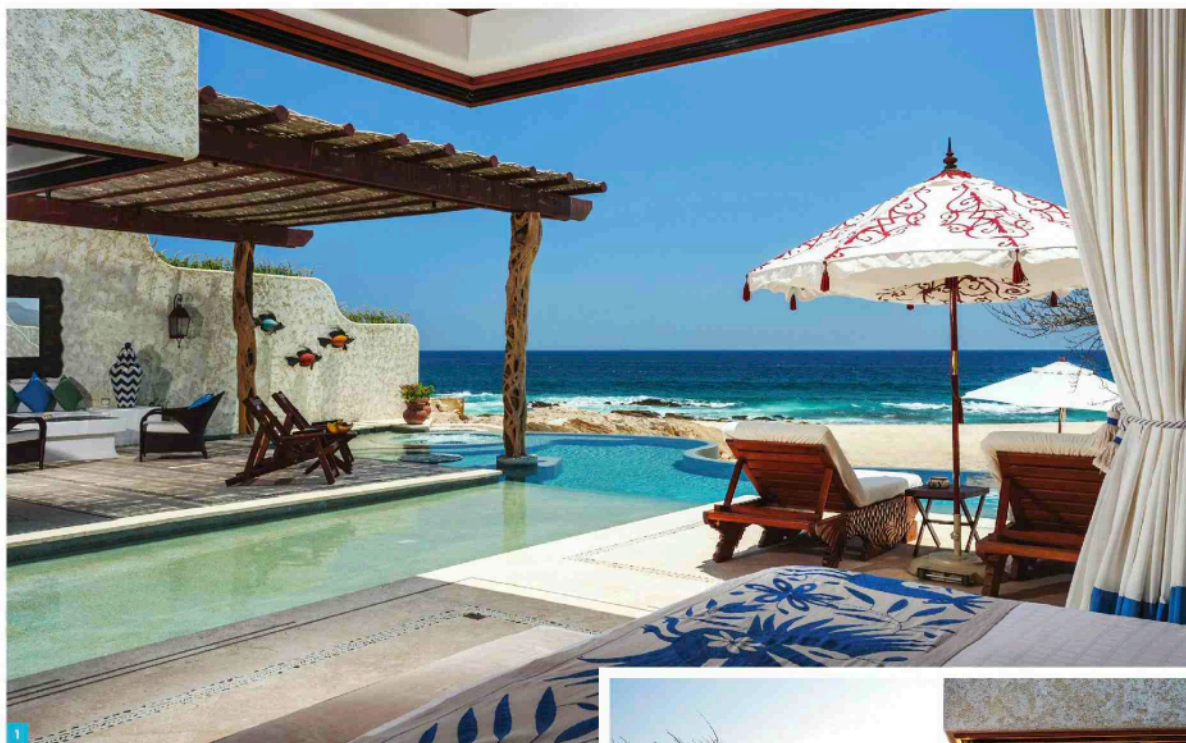


HOLLYWOOD'S WINTER ESCAPES

Go from 60 (degrees) to 80 fast at these new or renovated getaways in hotspots down south from **Cabo** to the Mexican Riviera, and from St. Barts (to be seen) and Bora Bora (to not)



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LOS CABOS

LONGTIME FANS OF *Las Ventanas al Paraíso*, including ICM's

Toni Howard (with such clients as **Samuel L. Jackson** and **Christopher Walken**), TV producer **Robert Morton** and his wife, restaurateur **Jennifer Morton**, and **Edie Falco's** producing partner **Richie Jackson** might be pleased to know that on Dec. 15, the Rosewood Resort officially will debut its new luxury beachfront villas (rates per night from \$5,175). But some things shouldn't change: "Las Ventanas is simply elegant and intimate with spectacular service without being pretentious," says Jennifer, while husband Robert cites the "best-smelling air" and Howard jokingly praises "the groveling, since I have to grovel all year long. The minute you walk in, they know what you drink; we have certain chairs that everybody knows are our chairs."

The renowned five-diamond property, with its 12 residential-style, sumptuous villas that cost \$55 million to build, will be the first of its kind in Los Cabos. Each villa — ranging from one to three bedrooms — houses at least 4,500 square feet on top of at least 1,800 square feet of private grounds, integrated into a seamless indoor-outdoor design. All villas come with infinity pools and swim-up bars, a 24-hour butler, a choice of wellness or screening room (for those Oscar screeners, but only in the one-bedrooms) and such in-villa amenities as cooking classes with the resort chef and a massage upon arrival.

Around town, the 96-room luxury resort **Capella Pedregal** recently partnered with Jose Cuervo Distillery in Guadalajara to create a specially designed tequila blend exclusively for resort guests. The 100 percent agave plata tequila once



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The view from a private villa at Las Ventanas. Says Howard, who has been going for 15 years: "I'm so relaxed there, I don't need a massage. And Hawaii is too far to travel without hearing an accent." 2 Ventanas' indoor-outdoor spaces are well integrated. Luxe amenities include high-tech Japanese toilets, massive outdoor rain-showers in an enclosed tropical setting and the feeling of being apart from the rest of the resort.

was reserved only for the Cuervo family. The hotel has also teamed up with **Yifat Oren**, wedding planner for **Anne Hathaway**, **Drew Barrymore** and **Jason Bateman**.

In April, Grupo Qwestro, the developer responsible for **Puerto Los Cabos**, opened the trendy **El Ganzo**, a 72-room boutique hotel with a rooftop pool and underground recording studio (from \$885

for a large suite). Guests include **Sean Penn** and **Charlie Sheen**.

Cabo favorite and mainstay **Flora Farm**, a 10-acre organic playfield notable for dinners booked months in advance (thanks to the likes of **Thomas Keller** and **George Clooney**, who sup there) recently added a fine-dining **Table** restaurant that includes a beer garden and outdoor bar. — JIMMY IM