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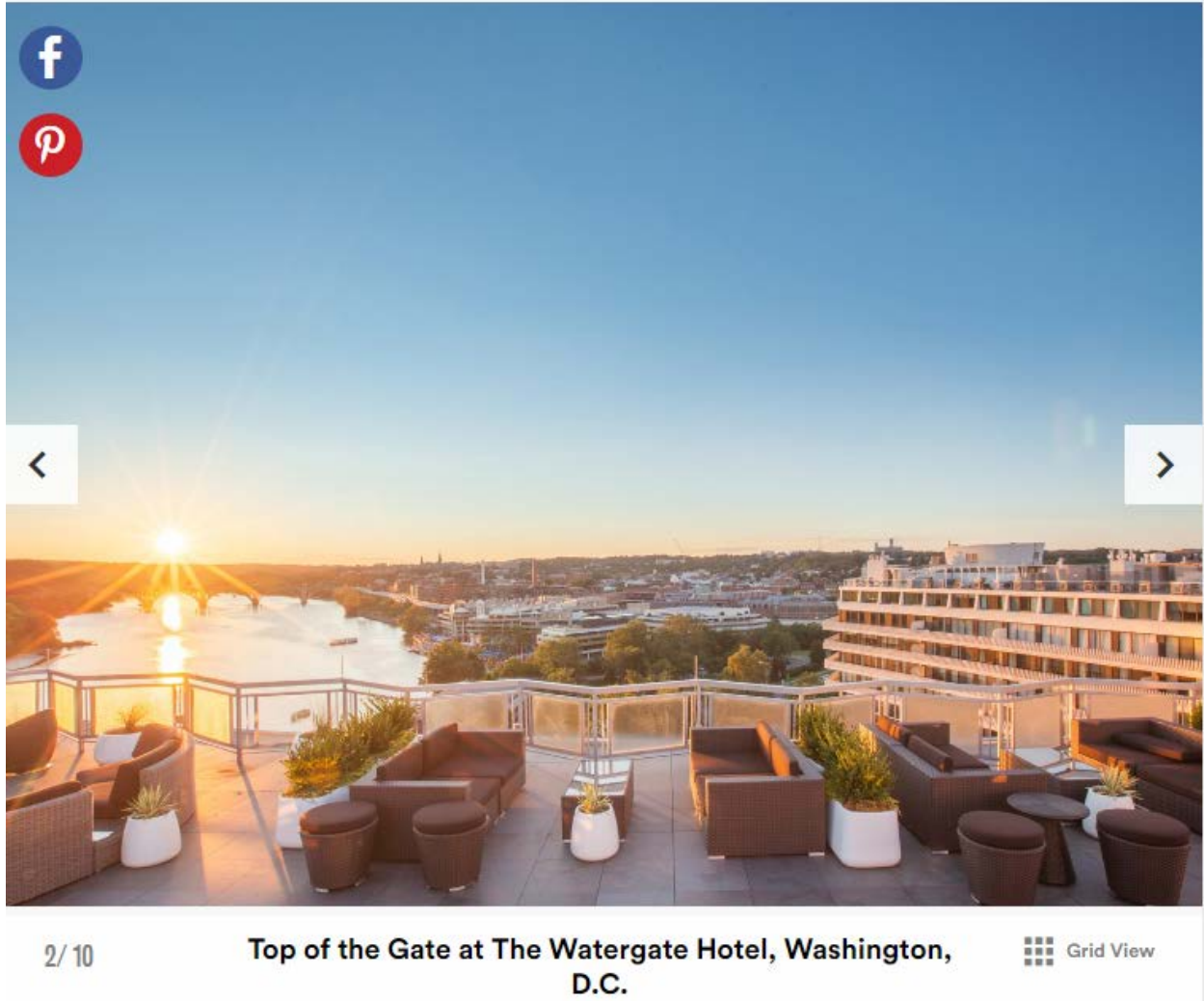


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Sugar at East, Miami, Florida

Grid View

A highlight of downtown Miami's futuristic transformation is this hyper-cool, sky-scraping rooftop bar that crowns the [East, Miami](#), an Asian-influenced hotel that's part of the billion-dollar Brickell City Centre complex. Take in 270-degree views of the Magic City's growing skyline from 40 floors up while sitting in a Southeast Asian jungle setting, sipping cocktails that match the wild motif.



