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These will look good in Marrakech. Or St. Moritz. Or whichever far-flung place you're going to next year. (We have some ideas, starting on page 89.)

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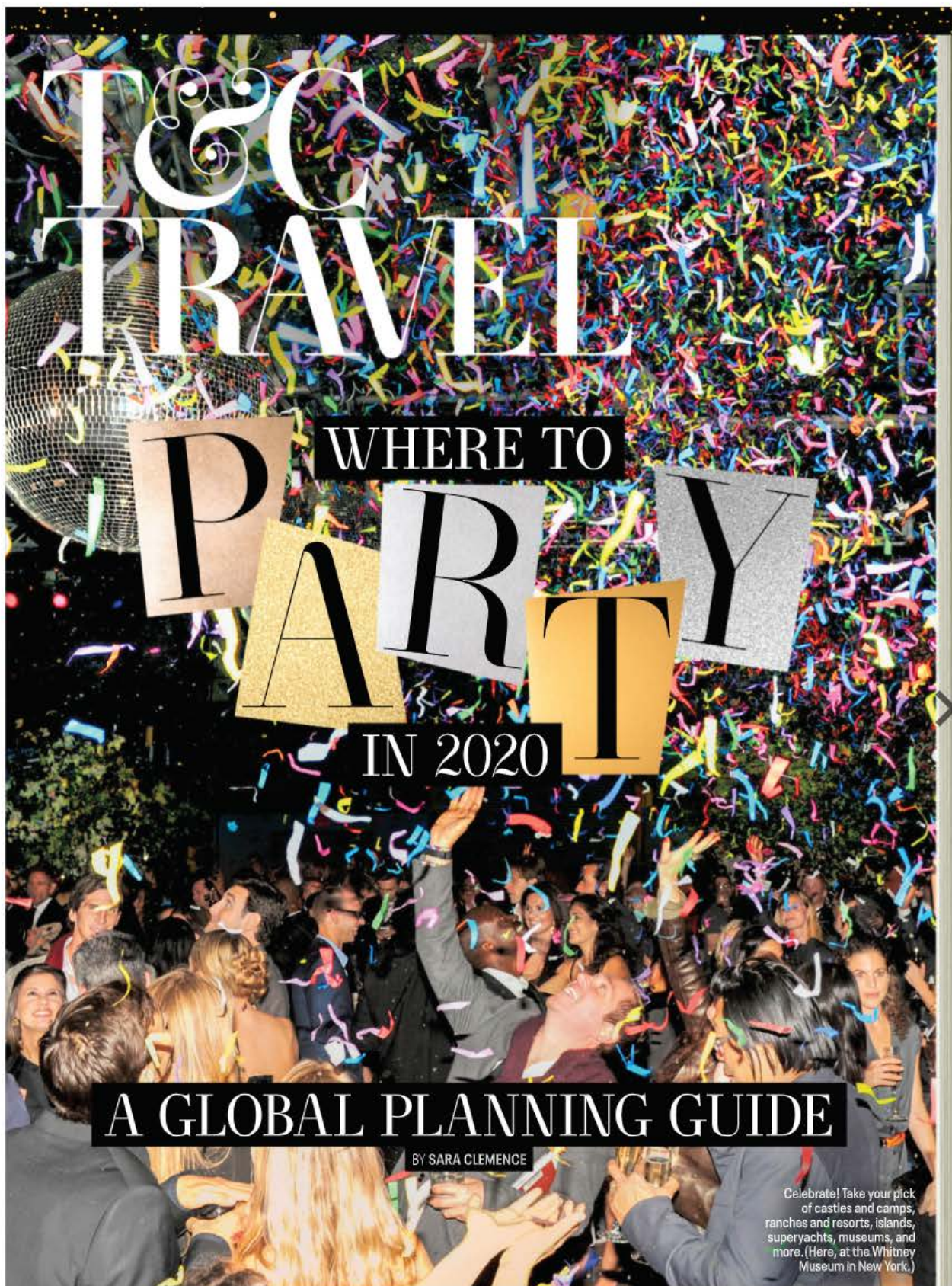
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## WHERE TO PARTY IN 2020

### A GLOBAL PLANNING GUIDE

BY SARA CLEMENCE

Celebrate! Take your pick of castles and camps, ranches and resorts, islands, superyachts, museums, and more. (Here, at the Whitney Museum in New York.)



