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ABOUT TOWN: THOMAS SCHOOS

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Thomas Schoos isn't any ordinary designer. After all, he and his design team—comprised of **Schoos Design** and The Schoos Group—is responsible for creating environments at restaurants from **Herringbone** in Los Angeles and **Morimoto Napa**, to hospitality projects including **The Huntley Hotel** in Santa Monica and Alfred Hitchcock-inspired **Hotel Vertigo** in San Francisco. But, the designer, who recently completed **Beach Nation** in West Hollywood (with an outdoor patio with bright orange floor lamps and a casual, resort-style vibe), reveals he doesn't have a lot of free time. "If I have a night off, I'd rather stay at home and enjoy dinner and wine with my partner and a few close friends," says Schoos. "However, when I'm abroad, I always try to make time for a night out to get a feel for the culture and flair of the area while seeing what's new in nightlife around the world."

When he is in town, though, he tells *C* his mainstays (some even his own creations), favorite landmarks, and where he escapes for a leisurely afternoon.

By Jennie Nunn

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THE PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS Truly, when it comes to hotels & hospitality, it really is all about the service. The Peninsula Beverly Hills, both sophisticated and service-oriented, also boasts extraordinary comfort in terms of their beds.

ENNIS HOUSE by Frank Lloyd Wright. I see each of his houses as works of art. Specifically, his Ennis Hills house in Los Feliz. It's truly iconic.

Pictured: Thomas Schoos

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