



THE SPA GETAWAY

Who: Six Senses

What: Evason Ma'in Hot Springs & Six Senses Spa

When: November/December 2008

Where: Jordan

The Hype: Situated 264-metres below sea level, this is hyper surreal luxury at its best. The resort's spa is set directly under one of the Ma'in hot springs and the 92-rooms – complete with outdoor rain showers and 24-hour butler service – boast stunning views over the Red Sea and Jordan. It's set to be the region's top spa destination. www.sixsenses.com

FOR LONGER STAYS:

EMIRATES

From the creator of heavenly desert resort Al Maha comes the Green Lakes serviced apartments in Dubai (below). The 283-room home-away-from-home apartments open this month and are the central focus of the Jumeirah Lake Towers development. Keep watch for the Wolgan Valley resort in Australia's Blue Mountains, modelled on Al Maha, the conservation/wildlife sanctuary is set to open 2009. www.emirateshotelsresorts.com

GHM

Set to open in Barka, Oman in 2010, The Malkai (see artist's rendition below) will be an exclusive community country club and resort with 101 four-bedroom villas, 92 two-bedroom suites for sale, as well as a boutique hotel with just 41 luxury suites. The sister resort of the heavenly Chedi hotel (also from the GHM group) in Muscat, it's going to be luxe, luxe, luxe. www.ghmhotels.com, www.malkai.com



THE NEW BEACHSIDE HOTSPOT

Who: Starwood Hotels and Resorts

What: The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina

When: May

The Hype: The Westin officially flung open its doors on Monday, ensuring all ATM eyes were on it. The stunning hotel is the first venture in the UAE for the Westin group (there is another in Doha) – the bars and restaurants, sailing academy, massive marina, five swimming pools and 294 rooms are set to take our fave beach strip to a whole other level of luxe leisure. 04 399 3333

The BIG bashes

ATM PARTIES ARE A CHANCE FOR LOCAL HOTELS TO ENTERTAIN US IN STYLE. HERE ARE GRAZIA'S TOP 10:

1 The Four Seasons, Dubai Festival City

A super sleek cocktail party hosted in the equally stylish Tee Lounge. Bring on the Cosmos!

2 The Westin

All eyes are on the Westin. It's not just an ATM do but the hotel's opening bash – this is the one to see and be seen at.

3 Raffles

It's the hotel-of-the-mo – need we say more? The über-glam invite for a 'cocktail prolongé' at the New Asia Bar invites guests to discover the world that is Raffles. Oooh, so enticing!

4 Hilton Dubai Creek

'A twist of entertainment, a splash of style, a shot of fun and a whole lot of party' promises the invite – sounds like our kinda bash!

5 Jumeirah Emirates Towers

Each year Jumeirah's ATM parties out-dazzle the previous year's. It's the party of all ATM parties.

6 Grand Hyatt Dubai

With a theme like 'Barbeques of the world' all we can say is: get ready to dance off those calories!

7 Mövenpick Hotel

The Swiss-themed dinner party is an industry-must, attracting all the bigwigs.

8 Accor Hospitality @ The Novotel

The poolside cocktail party is the perfect backdrop for the fashionably fabulous.

8 The Fairmont Dubai

The most sought after invite in town, the Fairmont's Masquerade Mystique party at Club 400 is hot, hot, hot.

10 The Monarch

With Cirque du Soleil-esque performers, the hotel's party planners have gone all out for its first ever ATM celebration. ■