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The luxurious residences at Montage Beverly Hills combine Mediterranean architecture with elegant design and all the perks of hotel living. *By Victoria Namkung*

Who hasn't fantasized about living high atop a world-class hotel? The 20 luxury residences at Montage Beverly Hills sit on the upper three floors of the property, are wholly owned, and are LEED Gold-certified for their eco-friendly design. Here, some of the advantages of living in these plush surroundings (they had us at twice-daily housekeeping).

INSPIRATION:

Mirroring a classic Mediterranean aesthetic reminiscent of the 1928 Hotel Alfonso XIII in Seville, Spain, the Montage Residences Beverly Hills have a distinctive European elegance mixed with the glamour of Hollywood's Golden Age.

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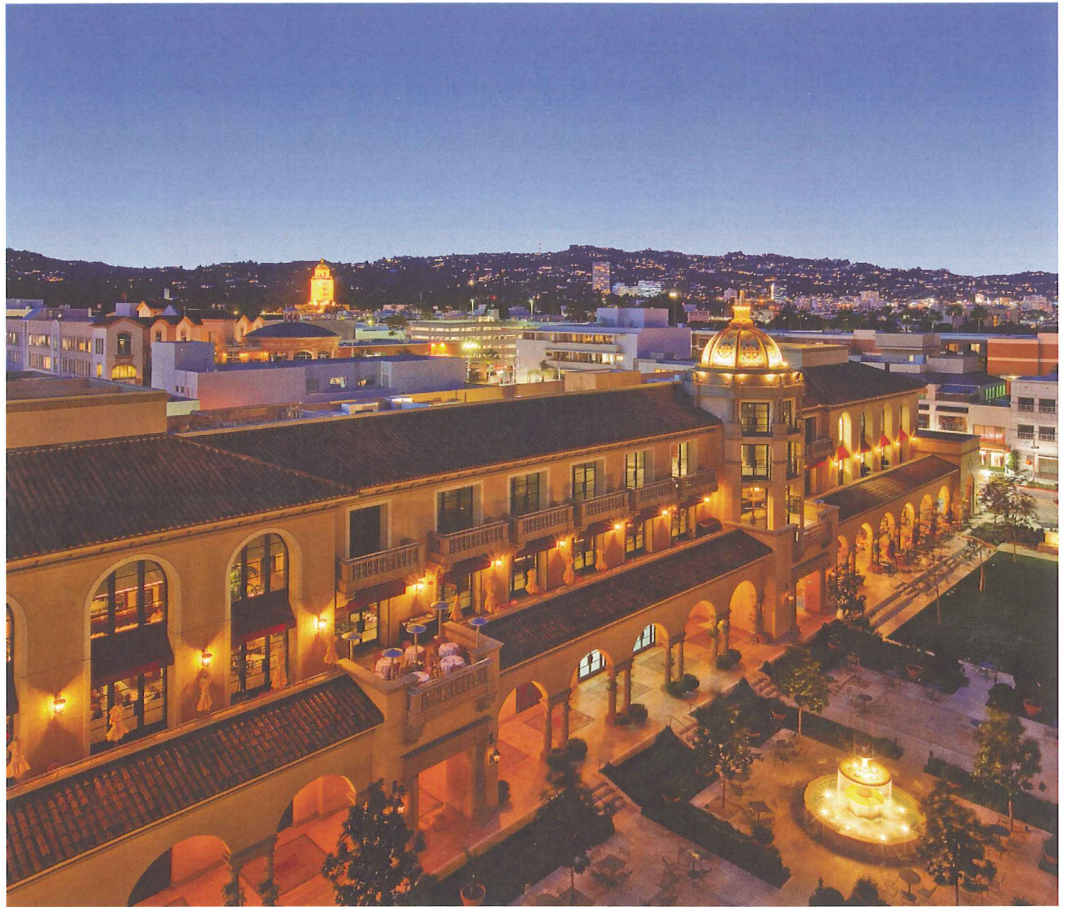
Highlights from interior designer Darrell Schmitt include pecan hardwood floors, organic Berber carpeting in the bedrooms, 48-inch gas fireplaces with sandblasted French limestone mantels in the living rooms and beautiful custom-millwork kitchen cabinets.

DESIGN:

Architect John Hill of HKS/Hill Glazier Studio created floor plans featuring two to five bedrooms and ranging in size from 1,900 to 5,700 square feet. Residences boast private balconies with breathtaking views of the nearby hills and surrounding skyline. Living rooms, dining rooms and master bedrooms have 10-foot-high ceilings (kitchens, hallways and bathrooms have eight- to nine-foot ceilings), and all homes have intimate libraries, hi-tech media rooms and state-of-the-art kitchens with appliances from Wolf, Sub-Zero and Miele.

LIVING:

Living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms (with custom walk-in closets in the master-bedroom suites, naturally) are spacious and yet manage to feel warm and cozy. Enkasonic rubberized matting under the hard-surface flooring and custom soundproofing in the ceiling and walls eliminate noise and improve interior acoustics.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Montage Residence Beverly Hills view; a Residence kitchen with custom-millwork cabinets; a living room with a gas fireplace and a 10-foot-high ceiling

INTERIOR PHOTOS BY MARY E. NICHOLS

PERKS:

Residents have access to all hotel amenities, including the 20,000-square-foot Spa Montage, housekeeping services, the rooftop pool and conservatory and meeting spaces. It also doesn't hurt that top-notch restaurants Scarpetta and Bouchon, as well as some of the world's best boutiques, are just steps away.

EXTRAS:

There are also dedicated, key-activated elevator banks, valet and self-parking (with a minimum of—wait for it—three parking spaces and customizable storage space) and a residential concierge staff that can arrange for everything from wardrobe cataloging and closet organization to menu planning and mobile-office setup.

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