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Tufenkian Heritage Hotels Opening three boutique hotels in Armenia, where it's not exactly easy to travel, might not sound financially viable, but for James Tufenkian, the founder of Tufenkian Carpets, this project was never purely about profit: It's an effort to stimulate growth and tourism in his ancestral homeland, where more than half the population lives below the poverty line. The modern interiors were created by local artisans in consultation with New York-based design maven Clodagh. Rooms are world-class without the worldly prices; rates at the Avan Villa Yerevan (shown) start at \$105 per night (tufenkianheritage.com). —KW

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FLY.1 Phone from IPEVO Using the Internet to make calls is the next big thing now that services such as Skype let you dial around the world at a fraction of the cost of traditional phone lines. And with the handsome, cordless FLY.1 phone, employing this new technology is a breeze: The mouselike scroll wheel makes it easy to find the name and number of that long-lost friend who called from Guam (price not available at press time; ipevo.com). —David Elrich

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PS Collection from Ikea This new line of furnishings and accessories is really something to write home about. Among the collection's 40-plus pieces are a steel-and-wool *Eskilstuna*

