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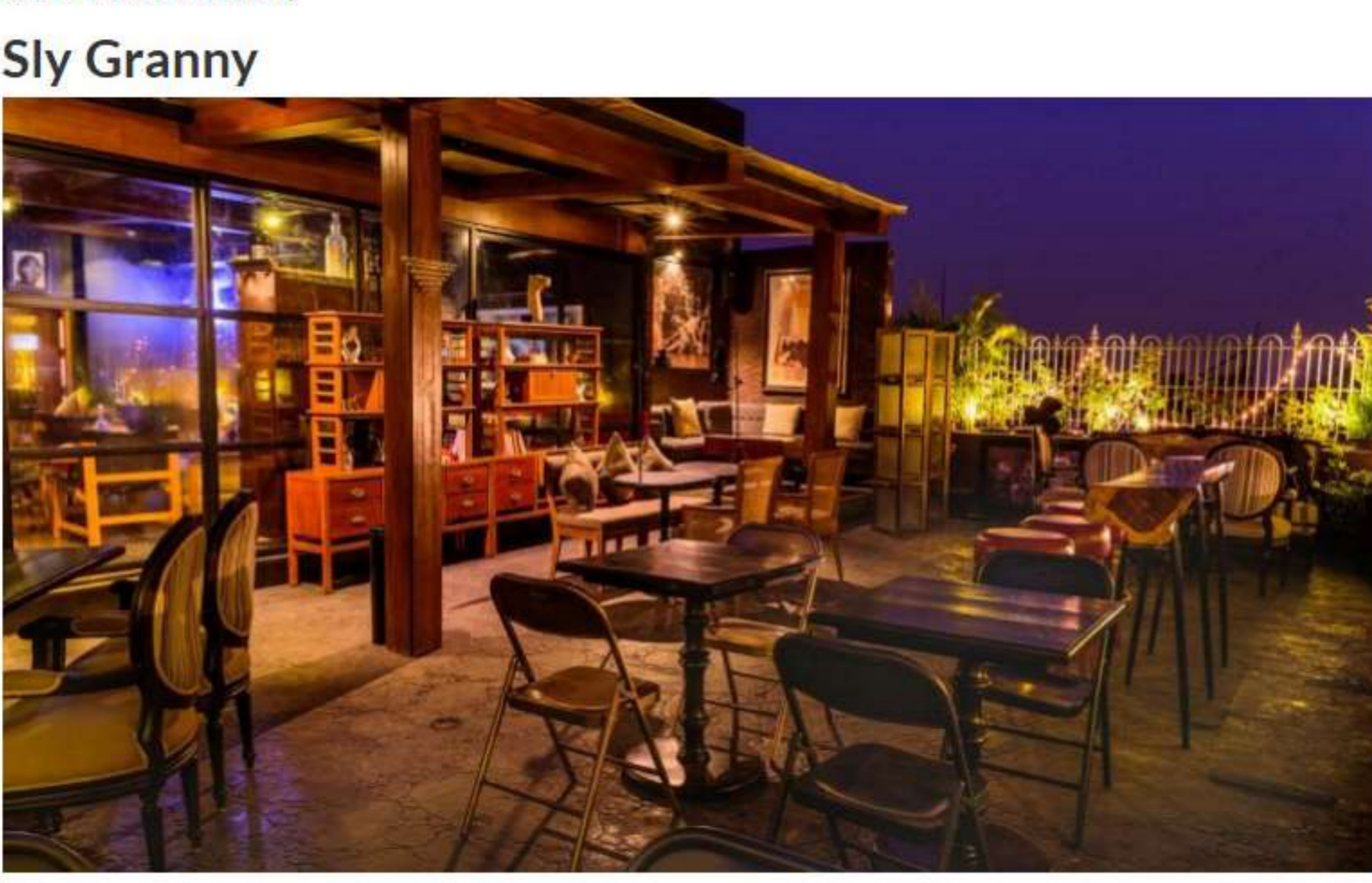
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Our list of the city's trendiest bars and nightspots is totally worth braving the city's infamous traffic. From a rooftop bar with breath-taking views of the city to a quaint bar with its dirty little secret, there's enough to lure you from the comfort of your next house party. **(ALSO READ 4 things you didn't know about Jack Daniels)**

