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Editor's Note

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There might be nothing I like more in this world than a spa day. Massages, facials, body wraps—I will try it all. (To be honest, I don't even need a treatment: Give me a plush robe, fuzzy slippers, water with lemons and a steam room, and I'm happy for hours.) And living and working in Chicago—with some of the best and most diverse spas in the country—has only fueled my addiction. (Some of my favorites? The Peninsula, the Four Seasons, Cleise Brazilian Day Spa, Cellular Intelligence Med Spa, the Spa at the Elysian, Kohler Waters Spa at Burr Ridge, Charles Ifergan, Mario Tricoci, the list goes on and on.)

But for many Chicagoans, escaping from the city is the key to relaxation and renewal—especially in today's society, where Blackberrys, Twitter feeds and other all-hours technologies prevent us from ever really unplugging at the end of a long day. It's a feeling that all of us here at Modern Luxury know well, so it's not surprising that our national food and travel editor, Brad A. Johnson, chose the worldwide spa scene as the theme of this year's special travel issue. From Chiang Mai and the Côte d'Azur to Las Vegas'

spectacular new Aria Resort & Casino, Brad and a team of contributing writers have combed the globe in search of the best new spas of the last year. It's one of my favorite features ever.

Closer to home, editors Marissa Conrad and Jaydine Sayer visited Kohler Waters Spa and Sundara Inn and Spa, two Wisconsin destinations that have won numerous national accolades—and both happen to be less than three hours away. In the Radar Travel section, they'll fill you in on what's new at these top-of-the-line spas. In addition, contributing editor Amalie Drury headed to Palm Springs with man-about-town Bunky Cushing for a fun-filled week hanging out with the numerous notable Chicagoans who flock to the desert paradise every winter. She gets the scoop on where to stay, what to do and who had the best parties of the season.

And speaking of great parties, as usual we've included photos from 15 of the best local bashes of the past few months. Our suggestion? Sit back, relax and soak up the issue. If you happen to be in a spa lounge sipping lemon water while you're perusing the pages, that's an added bonus. Enjoy! khuyler@modernluxury.com