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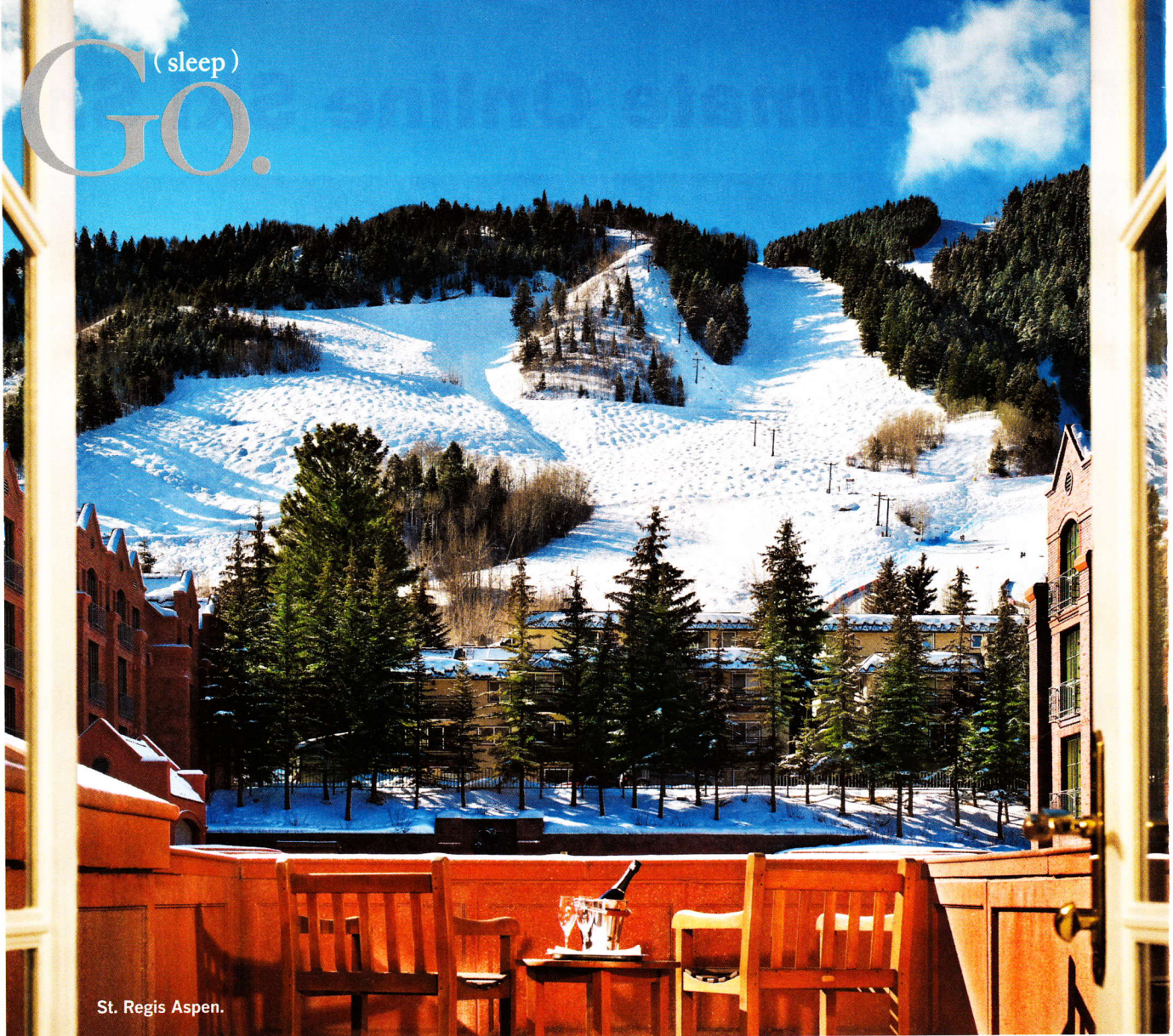
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St. Regis Aspen.

Updating Aspen

THIS TOWN'S ICONIC LODGING SCENE ENJOYS A NIP/TUCK OF ITS OWN. *By Cindy Hirschfeld*

You think you know Aspen? It's time for a refresher. The former mining town's most prominent hotels have undergone some serious rejuvenation—a little Botox here, a full-on face-lift there, reconstructive surgery all around. Ranging from a historic grande dame to cozy boutique hotels, the town's lodging scene continues to satisfy modern luxury seekers with its latest round of upgrades.

For one, the iconic Hotel Jerome celebrates its 123rd birthday with a reconfigured lobby, a new spa, and redesigned rooms that meld contemporary furnishings with the hotel's signature Victorian style. The makeover debuts mid-December. Meanwhile, the Little Nell is renovating its public spaces by following up last winter's lobby lounge redesign with a revamped flagship restaurant. The eatery, named Element 47 in a callout to Aspen's silver-mining past (silver is element no. 47 on the periodic table), will open in time for ski season and highlight locally sourced dishes from executive chef Robert McCormick. Not to be overlooked, nearby Snowmass Village gets in on the remodeling action with a Westin. Set to open in November, the 254-room hotel, formerly The Silvertree, will join the popular Viceroy to inject new life into Snowmass's upscale lodging options.

Check out more nip/tucks on the next page.

COURTESY OF ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: COURTESY OF ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT; COURTESY OF LIMELIGHT HOTEL; COURTESY OF SKY HOTEL/TONY PRIKRYL



ST. REGIS » The 179-room St. Regis has undergone a \$40 million redesign by interior architect Lauren Rottet, who used a palette of silver, bronze, caramel, and violet-gray inspired by Aspen's changing light. The beauty is in the details: smartly reconfigured marble baths, storage-optimizing closets, and ottomans designed to help you slide into your ski boots. The centerpiece is the Chef's Club restaurant, with an interior that evokes a hip Alpine hut. The seasonally inspired menu is created by recipients of *Food & Wine's* Best New Chefs award, and the guest chefs change twice annually. No surprise: Chef's Club is already one of Aspen's hottest tables. stregisaspen.com

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Tingo.com, a new hotel-booking site, offers money back on your hotel room if the nightly rate drops between the date of purchase and your trip. Lots of ski-country hotels listed.

SKY HOTEL » The Sky—known for après-ski at its 39 Degrees Lounge—has unveiled room decor redone with a retro '70s ski vibe: headboards upholstered in creamy cable knits, orange racing-stripe accents, and houndstooth fabric. Too much déjà vu? The hip lounge was spared the '70s love. You'll be safe there. theskyhotel.com



LIMELIGHT LODGE » The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Limelight is an Aspen classic that was rebuilt from the ground up a few years back. The 126 rooms blend dark wood furniture with pops of color, and the reconfigured lobby hosts live music and features a new snack bar serving tapas and pizza. limelightlodge.com