

JUST WHAT  
YOU NEED.  
JUST ONE SEARCH.

YAHOO!

« Previous Post

## Balsan Transcends Hotel Dining; Epic Lives Up to Its Name

2/5/10 at 4:50 PM | [Comment](#)



- Martha Bayne finds her dinner at [Ria](#) to be, basically, a work of art. Literally: a dish of lobster with scallop dumplings is "a damn Kandinsky." The superluxe dining room and the precise, pristine menu items might imply starched shirts, but there are sparks of humor and lightheartedness that keep the whole thing this side of stuffy. [[Reader](#), first item]
- Hidden as it is on the third floor of the Elysian Hotel, Mike Sula thinks [Ria's](#) sister restaurant [Balsan](#) deserves a local following. The hearty, uncompromising menu — testa cakes, runny eggs, stellar cracker-thin flatbreads — is head and shoulders above standard hotel fare, and the occasional misstep (or overpriced roast chicken) is easily avoidable. [[Reader](#), second item]