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from star chef  
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## Zen Chocolatier

Kristy Choo (left), chef and co-owner of Los Angeles's two-year-old Jin Patisserie, developed her love of sweets in the most jet-setting way: Before going to cooking school, she was a flight attendant and sampled pastries around the world. In a tiny, minimalist space with a tranquil garden out front, Choo sells the chocolates she painstakingly makes and paints by hand, including her tart lemongrass-scented truffles. She's just as meticulous with her macaroons, in flavors like lychee (1202 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, CA; 310-399-8801 or [jinpatisserie.com](http://jinpatisserie.com)).