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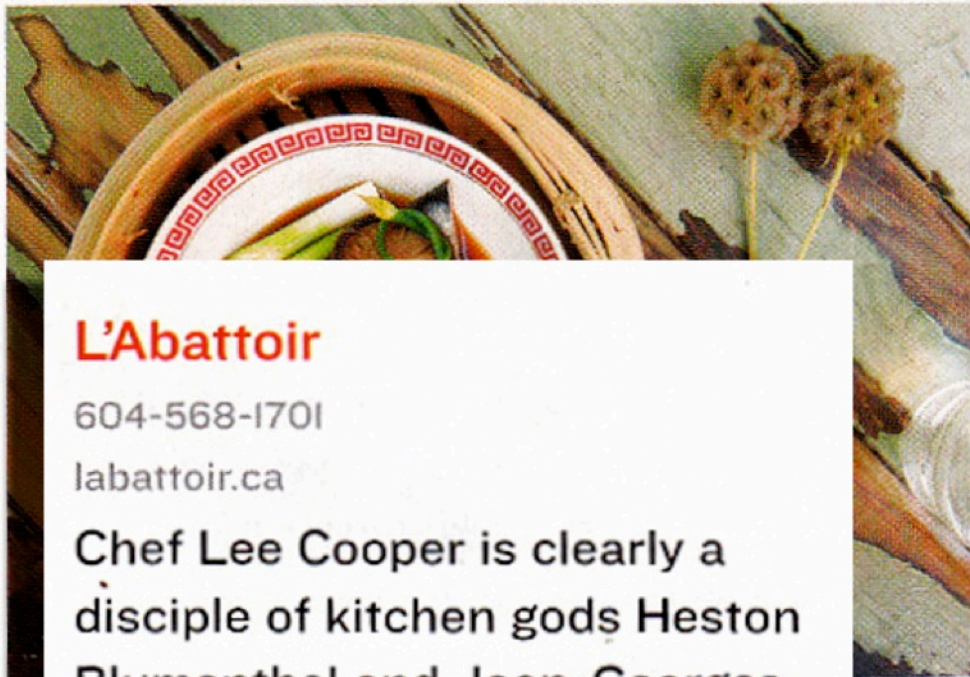
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Vancouver

An aerial night photograph of the Vancouver skyline. The city is illuminated with warm yellow and orange lights from buildings and streets. A prominent, tall, modern skyscraper with a glass facade is the central focus, reflecting the city lights. In the background, snow-capped mountains rise against a dark blue twilight sky. The water of the harbor is visible, reflecting the city lights.

Northern Exposure Far more than a stand-in for film and TV locales in the Lower 48, Vancouver is a compact collection of vibrant communities with stunning landscapes and amazing art, architecture, shopping and serious dining and cocktail spots. And in the wake of last year's Winter Olympic Games, it's rife with new and newly renovated hotel rooms both modern and traditional. To make sense of it all, here is a highly selective concatenation of divertissements compiled for us by Lotusland savants.

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Chef Lee Cooper is clearly a disciple of kitchen gods Heston Blumenthal and Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Chicken salad? A marvel of mousse with paper-thin pickled cauliflower, foie-gras mayo and pink-shrimp crackers. And that same innovation is applied to cocktails.

