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Heston Blumenthal

GASTRONOMY ON THE GO

Heston Blumenthal, owner of the Fat Duck restaurant outside London, may be known for his Michelin-starred culinary creations such as snail porridge and salmon poached in licorice, but he's clearly no food snob. Last year he undertook a highly inventive revamp of one of England's Little Chef budget roadside restaurants, best known for their straight-forward Denny's-style offerings. It was such a success that the concept has been extended to two more locations—in York and Kettering, in the Midlands—which will offer Blumenthal's low-priced versions of highbrow treats including braised ox cheeks and chocolate truffle cake.

Cooking High

It's one thing for a three-star chef to cater an elaborate dinner party; it's another thing to do it while suspended from a crane, 164 feet above the ground. But 11 of France's top culinary talents have signed on for Dinner in the Sky, the movable dining event that arrives in Paris in September. For four days, Alain Passard, Pierre Gagnaire and Yannick Alléno, among others, will prepare meals for dinner parties of 22 people who will pay as

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Crystal Vision

Here's a collaboration sure to have collectors scrambling: two limited-edition Philippe Starck-designed Flos lamps, available by special order, featuring a scrolling micro-LED banner with text by artist Jenny Holzer, all encased in delicate Baccarat crystal. Taken from Holzer's "Truisms" and "Survival" series, the quotes include MODERATION KILLS THE SPIRIT AND MONEY CREATES TASTE. Starck has a somewhat mystical analysis of the work's value. "Crystal has a spirit," he muses. "It was interesting to see if, thanks to high modern technology, we could also give it a voice in order to listen to its poetry." Evidently, poetry comes at a price: The table lamp costs \$12,800, and the floor lamp will go for a cool \$128,000.

Baccarat lamps by Philippe Starck and Jenny Holzer

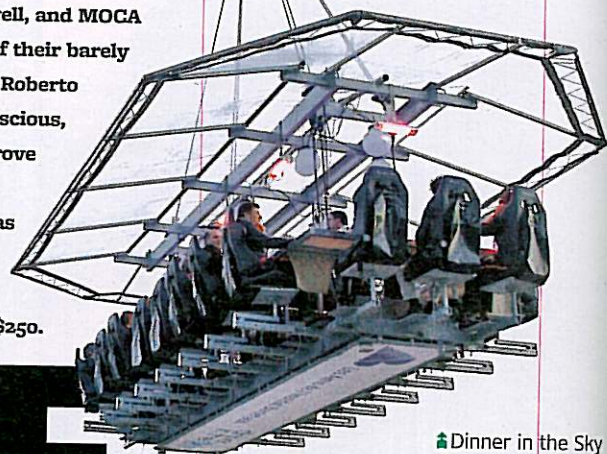


Money creates taste

Moderation kills the spirit

Secondhand Steals

Miami socialites are no longer heading to consignment shops with last season's threads. Instead, sugar heiress Raysa Fanjul, real-estate mogul wives Darlene Perez and Natasha Lowell, and MOCA trustee Lourdes Jofré-Collett have donated a slew of their barely worn frocks—including pieces by Carolina Herrera, Roberto Cavalli and Yves Saint Laurent—to Fashionably Conscious, a sale on September 18 and 19 to benefit Coconut Grove Cares' Barnyard Community Center, which serves inner-city Miami youth. The three-year-old event was arranged by members of the city's junior set, who report that last year's steals included a twice-worn Dior gown for \$75 and a new Louis Vuitton bag for \$250.



Dinner in the Sky

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much as \$37,000 as a group to be strapped into their seats and dangled above the Tuileries gardens. (The chefs do some preparation on the ground but perform the cooking on a platform in the air.) And while rumor has it that a few top chefs declined to participate due to a fear of heights, the Ritz's famed bartender Colin Field, who is slated to do a cocktail tasting, seized the chance. "Colin wanted to bungee jump while up there," says David Chysels of Dinner in the Sky. "But we won't let him."