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**An insider's guide to the best new places to eat, shop, stay and visit—from Tokyo to the Florida Keys.**

**Islamorada, FL** Just an hour and a half from Miami International Airport, the newly restored **Casa Morada** is nestled on the Florida Bay in lush surroundings created by the socialist landscape architect Raymond Jungles. The hotel is comfortably modern with white terrace floors, natural textures, dark wood and white Panton chairs at British colonial game tables. All of its sixteen rooms have private terraces. The hotel, which is long on style and comfort, has been totally updated by its new owners, Shoreside Resort Management (former Ian Schrager employees), and offers a host of outdoor activities, from boating to tennis. Although Casa Morada doesn't yet have its own restaurant, it does serve a delicious breakfast. Rooms start at \$100 (136 Madeira Rd., 305/664-0044, [casamorada.com](http://casamorada.com)).

**New York City** The wildly successful Finnish company Marimekko (it means "Mary's dress"), which started in 1961, grew from a small textile printing firm into an international phenomenon that received a *Life* magazine pictorial. **Marimekko: Fabrica, Fashion, Architecture** (November 23 to February 15, 2004) at the Bard Graduate Center in Manhattan focuses on the unique modern vision of Armi Ratia, the company's founder and artistic director. It was she who introduced the then-groundbreaking concept of expanding fashion to embrace the entire home. More than 150 examples of the company's products—including this 1974 dress by Kotsoji Wakisaka—and architecture (plans for a utopian community that were never realized) will be on view (18 W. 94th St., 212/301-3050, <http://bard.edu>). >

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