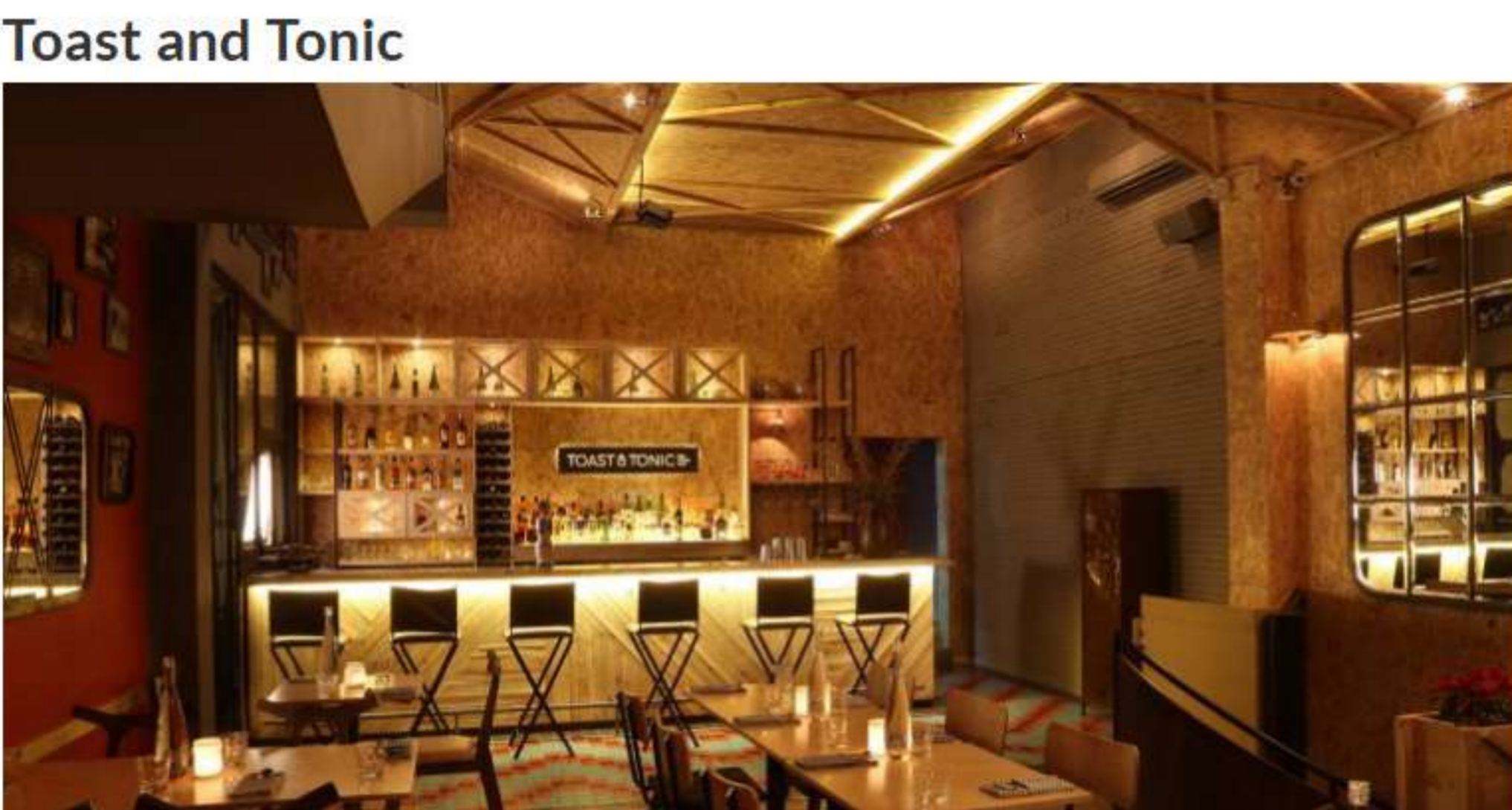
Sly Granny



12th Main road's (Indira Nagar) newest bar has a wicked story to tell that (in case you didn't guess) revolves around a Sly Granny (of a young 30-something American desi who has just inherited his grandmother's house and suddenly discovers that she's hidden more skeletons in her cupboard than your everyday grand mom. True story? You figure). It's spread over three levels including a space we dare not speak about (a speakeasy bar). The food and drinks are a mixed bag but Sly's appeal stems from its cleverly imagined spaces that include a flight of stairs studded with a mishmash of portraits and paintings that leads to a funky outdoor space where the music is decidedly 2017.

GQ recommends: Baked Brie, Crunchy Calamari Rings

Toast and Tonic



Drenched in East Village, NYC chic with chipboard walls and handcrafted light fittings, Toast and Tonic is a mild throwback to the swinging '60s when everything was apparently groovier and clearly aimed at a mature audience that won't queue up for a Justin Bieber gig.

