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## STYLE ADVENTURE

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AN INTERVIEW  
WITH ONE OF THE  
WORLD'S GREAT  
DECORATORS

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MODERN DESIGN

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A HIGHLAND LIFESTYLE,  
SEASONAL RECIPES  
AND A FAMILY'S HOME  
IN A FRENCH CHATEAU



## Oman

Situated on Dubai's doorstep, yet still retaining its rich Arabian architectural heritage, Oman is a relatively undiscovered but easily accessible destination. About 50km from Muscat airport and 3km from the sea, The Malkai Country Club and Resort is set in 216 acres of which just 10% is being developed to provide 101 four-bedroom villas, 92 two-bedroom, single- and two-storey 'suites' (all with private swimming pools) and a 41-suite hotel. Designed to reflect the region's culture while setting new standards for contemporary Arabian architecture, The Malkai's layout will ensure each property enjoys maximum privacy and has views over Oman's first Gary Player-designed golf course. Property owners will also have full use of the hotel's spa, tennis courts, restaurants and private



beach club, and the option to place their property in the GHM-managed rental pool. For sale freehold (with no restraints on foreign ownership), The Malkai also afford buyers and their extended family an immediate residency visa in a tax-free

country that has no restrictions on repatriating funds. Completion is scheduled for late 2010, and lead-in prices for the suites and villas start from £700,000 and £2 million through Cluttons LLP (020 7647 0865).

## DUBAI

A bling-branded marriage made in Dubai and hailed as its most opulent waterside address, on the foreshore of Dubai Creek, the predictably extravagant £395-million development of Palazzo Versace gives a new meaning to home-furnishing packages. A selection of the 169 private residences and all 213 hotel suites will be furnished and entirely kitted

out (down to gold-plated tea spoons and £1,500 bath robes) with an exclusive line of Versace Home Collection products. Residents can immerse themselves in a Versace lifestyle, assisted by white-gloved staff who have trained at Palazzo Versace's hotel-management school on Australia's Gold Coast. It was here, back in 1988, that Versace and the Sunland Group joined

forces to create the world's first fashion-branded hotel and residential resort; fuelled by its success, the two companies are now on track to develop 15 resorts over the next 30 years. The Dubai outfit – which prior to its European launch in London this summer, had already secured 66 sales off-plan – is due for completion in late 2009. You can choose from a mix of one- to six-bedroom

apartments and duplexes; the latter feature a mosaic-lined swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, while the larger apartments also have their own cinema, library, garden and spa-style sauna. For sale through Harrods Estates (020 7225 6797) and Savills (020 7016 3740), prices start at £1.85 million and rise to £12 million for the six-bedroom showcase penthouse.