Thanks to a \$200 million reinvention of notorious, Nixon-era Watergate Hotel, an expansive rooftop bar sets the scene for a sophisticated happy hour (this hotel has seen enough scandal, thanks), all while doling out 360-degree views over the Potomac and the D.C. skyline. Catch a river view sunset with a Negroni in hand, and then keep the party going downstairs in the 1970s-chic whisky lounge, where 2,500 bottles of the good stuff are stacked along the lounge walls.



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The Ides Bar at Wythe Hotel, Brooklyn, New York

Grid View

Manhattan is packed with [amazing rooftop bars](#), but to truly appreciate New York City's skyline, you'll need to cross the East River to Williamsburg and head up the sixth floor of the [Wythe Hotel](#). Here, at the Ides Bar, the near-unobstructed vistas of Manhattan are as awesome as the classic cocktails. How good does a Venetian Spritz sound right about now?





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The Nest at Thompson Seattle, Seattle, Washington

Grid View

Seattle's newest and highest hotel bar tops the new [Thompson Seattle](#) hotel, promising prime views of the downtown skyline, Elliott Bay, and the Olympic mountains. Signature craft cocktails are named after and inspired by different birds. Take the Flamingo, for instance—a pink-tinted punch spiked with lime, pineapple, and Perrier-Jouët and served in a massive copper flamingo. Arrive early to grab a table near the outdoor fire pits, and keep a lookout for the traveling pushcarts piled high with oysters, which are shucked on the spot.



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The Rooftop Bar at Quirk Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

Grid View

Richmond, Virginia gains major small-big-city cred with the May 2016 opening of this seductive, bi-level, open-air rooftop venue atop the [2016 Hot List](#) spot [Quirk Hotel](#) in downtown's Arts District. Be sure to try the house Quirk Beer, an ice-cold pint of locally brewed Hardywood Cream Ale with sea salt and lime, and toast to the city where canned beer originated way back in 1935.





The funky boutique hotel [Mama Shelter Los Angeles](#) combines [French chic and California cool](#) in the heart of Hollywood. (Consider this: Its guest rooms have French skincare products and copies of Keith Richards' autobiography.) It only recently unveiled its rooftop, catalyzing a hype that's totally warranted. The colorful space has a yoga center, a Mediterranean restaurant, and an oh-so-L.A. outdoor screening area, all with dramatic views of downtown, the Hollywood hills (including its iconic sign), and, on a clear day, even the Pacific Ocean.



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Cindy's at the Chicago Athletic Association, Chicago, Illinois

Grid View

Gawk at the sweeping scenery of Millennium Park and Lake Michigan from the summit of the former [Chicago Athletic Association](#), a late-19th century Venetian-Gothic building that's now one of the most dynamic hotels in the city. It's one of our [favorite rooftop bars in Chicago](#); last summer, we couldn't get enough of the Reanimator, a blend of cachaça, blueberry, ginger, cane sugar, lime, and activated charcoal, garnished with an edible flower.





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Departure Restaurant at The Nines, Portland, Oregon

Grid View

This modern Asian restaurant at the [Nines Hotel](#) in central Portland has not one, but two rooftop patios overlooking the Willamette River, the nearby mountains, and downtown's Pioneer Square. If the wine list or the city's largest saké selection don't get you excited, ask for a Seoul Spring, a smooth combination of Jinro soju, bamboo syrup, and lime.





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Capa at the Four Seasons Resort, Orlando, Florida

Grid View

The “Disney for adults” trend reaches new heights—literally—at this Spanish cocktail lounge and restaurant on the 17th floor of the [Four Seasons Resort Orlando](#), located within Walt Disney World Resort. Order a Capa GinTonic, a take on the classic G&T with apple, juniper, key lime, and fennel, and grab a seat outdoors for the nightly fireworks over the Magic Kingdom and Epcot.



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The Roof Deck at Vanderbilt Grace, Newport, Rhode Island

Grid View

This [Newport rooftop](#) is basically postcard-perfect New England: Watch the sun set over the harbor and reflect off the Gilded Age buildings while enjoying an old fashioned, wines by the glass, or the deck's Bloody Mary and truffle fries combo. Wait, forget the "or"—make it an "and."