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# UNITED STATES

*From Alaskan adventures to a foodie heaven in Healdsburg, it really is America the beautiful.*

Vongerichten. It's the best way to escape the concrete jungle, and it's also the city's only luxury hotel truly suitable for families. **WOW FACTOR** The huge outdoor pool. *M.F.*



**AWASI IGUAZU, Argentina** The first luxury property on the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls, a natural wonder of the world. The 14 African lodge-style villas in the Atlantic rainforest are like treehouses on stilts; each comes with a plunge pool, 4WD vehicle, driver, and guide. Food is a key part of the experience (it's a Relais & Châteaux property). **WOW FACTOR** The activities organized by Emilio White, our favorite wildlife guide in South America. *P.I. & T.R.*

white decor that sets off perfectly the incandescent blue of the water. Plus: four pools, three restaurants, a kids club, and a spa (of course). **WOW FACTOR** You can walk out almost a mile into the sea. *J.S.E.*

**MUKUL, Nicaragua** An Auberge Resort on one of the country's most beautiful Pacific beaches. *P.G.* (For more see "Confessions of a Travel Control Freak," page 104.)

**ONES TO WATCH**  
There's no lack of sea-and-sun spots opening soon: the newly renovated Belmond Cap Juluca, on Anguilla; Silversands—a touch of St. Bart's glamour on Grenada. Plus: Rosewood Baha Mar, Montage Los Cabos, and, if the stars align, Leonardo DiCaprio's Blackadore Caye Resort, in Belize.

**PARK HYATT, St. Kitts** The first five-star beachfront hotel on St. Kitts is among the most exciting resorts in the Caribbean, with gorgeous views of cloud-topped Mount Nevis across the Narrows. The look is contemporary, with stone accents, and there are two pools, three restaurants—and peace all around (the area is still largely undeveloped). **WOW FACTOR** The 5,210-square-foot Presidential Villas and the Miraval spa. *L.E.*



**THE SHORE CLUB, Turks & Caicos** The major new resort on Providenciales's almost impossibly white Long Bay Beach. It's windier than Grace Bay but ideal for water sports—and practically deserted. The three- to six-bedroom villas, like the suites, have striking mostly



**FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, Hawaii** When Larry Ellison bought up Lanai five years ago, he poured millions into by far the most over-the-top resort in America. The activities—including clay shooting, horseback riding, hiking, biking, UTV rides, and helicopter tours—are matched by the luxury of the mahogany-embellished interiors. **WOW FACTOR** Watching the dolphins in Hulopoe Bay (they're not captive, just fans). *J.S.E.*

**THE WHITBY HOTEL, New York** The fiercely whimsical Kit Kemp opened her second New York Firdmale outpost last year on 56th Street, complementing the wildly successful Crosby Street Hotel. As expected, the bright palette, rich textures (such as decorative columns), and cornucopia of artful flourishes (along with all comforts and excellent service) have brought new chill to Midtown. **WOW FACTOR** The obsession-inducing headboards. (Not kidding.) *J.S.E.*



**VENTANA BIG SUR, California** The Alila resort has reopened after last year's storms better than ever, with 15 safari-style glamping tents with canyon views and 59 renovated modern-rustic rooms. The tents are the only luxury digs in Big Sur that take kids of any age. **WOW FACTOR** New outdoor cabanas with two treatment tables and a copper tub for two overlooking the redwood forest. *J.S.E.*



**LAS ALCOBAS, Napa** Contemporary in design but set partly in a 1907 farmhouse (with pool) in St. Helena, Las Alcobas offers the best of Napa's two worlds: It has a serene, vineyard setting (adjacent to Beringer, with terraces overlooking the vines), and it's just minutes from some of the area's best restaurants



and shops. **WOW FACTOR** Taking in the sunset from terraces with firepits. *J.S.E.*



**SINGLE THREAD, Sonoma** Arguably the most extraordinary new dining/lodging experience in America: a luxurious five-room inn in Healdsburg over a 55-seat two-Michelin-star restaurant with 11-course tasting menus. The chef/owner is Kyle Connaughton (formerly of London's Fat Duck), his wife Katina runs the nearby farm,



**1 HOTEL BROOKLYN BRIDGE, Brooklyn** Barry Sternlicht's eco-luxury hotel, with views of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, and the skyline, has put Brooklyn on the hospitality map. Its salvaged materials are both virtuous and lend

**FOUR SEASONS THE SURF CLUB, Miami** The gorgeous redesigned comeback of a smallish 1930s Art Deco retreat of the rich and famous, between Miami Beach and Bal Harbour. The 77 beach-chic rooms are cool and crisp, and the Sirenuse restaurant, transplanted from the Sersale family's famed hotel in Positano, is the new place to see and be seen. **WOW FACTOR** An Aperol Spritz in the Sirenuse bar at sunset, when the real magic happens. *J.S.E.*

**ONES TO WATCH**  
We're especially excited about these two: historic Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe, which reopens soon after a \$75 million restoration, and the Lodge at Blue Sky in Utah, which will have the largest luxury yurts in the country and may just redefine the way we explore the American West.

warmth to the stylish interiors, its eco cred is for real, and each of the 194 rooms has floor-to-ceiling windows. **WOW FACTOR** Taking in Manhattan from the rooftop bar—or from the hammock in your room. *J.S.E.*



**WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS, L.A.** The city was in need of a superb new property, and this has exceeded all expectations. One of the tallest buildings in Beverly Hills, it has L.A.-at-your-feet views from the rooftop pool, all rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows, and two of the three restaurants are by Jean-Georges Vongerichten. **WOW FACTOR** The Signature Suites come with an Aston Martin for your use. *D.J. & J.J.*



**SHELDON CHALET, Alaska** This tiny five-bedroom property perched on five private acres 6,000 feet up in Denali National Park is hands down the crown jewel of the Alaskan wilderness experience. It overlooks the most dramatic vistas in the Alaska Range, and activities include heli-skiing, glacier trekking, and snowshoeing—plus feasting on the finest Alaskan seafood. **WOW FACTOR** The quiet, and private, aurora borealis viewing in season. *M.M.L.*