


# CRAVING THE CARIBBEAN

# PUERTO RICO



**The Cosmopolitan Island** BY ELAINE GLUSAC

To date, Puerto Rico's sense of glamour has been highly urban, with a few discrete getaways, like the Horned Dorset Primavera on the west coast, with 39 suites that draw couples away from the capital for quieter respites. But with the November opening of the 139-room St. Regis Bahia Beach, the island will get its first ultraluxury hideaway, one that manages to combine residential repose with unspoiled nature. The 483-acre property, given the green thumbs-up by Audubon International, offers views of El Yunque inland from two miles of private beach and several of the Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed fairways on the 18-hole golf course. The resort,

16 miles east of San Juan's airport, offers enough on-property stimulation to keep guests from missing the capital, including a 10,000-square-foot spa featuring massage villas with private outdoor terraces, more than seven miles of walking trails, kayak tours through its rivers, and Fern restaurant from famed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten.