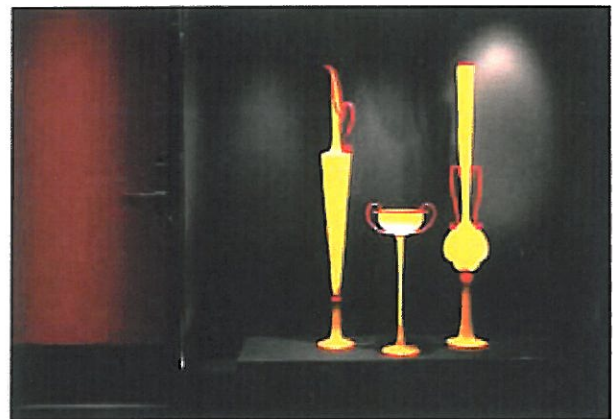




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Where Glass Checks (In)

A new luxury hotel in Tacoma, Washington, scheduled to open in February 2008, has taken art from glass as its theme. The main entrance to the Hotel Murano will feature a large-scale work by Costas Varotsos, while the interior lobby, hallways, and hotel rooms will showcase work by 40 well-known names in the world of glass. Like its sister hotel, Hotel Max in Seattle, which features original paintings and photography, Hotel Murano will attempt to mix original artwork with the hospitality business in this, the fifth location in the burgeoning Provenance Hotels chain. With everyone from Dale Chihuly to Karen LaMonte, Dante Marioni to William Morris represented, as well as a roster of international glass virtuosos, the hotel rivals an art expo in the breadth of work on display. With special packages that include glassblowing opportunities at the nearby Tacoma Museum of Glass, the hotel is hitching its wagon to the Northwest Coast's glass phenomenon, which may turn some casual visitors into collectors. For more information: www.hotelmuranotacoma.com.