

# Harper's BAZAR

ESCAPE

Presidential  
suites at The Yas  
Hotel (pictured),  
from Dhs25,000  
per night. [www.theyashotel.com](http://www.theyashotel.com)

## *Presidential* STYLE

With its stunning, gridshell-like architecture and plush interior, the Yas Hotel speaks luxury with a capital 'L'. Its two presidential suites boast furniture from New York's Museum of Modern Art, 16-person dining rooms and private elevators...

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## ONES TO WATCH: 2011

### MIDDLE EAST

The big news is the advent of Missoni – set to debut in Kuwait in early 2011 as the second of the new Hotel Missoni brand, following the launch in Edinburgh in 2009. Design, luxury and technology have been brought to the hospitality sector by the Italian fashion dynasty, and the sea, sun and sand of the location have inspired creative director Rosita Missoni to introduce strong accents of turquoise, green and gold in to the Missoni signature patterns. Other firsts include the use of iPads for guest check-in and magic mirrors in bathrooms that can switch to become a TV screen at the touch of a console – while the finishing touch is a 1,500-sq-m Six Senses spa. Watch out for more stripes and bold moves in the region, as Missoni looks to open a resort at Jebel Sifah in Oman, as well as in Brazil at Ilha de Cajiba. Meanwhile Versace is promising a late 2011 opening for its second hotel on the Creek in Dubai, and Nikki Beach has resorts coming up in Egypt and Jordan. In addition, W is getting ready to make its debut in Abu Dhabi as well as in Muscat and Amman.



Hotelier Ian Schrager



Margherita Missoni (r) with her sister Teresa

### EUROPE

2011 will also see Ian Schrager's latest creation open in Istanbul – the second Edition hotel for the joint venture with Marriott Hotels & Resorts. The first resort opened in October in Waikiki, Hawaii, and has already made waves with its eclectic design. Defined as the new boutique hotel, the concept marries Schrager's distinctive approach to design with Marriott's formidable

reputation as one of the leading hotel groups – 'slippers to stilettos' as it's been coined. Waikiki is minimal in its interiors, cool white and accents of grey, letting the tropical exteriors provide atmosphere and colour, while mood music and signature scents add to the ambience and fun elements include three electric coloured sarongs in each

room plus a toy ukulele, as well as an al fresco cinema and basement nightclub with funky light installation. In Paris, Philippe Starck leads the designer onslaught creating interiors for the recently reopened Royal Monceau, now a Raffles hotel; while Shangri-La, Mandarin Oriental and Buddha Bar Hotel are all opening in 2011, along with the W Paris-Opéra. The Rockwell group is charged with design here and is theming the 1870s-era neo-classical building around the 'city of light' theme, so it's bound to be a wow! ■



Philippe Starck



## BEST FOR A SENSE OF HISTORY

### The Chatwal, New York

"I wanted to create a piece of New York with the Chatwal, respecting its location in the theatre district and its history," says designer Thierry Despont. Closets disguised as Malletier leather travelling trunks, desks and bedside tables in the form of suitcases and period travel posters all add to the movie-set feel. The 83 rooms feature Frette linens, bespoke throws by Christina Azario, custom-designed duvets and pillows by Down & Co, along with Shifman mattresses, Asprey bath products and bespoke Krigler candles with signature Chatwal No. 44 scent. The Lambs Club meanwhile reflects Empire Art Deco images with chrome bars, chandeliers, laminated glass panels and a cosy atmosphere, one that truly epitomises Despont's mantra for a hotel to reflect the spirit of the location: "I love to know where I am ... in New York, I want to know I am in New York," he says. *Single/superior rooms from Dhs1,858 per night; www.thechatwalny.com*



**Bazaar LOVES...**

Globe-Trotter luggage. The label has teamed up with Erdem to bring his print Sendal to its Centenary collection. Available at Harvey Nichols.