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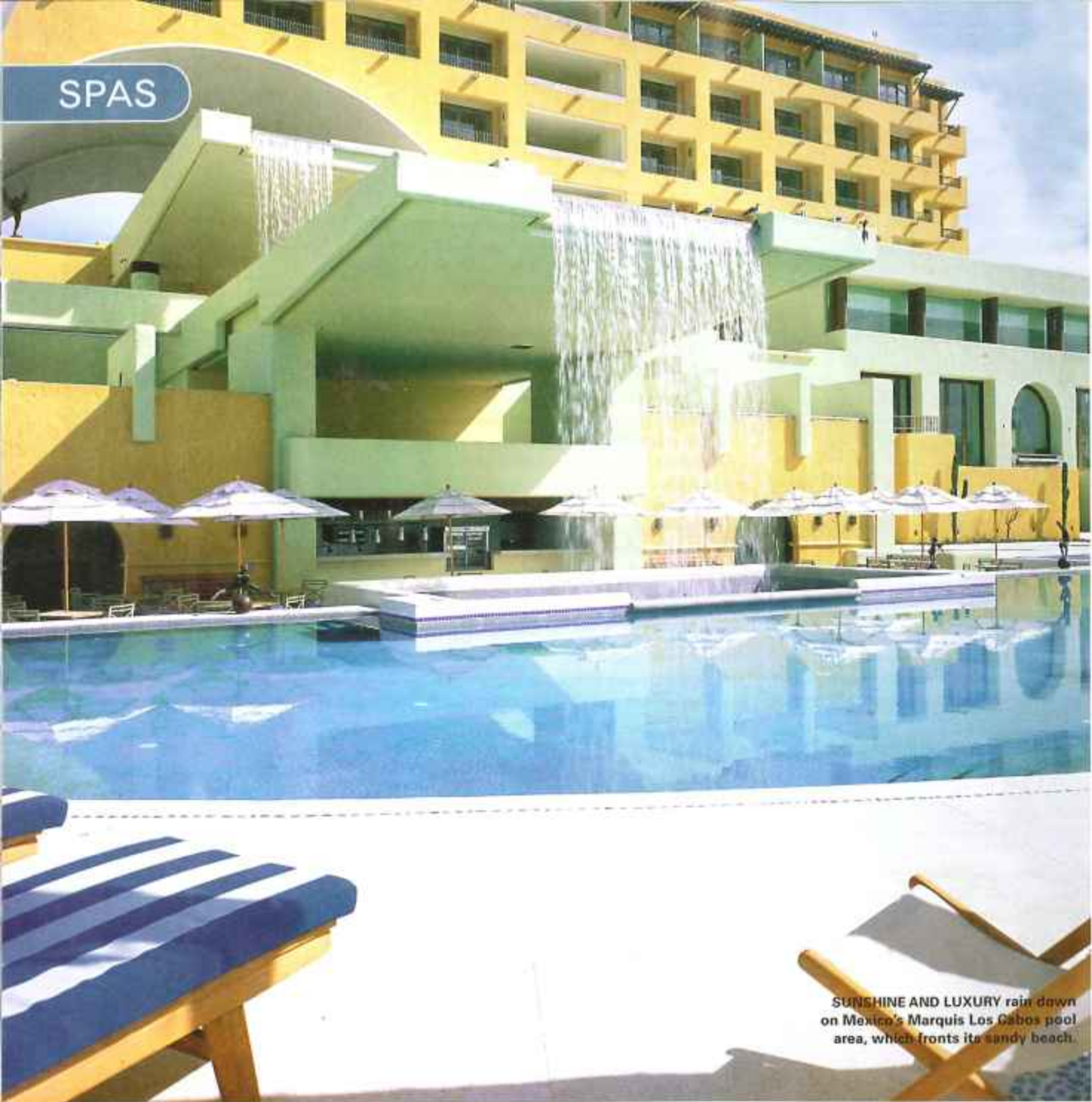
Hotel Danieli's New Look
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SUNSHINE AND LUXURY rain down on Mexico's Marquis Los Cabos pool area, which fronts its sandy beach.

