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The view from
The Penthouse
dining room at
The Huntley Hotel.

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WHITE HOT The newest addition to Santa Monica dining is this rooftop eyrie at The Huntley Hotel. From white, curtained booths, hotel guests and locals-in-the-know sip cocktails and soak in sweeping views of the city and the coast. This bar and restaurant – dubbed simply The Penthouse – is the work of designer Thomas Schoos, whose other projects include Koi and the moody Wilshire restaurants. Schoos has taken this rooftop room and created a sophisticated space that manages to embrace all things white while staying warm and inviting. There's an open fire (Angelenos love their fireplaces),

oversized club chairs, a sexy mirror-topped bar and, of course, the booths. Almost everyone is in jeans and since this is LA almost everyone is drinking a martini. Feel free to buck the trend – the drinks menu includes a truly mean mint mojito. The restaurant, which takes up roughly half the large space, is headed by chef Michael Reidt and serves up dishes made with produce from the Santa Monica farmers' market. It's the perfect place to order a pomegranate martini and watch the sun slip into the Pacific. *1111 Second Street, Santa Monica; +1 310 394 5454; www.thehuntleyhotel.com* – CERENTHA HARRIS