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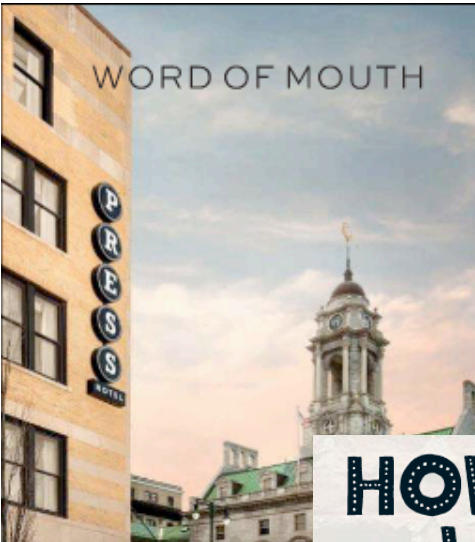
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Clockwise from this picture: Vena's Fizz House; Maine Craft Distilling; Eventide oyster restaurant; interiors shop K Colette; carpet at the Press Hotel; exterior of the hotel



HOW THE WEST WAS DONE

Oregon's highest-density hipster town has a namesake rival in the East Coast state of Maine. Want lobster rolls and craft beer? Try the other Portland

The city's New England location might suggest white clapboard and russet leaves, but in fact its Downtown and Old Port areas are packed with 19th-century warehouses turned galleries, boutiques and bars.

STAY In the former offices of the Portland Press Herald, the seven-storey Press Hotel has rooms inspired by 1920s writers' offices, with letterpress art, vintage desks and Clark Kent-style glass doors, plus hot-ticket restaurant Union and drinking den Inkwell.

EAT Dinner crawls are a thing here: start with oysters at Eventide (they have 10 sparkling Maine varieties), add noodles at the just-opened Honey Paw, then dessert at dark-and-sexy Hugo's – they're all on the same block. Other standouts are Duckfat (try their poutine with duck gravy) and the brand new Bao Bao, which serves a Portland take on dumplings.

DRINK Coffee and hipsters go together like fixie bikes and turned-up jeans, so Portland knows its beans (try Bard Coffee, Tandem or Speckled Ax). The craft-beer scene is also big, with some of the major players, including Allagash and Shipyard, offering tours. Novare Res Bier Café in the Old Port has 25 beers on tap and 500 bottles. If gin is your thing, stop by Maine Craft Distilling for a tasting, then head to newcomer Vena's Fizz House, a master of artisan bitters, to buy a bottle or sample a cocktail.

SHOP Portland's shops are almost Scandi in their own whitewashed, airy way. K Colette on Commercial Street stocks beachy, vintage-inspired homewares and, just opposite, Portland Dry Goods Co sells East Coast hipster kit: washed-out tees, slubby knits and loafers. COLLETTE LYONS



BATTLE OF THE PORTLANDS

MAINE

START THE DAY WITH Breakfast buns from the Standard Baking Co: sticky, nutty, sugary. Kale who?

THE UNIFORM Hipster-on-sea: worn-in deck shoes without socks, waterproofs and button-down shirts. Boat optional.

THE DRINK Bunker Brewing Co's Czech Pils, crafted in a garage in a defunct scrapyard.

LOCAL HERO American-lit heavyweight, the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

OFFICIAL SLOGAN Yes. Life's good here. (Smug much?)

OREGON

START THE DAY WITH Breakfast puns from food cart Fried Egg I'm in Love (Yolko Ono or Free Range Against the Machine, anyone?).

THE UNIFORM Lumbersexual: think plaid shirt, impressive beard and MacBook Pro.

THE DRINK Single-origin, Chemex-made coffee from master roasters Coava – sipped with as much ceremony as a Château Lafite.

LOCAL HEROES Portland-born Nike founders Bill Bowerman and Phil Knight.

UNOFFICIAL SLOGAN Keep Portland Weird.

