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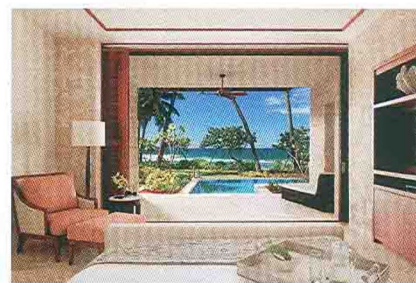
# December

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## STAR POWER

Love Reem Acra's red-carpet gowns but not the five-figure price tag? The bridal vet is translating six of her celeb-coveted dresses for the wedding aisle—at a fraction of the original cost. (Fun fact: The style above was rocked by Olivia Wilde!) Gown, \$3,585, Roses by Reem Acra; nordstrom.com.



## GOING GREEN

Eco-honeymoon alert: Dorado Beach, the first Caribbean resort in Ritz Carlton's nature-centric Reserve collection, opens this month in Puerto Rico. Set on 1,400 oceanfront acres once owned by Laurence Rockefeller, the 115-room haven makes sustainability look sexy with tree-house spa pavilions, a Jean-Michel Cous-teau adventure center, and three miles of glorious coastline. From \$799; doradobeachreserve.com.

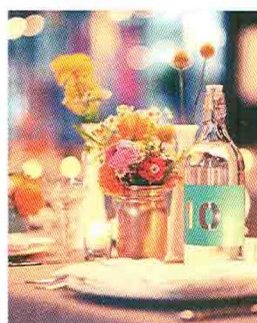


## ROCK OF AGES

Another year, another obsession-worthy Cartier ring. In its continuing bid to become the go-to destination for engagement bling, the company has introduced the "Destinée," a glammed-up version of its classic "1895" solitaire with a halo and arms encrusted in diamonds; cartier.com.

## Holiday Bonus

Perfect for the honeymoon, this limited-edition siren red set by Araks (who famously outfitted Scarlett Johansson in cotton lingerie for *Lost in Translation*) is both naughty and nice. Part of each purchase supports the nonprofit Girls Write Now. Silk set, \$333; shop.araks.com.



## PARTY GIRLS

Looking for eclectic inspiration for your big day? Check out *The New Fashioned Wedding*, from L.A. event planners Paige Appel and Kelly Harris (the duo behind *Bash, Please*). The book is packed with genius style ideas—from metallic Mason jars to unicorn centerpieces. \$45; rizzoliusa.com.

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