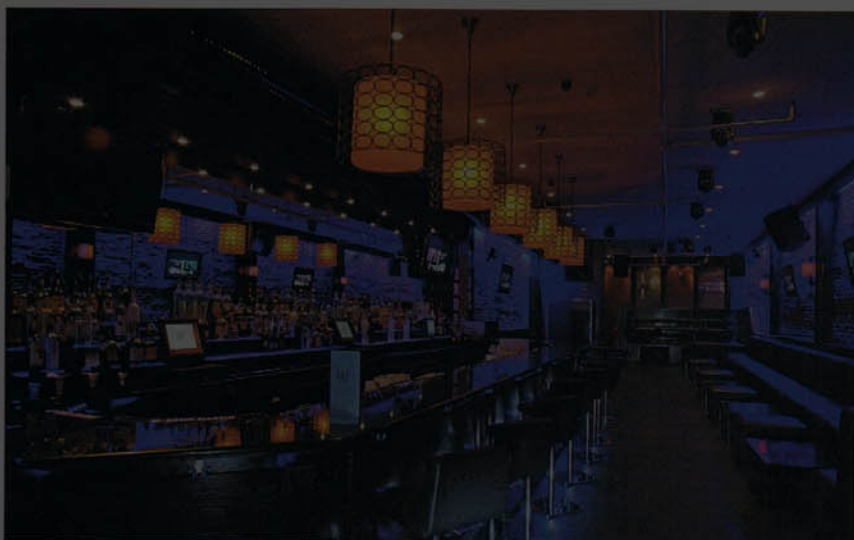
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Best Sexiest Lounges

THE PARK AT FOURTEENTH

Whether you fancy a full dinner (think filet mignon and red snapper—no bar fare here) or simple bottle service, the VIP lounge makes for a sexy night out. Make a reservation, then sit back, listen to the DJ, and mingle with the

other beautiful people. 920
14th St. N.W. 202.737.7275.
park14.com

THE GIBSON

Inspired by the vibe of an old-fashioned speakeasy, this lounge from the owners of Marvin serves up sophisticated cocktails in an intimate, candlelit space. It's easy to see why it's so popular—be sure to make a reservation to book your

two-hour table slot. 2009
14th St. N.W. 202.232.2154.
thegibsondc.com

OYA

This spot is already renowned as a great power-dinner venue. Turns out the bar's not so bad either. 777 9th St. N.W.
202.393.1400. oyaal.com

Best After-Work Cocktails

BAR 7

This bar is the go-to after-work spot for the chic set. There's something for everyone: Grab a specialty drink and a small plate and cozy up on the banquet downstairs, belly up to the bar and watch the game on the flat screens upstairs, or unwind on the dance floor. 1015 1/2 7th St. N.W.
202.347.4343. bar7dc.com

Best Cigar Bars

OZIO

This four-level lounge is not only a haven for cigar and martini aficionados, it's an all-around good night out, with DJs on each level and comfy banquettes that implore you to stay just a little while longer. 1813 M St. N.W.
202.822.6000
oziodc.com

CAPITOL LOUNGE

As a favorite of Hill staffers, the aptly named Capitol Hill bar has been the backdrop to many a backroom deal. Drop in and be a part of history. 229 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E.
202.547.2098.
capitollounge.com

Best Hotel Bars

POV ROOFTOP AT THE WASHINGTON, D.C.

Head to the 11th floor to drink among the stars and soak in the view of the city's amazing monuments. The tapas are plentiful, and the red velvet banquettes are plush—you won't be leaving any time soon. 515 15th St. N.W.
202.661.2400.
whotels.com/washingtondc

URBANA AT HOTEL PALOMAR WASHINGTON, D.C.

This wine bar and Italian restaurant offers an extensive wine list, with domestic bottles and vintages from Italy, France, and Spain. Enjoy small plates from the seasonal menu and imbibe at the bar while you chat up that intriguing stranger. 2121 P St. N.W. 202.956.6650.
hotelpalomar-dc.com

Best Women's Boutiques

GINGER

This upscale shop's collection focuses on modern, feminine clothes in classic