Girlfriend Getaways

These four swanky spas set the stylish stage for bonding, beauty, health and wellness for your gal pals.



MARQUIS LOS CABOS' open-air spa allows guests to enjoy the sounds of the sea as a backdrop.

BY LINDSAY LAMBERT

Los Angeles is an unabashedly glamorous backdrop for a posh girlfriends' getaway. In the City of Angels, the stylish set head to the spa at the Beverly Wilshire (www.fourseasons.com/beverly-wilshire) for a pick-me-up with products by ESPA and celebrity-favorite Kate Somerville. Though the spa does not presently have girlfriend-specific packages, luxury travel advisors can contact Spa Director Daisy Tepper (daisy.tepper@fourseasons.com; 310-385-7023) to customize their clients' own girlfriend getaways or special ladies-only visit (think mani/pedis all around, complete with a Champagne brunch, followed by a selection of body treatments and beauty services). Tip: In keeping with the customized theme, spa insiders suggest the "Personalized Time" option, which means that spa therapists tailor services completely to guests' specific needs. Names to Know: Kate Somerville facials are extremely popular, and we hear that Gillian is a star at provid-

ing the service. For the ultimate Personalized Time treatment sequence, request Sanam.

Have clients who plan to make their getaway an all-night or weekend affair? Ask Sales Manager Chris Rodgers (chris.rodgers@fourseasons.com; 310-858-2318) to book them into a two- or three-bedroom signature suite, and specify Premier, Governor, Presidential or Penthouse. Also, let Assistant Chief Concierge Charles Hawkins know that your clients are coming; he can arrange for a number of oh-so-L.A. extras, such as having a representative from Badgley Mischka drop by the hotel to ensure that everyone's wardrobe is L.A.-ready.

It's no coincidence that *Sex and the City*'s fabulous foursome took to the beaches of Mexico to mend Carrie Bradshaw's broken heart in the show's movie adaptation. Mexico's azure skies, tepid waters and sandy beaches inspire a different kind of healing, be it of the body or mind. Accordingly, Marquis Los Cabos (www.marquisloscabos.com) dedicates

serious effort to creating amazing girlfriend getaways. We say Marquis Los Cabos is best for adventurous gals, as the resort's "It Girl" package will have them touring the Baja Desert in a Hummer and enjoying other outdoor activities. The five-day, four-night package also includes a spa credit for each suite, meaning that your It Girls can temper the day's adrenaline rush with some seriously soothing treatments. (We love the fact that treatments' vitamin- and mineral-rich ingredients come straight from the Sea of Cortez.) Spa staffers tell us that the signature Quetzalcoatl Oxygenating Experience is 105 minutes of pure bliss and can lessen the effects of daily skin stressors, such as smog and smoking. When booking the It Girl getaway (do so two months in advance, insiders say), be sure to ask Sandra Toral (storal@marquisloscabos.com) and Frederique Naffrichoux (frederique@marquisloscabos.com; 877-238-9399, ext. 6060) to assist with spa reservations, as the facility is currently in a

transition between directors.

In Miami Beach, the fabled Fontainebleau (www.fontainebleau.com) recently made waves with the reveal of its \$1 billion mega-redo, and played host to the ultimate girlfriend getaway when an army of Victoria's Secret Angels descended onsite to celebrate the hotel's rebirth with their annual sexy fashion show. Set your own angels up with a getaway to the hotel's heavenly two-story Lapis spa, a 40,000-square-foot sanctuary that debuted in December. With 30 treatment rooms, Lapis can accommodate both large and small groups, and Spa Guest Service Supervisor Loraine Masters (lmasters@fontainebleau.com; 305-538-2000, ext. 3307) can make sure that plenty of space and time is reserved. Suggest clients experience the spa's specialty thermal therapies, and don't let them leave without a Resculpting Facial and/or Body Treatment by celebrity skincare guru Tracie Martyn (Lapis' partnership with Martyn yielded the facialist's only other location outside her