## THE GLOBAL PARTY

### *Celebrate without ever leaving the **resort***



The Kulm Hotel in St. Moritz, decorated for the holidays.

**✓ DO** Arrange to have clothes shipped, unpacked, and steamed ahead of your arrival.

**✗ DON'T** Over-invite. You want the event to be communal yet still personal.

#### **HECKFIELD PLACE** England

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle babymooned at this newly renovated 400-acre Georgian estate, and the Delevingne sisters used it as their crash pad for Princess Eugenie's wedding. Its 45 rooms make it perfect for an under-100 gathering, and its location 90 minutes outside London makes it supremely convenient.

#### **TWIN FARMS** Vermont

It doesn't get more classic New England than this 300-acre retreat, once the home of Sinclair Lewis and Dorothy Thompson. There are 20 guestrooms, 10 of which are cottages. Each is done in a different style (Japanese, Scandinavian, Midcentury), and party venues include an apple orchard, a lakeside cabana, and a wine cellar.

#### **LAKE KORA** New York

"You can celebrate here like the Vanderbilts," says Jack Ezon of Embark Beyond Travel. Which makes sense, as the family once owned the 1,000-acre property. Available only for exclusive use, it sleeps 28, and for competitive types it's the dream camp: antique canoes, a bowling alley, squash courts, baseball fields, sailboats, tennis courts, and croquet lawns.

#### **KULM HOTEL** Switzerland

Sitting on the largest piece of privately owned land in St. Moritz, this Alpine hotel, which shipping tycoon Stavros Niarchos bought in 1970, is a grande dame with an enviable athletic pedigree: It gave birth to modern winter sports in the 19th century and hosted the Olympics in 1928. For less competitive pursuits, how about skiing by moonlight? You can reserve an entire mountain for your party.

#### **MEADOWOOD** California

They're in the heart of Napa Valley, but Meadowood's 250 acres feel secluded: 98 rooms and suites in lodges scattered among oak trees, a legendary croquet lawn, and a nine-hole golf course. "It's like a country club, but it feels like home," says Dani Johnson of Coastline Travel Advisors.

And you don't have to leave for a meal with a Michelin-star—the restaurant has three.

#### **MAUNA LANI** Hawaii

For a megacelebration, this Big Island classic, Auberge's newest resort, is the place to buy out. Set on 32 acres, it has 333 rooms and party space for up to 900. Two of the golf courses are built on black lava fields, and there's a 50-foot catamaran to take out sailing and a stunning pool perfect for a Slim Aarons-style cocktail hour.

#### **AMAN KYOTO** Japan

Go high-octane elsewhere. Aman's newest property in Japan—80 acres of hushed, moss-covered forests and gardens—is better suited for peaceful connection and reflection. The 26 rooms, with their contemporary spin on the traditional ryokan (minimalist

furniture, luxurious soaking tubs), and the hot spring-fed onsen are made for spiritual bonding. Just bring only people you *really* like.

#### **BORGO EGNAZIA** Italy

This 40-acre resort in Puglia, with white stone walls, winding alleys, and picturesque piazza, is an elevated version of a traditional village in a blessedly little-traveled part of Italy. (Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel married here in 2012.) There are so many venues (two private beaches, several restaurants and pools) that no two events will be the same.



A suitable case for top secret party favors. **DIOR MEN "DIOR X RIMOWA" PERSONAL CLUTCH** (PRICE ON REQUEST), 800-929-DIOR

#### **WHO TO CALL**

Most properties like the ones listed here have their own event staffs; you should contact them. The event planners we list on page 108, who contributed their know-how to this article, are guaranteed to take things up a notch—or several—and they often work with the resorts' staffs. Have a ball.