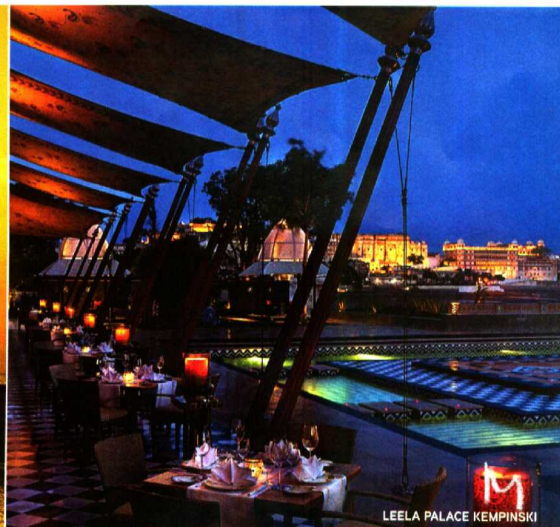




SOMETHING NEW

Looking for something unique for your wedding or honeymoon?
These 18 buzzed-about resorts, in some of the world's most romantic
places, have one thing in common: They're all recently opened or opening
soon. Check them out, and be among the first to check in.

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**UNITED STATES
FOUR SEASONS RESORT**

VAIL, VAIL, COLO. The chalet-like exterior shelters a modern, nature-inspired interior. The 121 rooms and suites (most with a balcony) feature sexy details, including gaslit stone fireplaces and freestanding oval tubs. A heated outdoor pool with two whirlpool tubs and a cozy alpine-themed spa are great for après-ski. Opening December 2010; *from \$375.*

**JW MARRIOTT MARQUIS
MIAMI, MIAMI, FLA.**

Move over, South Beach; downtown Miami is getting all the buzz these days. This 313-room pedigreed Marriott ups the ante in its newest showplace, where the adults-oriented fun ranges from the sporty (an NBA-approved basketball court) to the tasty (the Miami debut of celeb chef Daniel Boulud, at db Bistro Moderne) to the sybaritic (outdoor pool, full-service spa and three concierge floors). Opening October 2010; *from \$329.*

**MONTAGE DEER VALLEY,
PARK CITY, UTAH**

Craftsman architecture — think rich wood grains, tile fireplaces and leather sofas — coddles guests at this 174-room ski-in/ski-out lodge located midmountain at Deer

Valley Resort. Add in a 35,000-square-foot spa featuring indoor-outdoor pools and a couples suite with a copper tub, plus a lively pub with billiards tables and bowling lanes, and you get plenty of warmth no matter how blustery it is outside. Opening December 2010; *from \$845.*

**WAIKIKI EDITION, HONOLULU,
HAWAII**

Familiar meets fabulous at this 353-room resort, the first in a joint venture between hospitality giant Marriott and hotel hipster Ian Schrager. What has this unlikely union created? A one-of-a-kind urban retreat featuring slick decor in natural and wood tones, a restaurant by *Iron Chef's* Masaharu Morimoto, the exclusive Crazybox nightclub and private Sunset Beach, with its own lagoon. (A second outpost, in Istanbul, will open by year's end.) Opened October 2010; *from \$195 (debut rates).*

**CARIBBEAN & MEXICO
ANACAONA BOUTIQUE
HOTEL, ANGUILLA**

Brought to you by the creators of award-winning Cap Juluca, the hotel once known as Sirena Resort has been reimagined as an affordable-chic retreat with an emphasis on local culture (dinner theater, music, dance). Its stylishly refurbished 27

rooms, two pools and restaurant overlook Meads Bay, and there's even Wi-Fi and beach service. Opened October 2010; *from \$250.*

**BANYAN TREE CABO
MARQUÉS, ACAPULCO, MEXICO**

Famous for its beautiful bay and blazing sunsets, Acapulco might have faded somewhat in recent years, but this tourism star is regaining its cachet with the addition of this luxe Asian-inspired villa resort on Punta Diamante. Built on stilts, all 47 villas feature private pools and interiors that gracefully wed Mexican warmth, Asian calm and 21st-century technology. Opened April 2010; *from \$660.*

**BUCCAMENT BAY
RESORT, ST. VINCENT**

Luxury is nothing new to the villa-strewn Grenadines, long favored by seclusion-seeking celebs and sailors looking for a luxe land break. St. Vincent is often looked at as the jumping-off point for arrivees, but that's about to change. The opening of this 368-room five-star resort brings spacious, contemporary digs and resort amenities ranging from a Pat Cash Tennis Academy to a retro-chic Trader Vic's Asian-fusion eatery. Opening January 2011; *rates unavailable at press time.*

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**HOTEL MATILDA, SAN
MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO**

This 32-room boutique is painting historic San Miguel de Allende with bold strokes of modernity, blending contemporary design and art into a uniquely romantic hideaway. With its cutting-edge paintings and sculptures and Latin-fusion flavors in the restaurant, the hotel — named for the owner's mother, who was the subject of a 1942 painting by Mexican artist Diego Rivera — aims to be a new kind of masterpiece. Opening September 2010; *from \$195, including breakfast.*

