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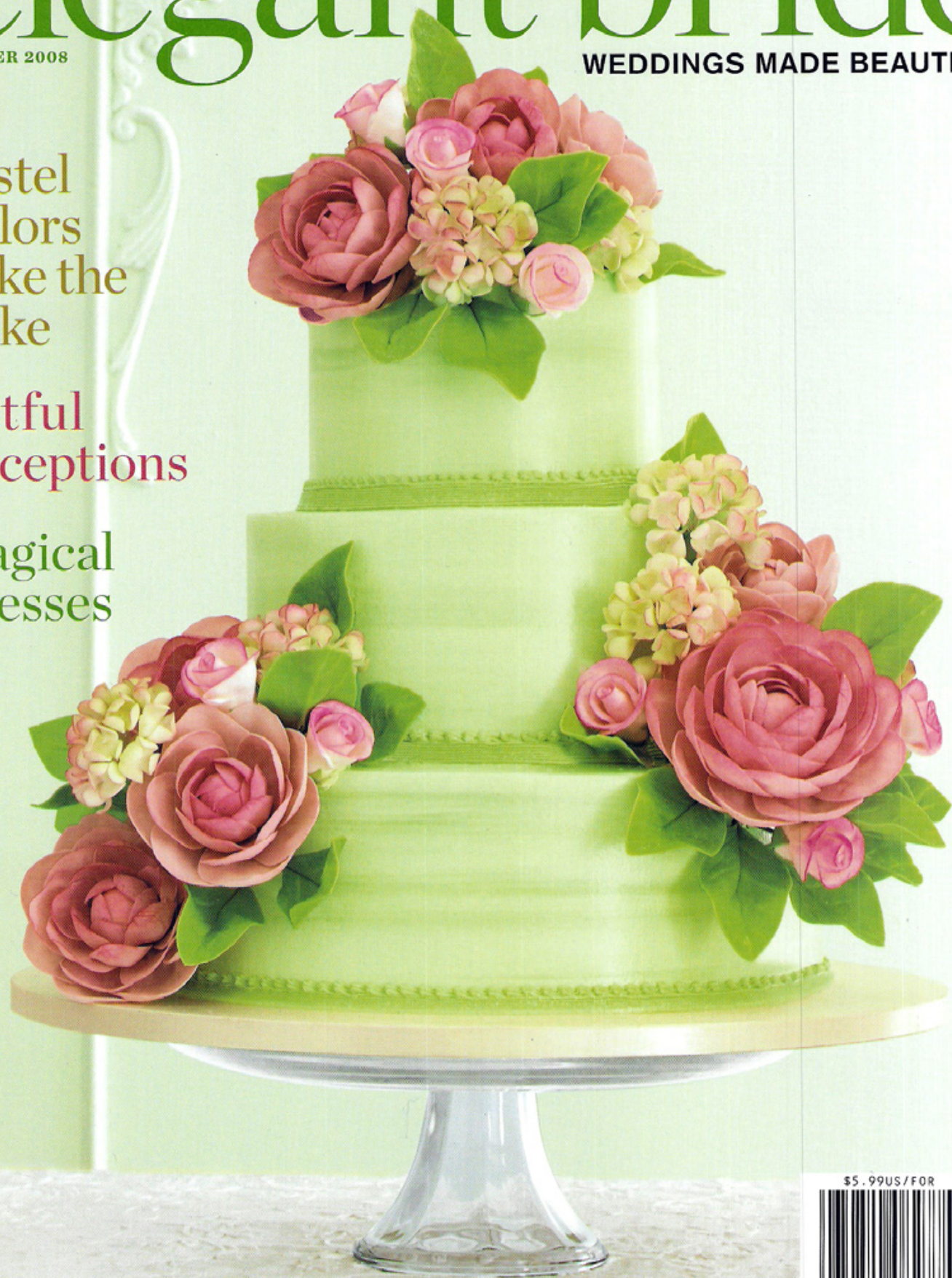
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Qualia, a 60-pavilion upscale resort, is a new addition to Hamilton Island, in the Whitsundays off Queensland, Australia. The retreat is situated at the tip of the island, affording ocean views from the spacious suites, some of which have private plunge pools. Rooms from \$1,350, including meals.

● **Winvian**, the new 19-suite resort in Connecticut, is an exercise in whimsy that hits all the right luxury notes for a romantic stay or a take-over wedding. Fifteen architects have created uniquely themed cottages,

from a suite crafted around a vintage helicopter to a grown-up treehouse. Rooms from \$1,450, all-inclusive.

● **One&Only Le Saint Geran**, in Mauritius (a former French colony in the Indian Ocean), has a new attraction: a glamorous beach tipi conceived by English fashion designer Alice Temperley. Guests can book a "Glampfire dinner" (which includes bonfire, BBQ, wine, a butler and fireworks), enjoy a full day's hire of the tipi, or book it for spa treatments. Rooms from \$1,560 (tipi rental is extra).



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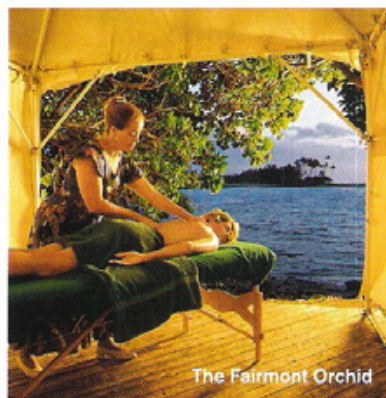
Villa d'Este

VIEWFINDER

OFTEN TOUTED AS THE MOST ROMANTIC HOTEL IN THE WORLD, ITALY'S **Villa d'Este**, with its peerless setting on picturesque Lake Como, deserves to be on every traveler's wish list. The 152-room resort, with its 25 acres of landscaped gardens, was originally built in 1568 as a cardinal's summer residence, and 300 years later turned into a luxury hotel. While the façade retains its romantic, old-world charm, the amenities at the hotel are current—wireless Internet, heated pools and a full-service spa are all part of the picture. Many of the antiques-filled guestrooms have terraces (request one of the 59 that have lake views), and outside, a walking path up the cliffs behind the property is flanked by waterfalls and leads to a chef's garden and grotto. End the day at this storied resort with a sunset cocktail on the terrace, followed by a fragrant plate of risotto, the specialty of the chef. Rooms from \$990.

GETAWAYS

What better way to bond with your favorite friends than by donning a hula skirt and immersing yourself in the pleasures of Hawaiian culture? **The Fairmont Orchid**, on Hawaii's Big Island, is offering the "Hula Girl Getaway," a package that includes accommodation for you and your girls (two guestrooms for the price of one) and daily hula lessons conducted ocean-side under the shade of the palm trees lining the shore. As well as the prospect of hip-swaying fun, the lessons also provide an insight into Hawaiian fables, traditionally expressed through song and dance. Afterward, wind down with a lomilomi massage in one of the beachfront cabanas, or take to the waves for a surfing lesson to complete the adventure-girl effect. Package from \$979 per night for two rooms, including breakfast and hula lessons.



The Fairmont Orchid

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