



FRENCH POLITICS

Villa Shanti is tucked away in a quiet lane in Pondicherry's French Quarter. The 15-room boutique hotel was originally home to a French mayor and makes for a great glimpse of the seat of politicians past. Lavillashanti.com



2 MINUTES WITH...

Rooshad Shroff, architect and industrial designer

- Mumbai-born Shroff trained at Cornell and Harvard, and cut his teeth in the offices of fashion designer Issey Miyake and star architects Rem Koolhaas (at OMA) and Zaha Hadid. "OMA is a firm I look up to for the way they rethink buildings," he says. "Hadid is different—much more stylised, formal and individualistic."
- Shroff is responsible for the C-Series line of furniture crafted from recycled Burma teak and featuring traditional joinery methods. "I'm moving towards art-furniture pieces by borrowing from handicraft methods," he explains. *The C-Series collection is available at Le Mill, Mumbai; Lemill.in*

BUZZ

HOW TO LIVE IT UP THIS SEPTEMBER

TASTE TEST

Vogue picks the must-try dish at Mumbai's hottest new table, **Serafina** PAGLIA E FIENO DEL SUD

A favourite at the Italian restaurant's flagship in Manhattan, the rich basil and tomato sauce topped with parmesan is particularly good. Pair with a crisp chardonnay. Serafinarestaurant.com



ARMY MAN

Stand back and watch Lladro Atelier's army of porcelain dolls march into stores this month, as art director and designer extraordinaire Jaime Hayón introduces The Guest collection. Lladro invited American artist Tim Biskup and Japanese Studio Devilrobots to create this limited-edition collection of quirky forms and graphic patterns. Lladro.com



THE BIG BOOK OF CHIC

THE DESIGN TOME

As creative director of Oscar de la Renta Home, Miles Redd has more than a few design aces up his sleeve. *The Big Book Of Chic* chronicles his career, the cosy yet grand rooms he has decorated, and the artists and places that have inspired him along the way. Here's a first look at the book that is soon to hit stores—and no doubt every design aficionado's shelf.

The Big Book Of Chic, Assouline, ₹4,000