GQ recommends: Old fashioned with a bacon-infused Bourbon

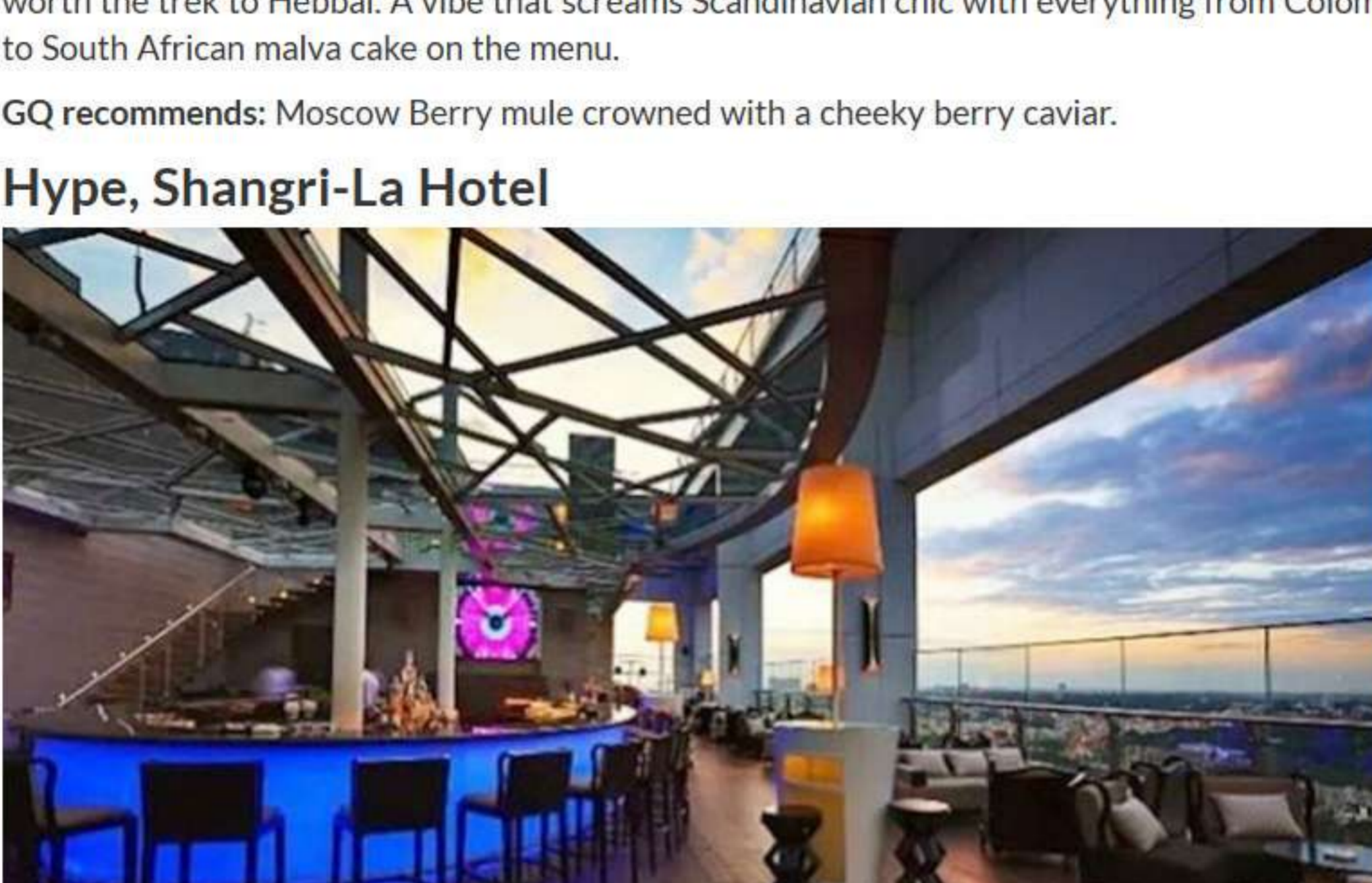
Druid Garden



It's probably one of the city's most audacious recent F&B launches - it's far from the city's traditional nightspots, spread over 30,000 sq ft with its own Wimbledon-style retractable roof, and yet totally worth the trek to Hebbal. A vibe that screams Scandinavian chic with everything from Colombian Arepas to South African malva cake on the menu.

GQ recommends: Moscow Berry mule crowned with a cheeky berry caviar.

Hype, Shangri-La Hotel



This city loves its rooftop bars and why not. With a bar menu crafted by Charly, the master mixologist from Shangri-la Hong Kong's award-winning Lobster Bar and 360-degree city panoramas, this space is clearly more than just hype; perfect to let your hair down on a Saturday night.

GQ recommends: Zodiac cocktails, the poutine fries under Parma ham and melted cheese.

Koramangala Social



The 15th link in the Social chain might well be its cleverest addition. The Greenhouse Effect here is a welcome change - loads of light and abundant greenery; the ideal spot to trash your dragon boss over a drink with your work buddies on a Saturday afternoon.

GQ recommends: The Acharoska cocktail, peanut butter jelly toast with strips of bacon.

