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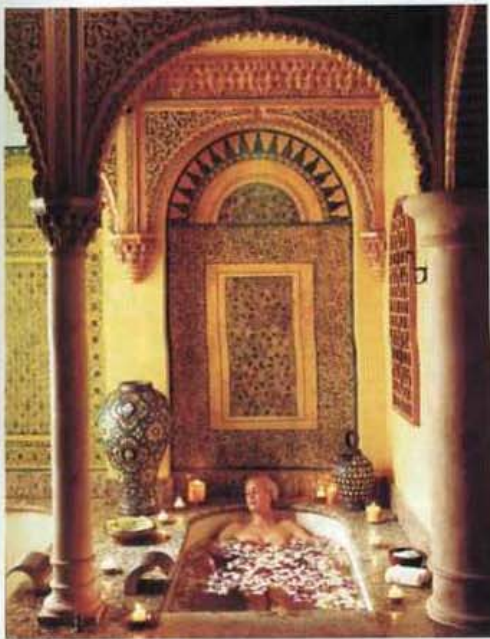
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Europe on The Atlantic

By Esther Davidowitz

In 1926, an eccentric and debonair monkey-loving architect plunked down \$1.25 million to open the most expensive (at the time), pink-colored, 100-room hotel in a little-known part of Florida. Today, the Boca Raton Resort & Club sports more than 1,000 guestrooms, two lush green golf courses, 30 Har-Tru clay tennis courts, a palatial-sized spa, a 32-slip marina, and a huge yacht club.

Yes, much has changed since architect Addison Mizner strolled through the grand halls and courtyards of his hotel. Mizner was often accompanied by his beloved spider monkey and clad in his silk pajamas. Yet one suspects Mizner, the man credited with setting the architectural style most of us associate with Florida resorts, at least high-end resorts (tall arches, stucco moldings, open-air porches, red tiled roofs, and grand courtyards) would approve of the changes.

For starters, Mizner loved opulence and elegance. And the Boca Raton Resort & Club is nothing if not opulent (carved gold-leaf lamps, super-soft white linens, bubbling fountains, mammoth crystal chandeliers) and elegant (soaring beamed ceilings, natural-stone flooring, luxurious upholstered seats, and exquisitely intricate mosaics). Step >>

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into the newly renovated lobby, which recently was made over by famed French architect Thierry Despont (he helped restore the Statue of Liberty), and you may very well think that you've stepped into a sophisticated old European villa—one that just happens to sit right by the Atlantic Ocean and that just happens to have rows and rows of Royal Palm trees and tropical plants.

Mizner would love, too, that his hotel, which he designed to be a self-contained village, indeed is a self-contained village, only now its inhabitants can dine on a 20-ounce Kobe beef burger at The Old Homestead Steak House (tab: \$37—ouch!), enjoy an espresso martini on the 27th floor of the resort's tower, get a Sevruga caviar facial at the newly-built Spa Palazzo (\$215 for 80 minutes), and work off that Kobe burger at one of the hotel's three fitness centers. They can also play croquet, go ocean kayaking, shop for all sorts of high-end goods, or—the hell with it—lie on the beach all day reading the latest John Grisham book. Or, if they prefer, lounge around in silk pajamas.

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