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## 18 – SABINA SCHOOL, SANTO ANDRÉ

When creating the Sabina School, Art and Science Park (above) for the city of Santo André near São Paulo, Pritzker Prize-winner Paulo Mendes da Rocha and MMBB Arquitetos used a strong visual element, a 160m-long large-scale beam, to unite the different areas. [www.mmbb.com.br](http://www.mmbb.com.br)

## 19 – DALVA E DITO, SÃO PAULO

Alex Atala's new restaurant offers down-home Brazilian dishes, but executed by a very modern kitchen. You'll need an interpreter to catch the culinary winks Atala shoots at his elite crowd – 'risotto', for example, is in fact an oven-baked rice casserole common in southeast Brazilian home kitchens. [www.dalvaeedito.com.br](http://www.dalvaeedito.com.br)

## 20 – CULTURE COMPLEX, SÃO PAULO

Herzog & de Meuron's ambitious addition to the megacity is due for completion in 2014. The São Paulo Dance Theatre-New Artistic and Cultural Complex will consolidate the largest cultural district in Latin America under a network of 'bands', like streets, intersecting at multiple levels and linking cultural institutions.

## 21 – PARTYING IN SÃO PAULO

A must-have invite is to Quinta dos Infernos, the semi-secret Thursday night parties thrown by book restorer Liège Monteiro and her husband Marcio Francesquine at their home. The jerry-rigged bar sells starfruit and tangerine caipirinhas, but the crowd comes for the live band. *Alameda Tietê 90*

## 22–25

### Baixa Augusta

*Nightlife in São Paulo's lower Augusta Street district takes in everything from chic lounges to streetside beer joints.*

#### 22 – TUBAINA BAR

One of the newest bars in the Augusta corridor traffics in nostalgia, offering the eponymous soda pops from the bottle or in mixed drinks like the mojito-inspired *mojaina*. Throwback furniture completes the retro feel. *Tel: 55-11 3129 4930*

#### 23 – SONIQUE LOUNGE

GLS – *gays, lesbicas e simpatizantes* – usually refers to a place that attracts all three in a yes-we-can-all-get-along atmosphere. That's the vibe at this slick lounge that opened in February this year. [www.soniquebar.com.br](http://www.soniquebar.com.br)

#### 24 – ASTRONETE CLUB

All is not as it appears when you enter the dank, dive bar-ish entrance of this could-be-the-East Village hideaway. There's a comfortable upstairs lounge and a packed dance area in the back. [www.astronete.com.br](http://www.astronete.com.br)

#### 25 – DROSÓPHYLA BAR

A relative old-timer, Drosóphyla offers an appealing mix of roaming cats, outdoor tables, quiet nooks, decorative kitsch and unusual cocktails (like a starfruit and basil caipirinha). Make a reservation. [www.drosophyla.com.br](http://www.drosophyla.com.br)

## 26 – PORFÍRIO VALADARES DESIGN

From De Stijl-style chairs to curvaceous seating units, Porfírio Valadares's latest output places him in the first rank of Brazilian designers. Recent pieces, such as the 'Signature' chaise longue (page 133) and 'Lina' chair, are available at outlets including São Paulo's Tok&Stok. [www.tokstok.com.br](http://www.tokstok.com.br)



## 27 – SERGIO RODRIGUES

The 82-year-old Sergio Rodrigues is proof that Brazilian design and designers have staying power. The furniture designer is reissuing work including 1960s lamps, updated with a mind to sustainability, and 1962's one-off 'Aspas' chair, reborn as the 'Chifruá' (above); available at Espasso. [www.espasso.com](http://www.espasso.com)