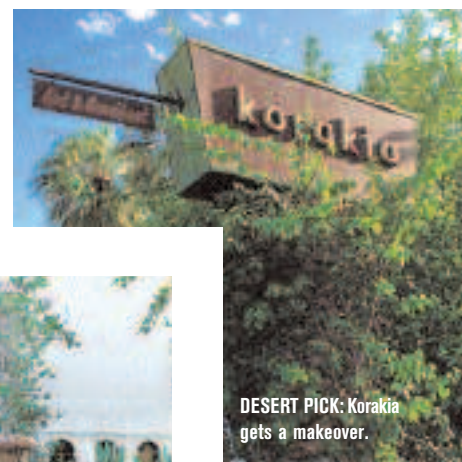
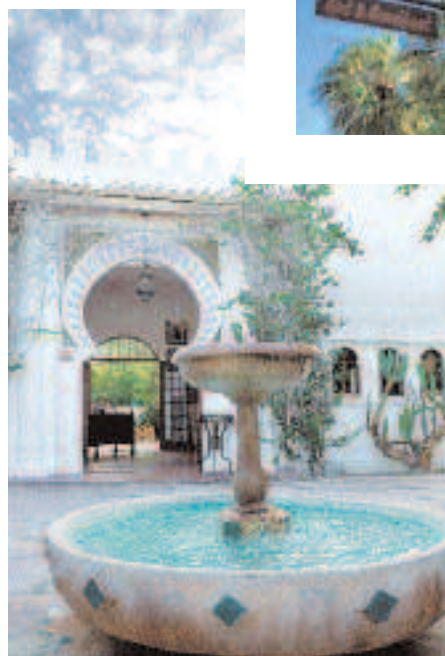


HOME FRONT NOW!



THE REEL DEAL!

Two days, tops. That's the length of time these custom vintage film reel tables stay on the floor at Solo, in Solana Beach's Cedros District. Designer Jennifer Price scours the country for the reels and has them refurbished, and then—are you ready?—mounted atop Herman Miller bases, some of which are from vintage airport seats. Talk about a design double whammy! "In the age of digital, they're getting harder to find," says Price. "Once they're gone, they're gone. We're getting out-bid on eBay like crazy." aluminum reels, she recently discovered a 1940s Woody Woodpecker strip. When it comes to old Hollywood, this designer is not stopping at film reels. She tirelessly searches for her industrial-chic items, many of which are one-of-a-kind, including a huge light-up star plucked from an old Texas dance hall. (Sold!) The other must-have she's refurbishing: old cinema lights that are being rewired for residential projects and remounted on vintage tripods. "You can throw a 40-watt bulb in there, no problem," she says. The lamps have garnered fans beyond celeb clients and film buffs; San Diego's cutting-edge architect Sebastian Mariscal was recently at Solo to purchase one for his concrete-and-wood La Jolla pad. Call it a downright ode to indoor-outdoor interplay. Are you ready for your close-up? 309 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858.794.9016, www.solocedros.com. —G.F.



DESERT PICK: Korakia gets a makeover.

INN-SIDER STORY

Steeped in A-list history, Korakia has long been a fave celeb hideaway. And now, thanks to the Newport Beach-based Makar Properties, the exclusive

Moroccan outpost is undergoing a freshening-up. This from the group whose annual holiday party—one of the most anticipated on the O.C. circuit—was Moroccan themed, replete with an elephant greetings guests. Call it a labor of love for Makar prez and CEO, Paul Makarechian. "The first time I saw Korakia I felt an immediate connection with the experiential quality of the resort." And not to worry—Makarechian doesn't just talk the talk. Makar is behind St. Regis Monarch Beach's modern make-over and is currently redoing a historic art deco Ritz Plaza Hotel in Miami with Philippe Starck-influenced touches. For the Korakia redux, Makarechian is more about the extreme makeunder. All of the iconic architectural elements will remain in their full glory. Instead, changes will come in the details; hand-painted Moroccan tea glasses deployed for afternoon tea service, vintage board games in guests rooms and new spa products that promise no shortage of ahhh moments. Oh, and let's not forget about outdoor yoga. Visit www.korakia.com. —G.F.

STICKY SIDE UP!

Forget the old, gray duct tape when you want to send that care package. Packaging tape is the newest common object that has recently gone under the designer's microscope. There is a decorative tape out there that suits any mood. Fancy adhesives such as black lace tape by designer Karl Zahn or fun python-patterned tape by Atypyk (right) will be sure to make the postman a little curious. Available at www.charlesandmarie.com. —Diajeng Hendratmo-Brown

TAPE IT! Atypyk's python-patterned tape.