**SECRETS ST. JAMES
AND SECRETS WILD
ORCHID, MONTEGO BAY,
JAMAICA**

Get two for one with these neighboring adults-only all-inclusives, which allow couples to stay at one and play at both. Colonial-meets-modern St. James has a quieter vibe and a half-mile-long beach, while livelier Wild Orchid flaunts Asian-influenced style and two crescent beaches. Both resorts have 350 rooms, plus access to restaurants and nightlife options. Opening April 2010; *from \$630 per room, all-inclusive.*



**ST. REGIS BAHIA BEACH
RESORT, RIO GRANDE, PUERTO
RICO**

The Caribbean's first St. Regis offers luxury lovers a host of exciting amenities, including 139 residential-style rooms and suites, a Jean-Georges Vongerichten eatery called Fern, a 10,000-square-foot Remède Spa and a world-class golf course. But nature lovers are also in for a treat: The 483-acre resort, set on a former plantation near El Yunque rainforest, also has a bird sanctuary and a private beach. Opening November 2010; *from \$929.*

**SOUTH AMERICA
FERRO HOTEL, BUENOS
AIRES, ARGENTINA**

As if sexy, cutting-edge interiors and a location in the trendy Palermo Hollywood neighborhood aren't reason enough to visit, guests of this 27-room, all-suite boutique hotel each get an iPad to use during their stay. Adding to the experience are a collection of original artwork, contemporary cuisine by European-trained chef Hernan Gippioni, and a heated pool and spa tub in the seventh-floor solarium. Opened October 2010; *from \$145.*

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EUROPE

LE ROYAL MONCEAU, RAFFLES PARIS, PARIS, FRANCE

Singapore-based Raffles has transformed this historic palace with Philippe Starck-designed interiors and art installations that engage the senses. Entertainment is built-in, with French (La Cuisine) and Italian (Il Carpaccio) restaurants, Le Bar Long, an art gallery and a 100-seat cinema. A spacious spa will debut in early 2011. Opened October 2010; from \$925.

PALAZZINA GRASSI,

VENICE, ITALY In this 26-room *palazzo*, also designed by Philippe Starck, the unexpected thrives in a dramatic setting on the Grand Canal. The sensual boudoir ambience of the public spaces contrasts with the ultramodern white rooms, featuring whimsical Venice-inspired accents and myriad mirrored surfaces. The 16th-century wing also houses Italy's first Krug Lounge, where the bubbly flows nightly. Opened January 2010; from \$405.

THE ROMANOS, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, COSTA NAVARINO, GREECE

The arrival of this 321-room luxury beach resort on the Peloponnesus peninsula gives couples ample excuse to

enjoy the mainland — sleek and airy rooms (121 with individual infinity pools), plus an Anazoe Thalassotherapy Spa, offering pampering inspired by the ancients — and golfers an actual reason to visit Greece: The resort's Dunes course is the country's first signature green. Opened May 2010; from \$283.

AFRICA, INDIA & ASIA

LEELA PALACE KEMPINSKI, NEW DELHI, INDIA Opulence reigns at this 260-room oasis designed in the style of a North Indian palace yet fitted with high-tech gadgets such as LCD TVs and Bose iPod docks. Accommodations are spacious (520 square feet minimum), four restaurants serve not only Indian but also Japanese and Italian fare, and the ESPA spa is the ideal spot to recover from jet lag. Opening November 2010; from \$500.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL JNAN RAHMA, MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

Fans of *Sex and the City 2* will recognize this decadent resort as the "building double" for the Abu Dhabi hotel, while connoisseurs of the exotic will adore the sensual decor of the 161 rooms and suites, set in the main palace and in romantic courtyard-facing *riads*. Restaurants

with mystical names like Rumi and Mantra satisfy the palate with haute global cuisine, and the Ottoman-style spa seduces the senses with ritual-based body magic. Opening spring 2011; from \$790, including breakfast.

VICEROY MALDIVES, VAGARU, MALDIVES

Getting away from it all takes on a savvy sense of style at this enclave set on 17-acre Vagaru island, in the Shaviyani Atoll. While some of the 61 villas are overwater and some are set on sand, all come with plunge pools and luminous decor, and the smallest is still 1,345 square feet. Five eateries and an overwater spa complete the indulgent picture. Opening spring 2011; rates unavailable at press time.

W RETREAT & SPA BALI, SEMINYAK, INDONESIA

Bali's spiritual utopia meets W's trendy social scene at this 158-retreat beachfront resort on the happening Seminyak strip. Textured decor and glass-walled bathrooms provide a personal escape, while the Away Spa soothes both sunburns and stress. Five restaurants and lounges provide see-and-be-seen fun that lasts long past sunset. Opening November 2010; from \$325. ■



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