

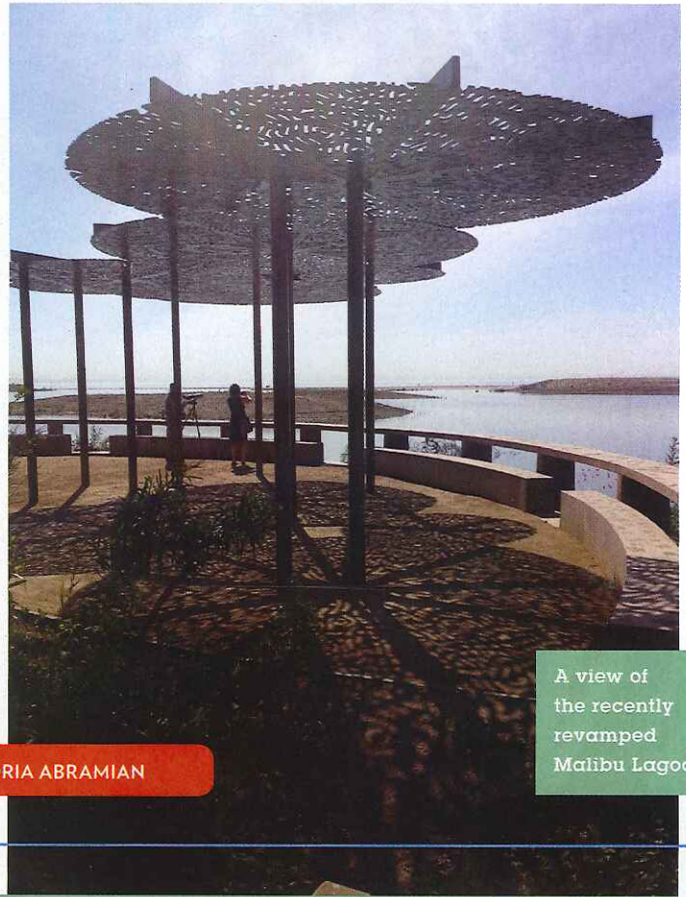
WHAT'S HOT IN GREATER SOCAL

# BEACH ACCESSED

Malibu's notoriously hard-to-get-to beaches will regain one significant opening this summer. The Malibu Lagoon has just emerged from a major, one-year overhaul that involved dredging the entire area of sediment that was causing it to fill with waste and trash. Open to the public again, the lagoon is now back in circulation, with much cleaner water that will better support that area's migrating birds, fish and other animal life. The redo has also added several features tailor-made for students, surfers, beachgoers and birders, including a bird observation deck and a bird blind, as well as the Surfer's Express, a 1,800-foot-long path that gives wave riders quicker access to Surfrider Beach.

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A view of the recently revamped Malibu Lagoon



Inside the dramatically designed Figue restaurant in La Quinta

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## Desert Revival

June may be one of the best – and last – months to comfortably visit the high desert until October. And a serious design revival is happening there now, making it the perfect time to escape June gloom and get in on some of SoCal's hottest new spaces. Uber designer Thomas Schoos just finished Figue, a new La Quinta Mediterranean-minded restaurant where the stunning décor creates its own version of mid-century, rustic-luxe design. You've got until June 30 to visit Sunnylands, the A. Quincy Jones Rancho Mirage estate built for the Annenbergs in the 1960s (otherwise you'll have to wait until it opens up again in September). Only recently opened to the public, it offers a peek into pristine, practically untouched mid-century decorating style. Looking for a bigger piece of the high-design action? Bob and Dolores Hope's John Lautner estate in Palm Springs (the largest Lautner ever designed) is currently on the market for the first time ever. Asking price? \$50million.

[eatfigue.com](http://eatfigue.com) ∴ [sunnylands.org](http://sunnylands.org)