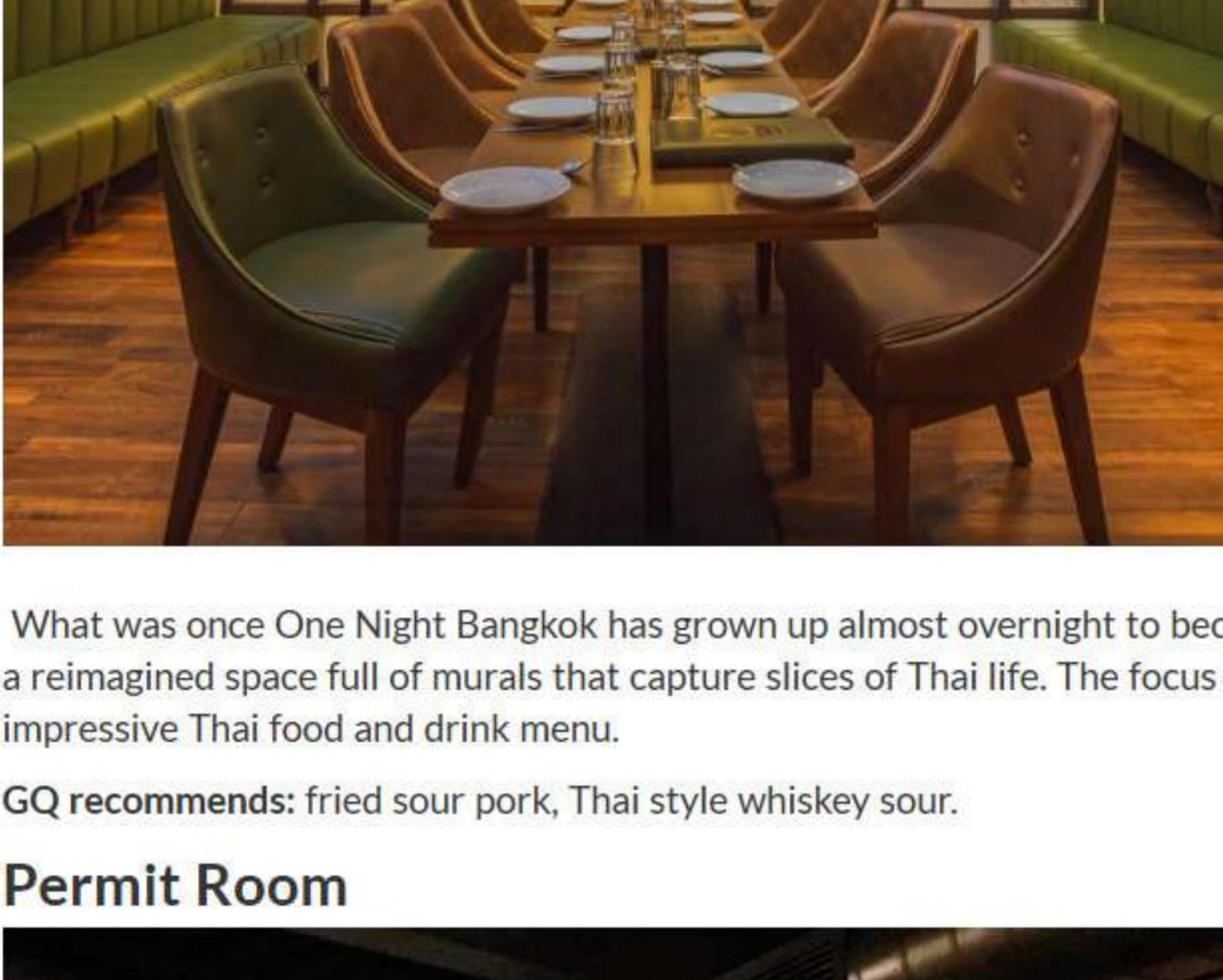
Siam Trading Co



What was once One Night Bangkok has grown up almost overnight to become a saner nightspot within a reimagined space full of murals that capture slices of Thai life. The focus has also shifted on the outlet's impressive Thai food and drink menu.

GQ recommends: fried sour pork, Thai style whiskey sour.

