

This week's travel buzz

Chic eats in South Beach

San Francisco - Play a game of upstairs, downstairs at Twenty Five Lusk in San Francisco's up-and-coming South Beach district. The bi-level restaurant/bar was carved out of a building that dates to 1917 (it was originally a smokehouse and meat-processing facility) and combines futuristic industrial design (black leather booths and a glassed-in show kitchen) with original exposed bricks and timber beams. The centrepiece is architect Cass Calder Smith's soaring steel fire orb flues that pass from the main-floor dining room to the lounge below. Chef Matthew Dolan (a protégé of Emeril Lagasse) and wine director Cezar Kusik, formerly the sommelier at San Francisco's Rubicon restaurant, add epicurean star power. 25 Lusk St., at Townsend Street. www.twentynivelusk.com