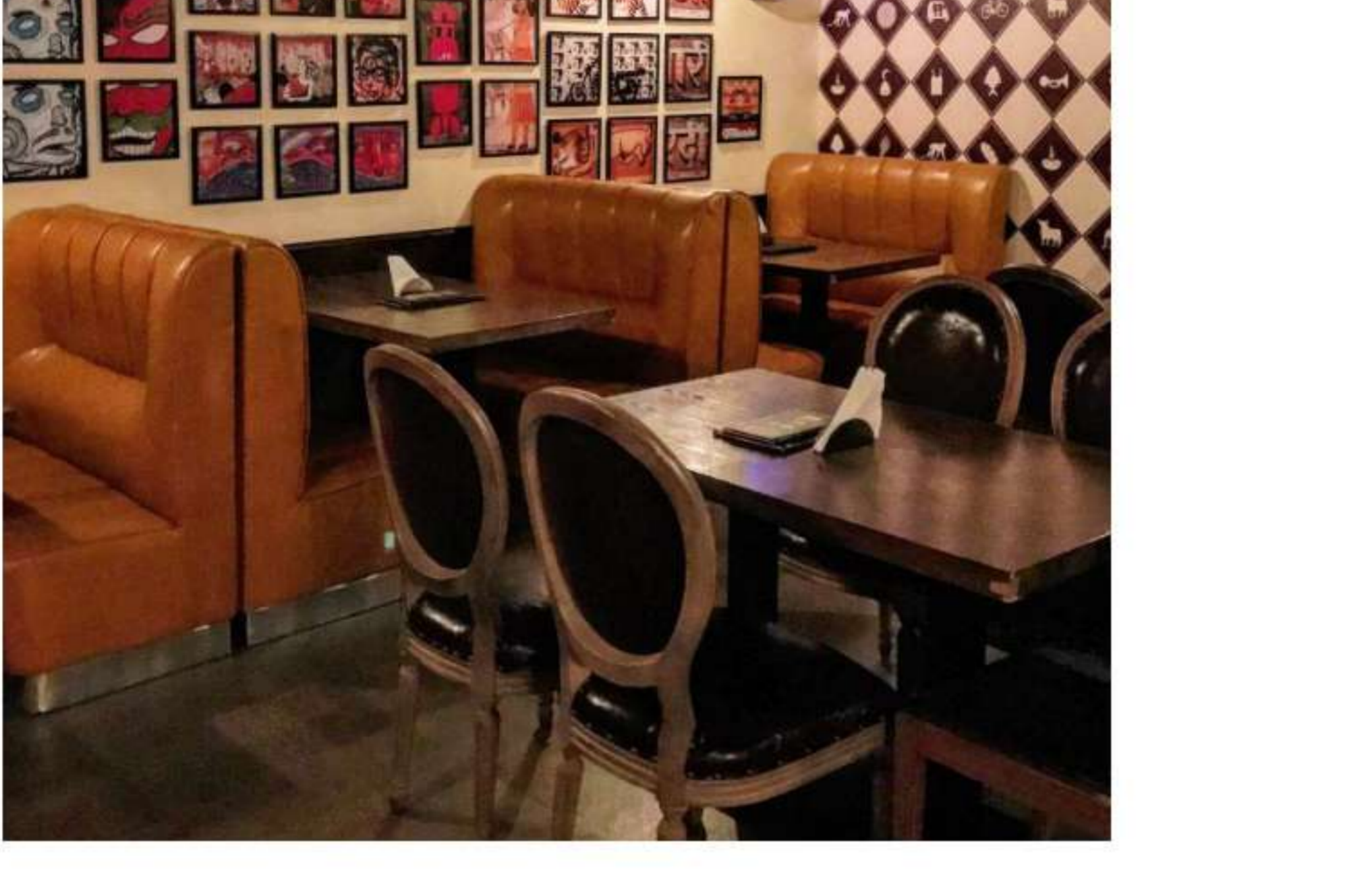
Permit Room



Even the retro music can't repel the teeny boppers; this quirky space is where podi idlis and craft cocktails co-exist and where it's not easy to score a table on a Friday night. The bar snacks and mains are all classic South Indian favourites in 2010 avatars while the 'no-holds barred' cocktails even seek inspiration from your grandmother's rasam.

GQ recommends: Kerala beef fry on coin parottas

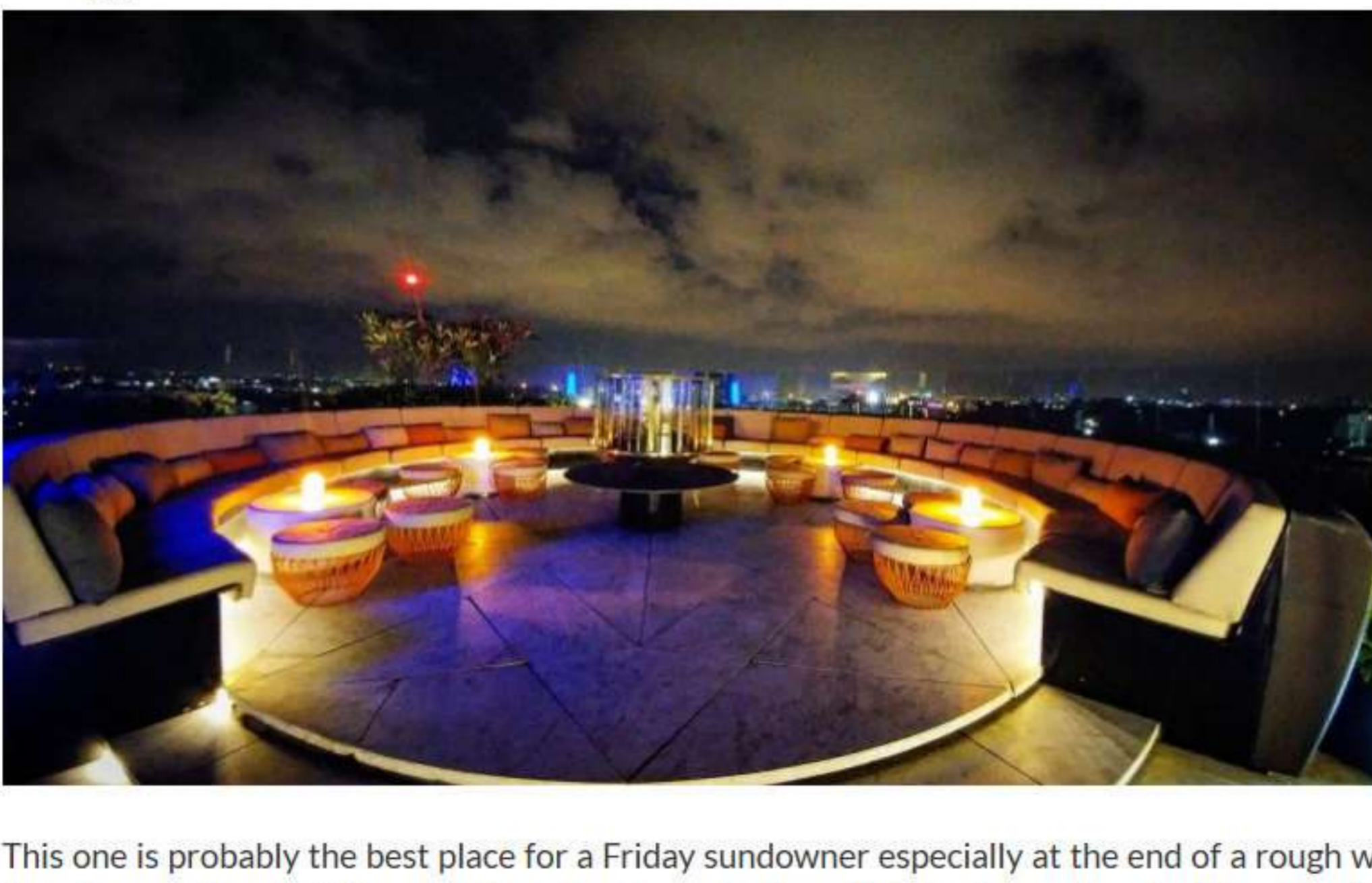
Bang, The Ritz Carlton



This one is probably the best place for a Friday sundowner especially at the end of a rough week at work. Bang is more than just the uncluttered, panoramic views; this bar knows how to infuse its gin and whip up wicked cocktails with its exotic spirits.

GQ recommends: Earth Fortune Awaits (with cognac, plum liquor and honey ginger)

Sotally Tober



It's not just one of the most cleverly named bars in the city; the quirks almost never stop. From irreverent décor that almost borders on distress chic to food laced with alcohol and unconventional cocktails this is a happy hunting ground for the city's tech geeks and hipsters alike.

GQ recommends: Sotally Spice, their signature spicy cocktail

Liber



This unpretentious restobar features an al-fresco section on the top floor where you might enjoy playing unwind with your buddies. You can opt for the more elegant indoor seating option just in case you return for a dinner date and pick from a diverse menu.

GQ recommends: Tantric mojito with spiced rum