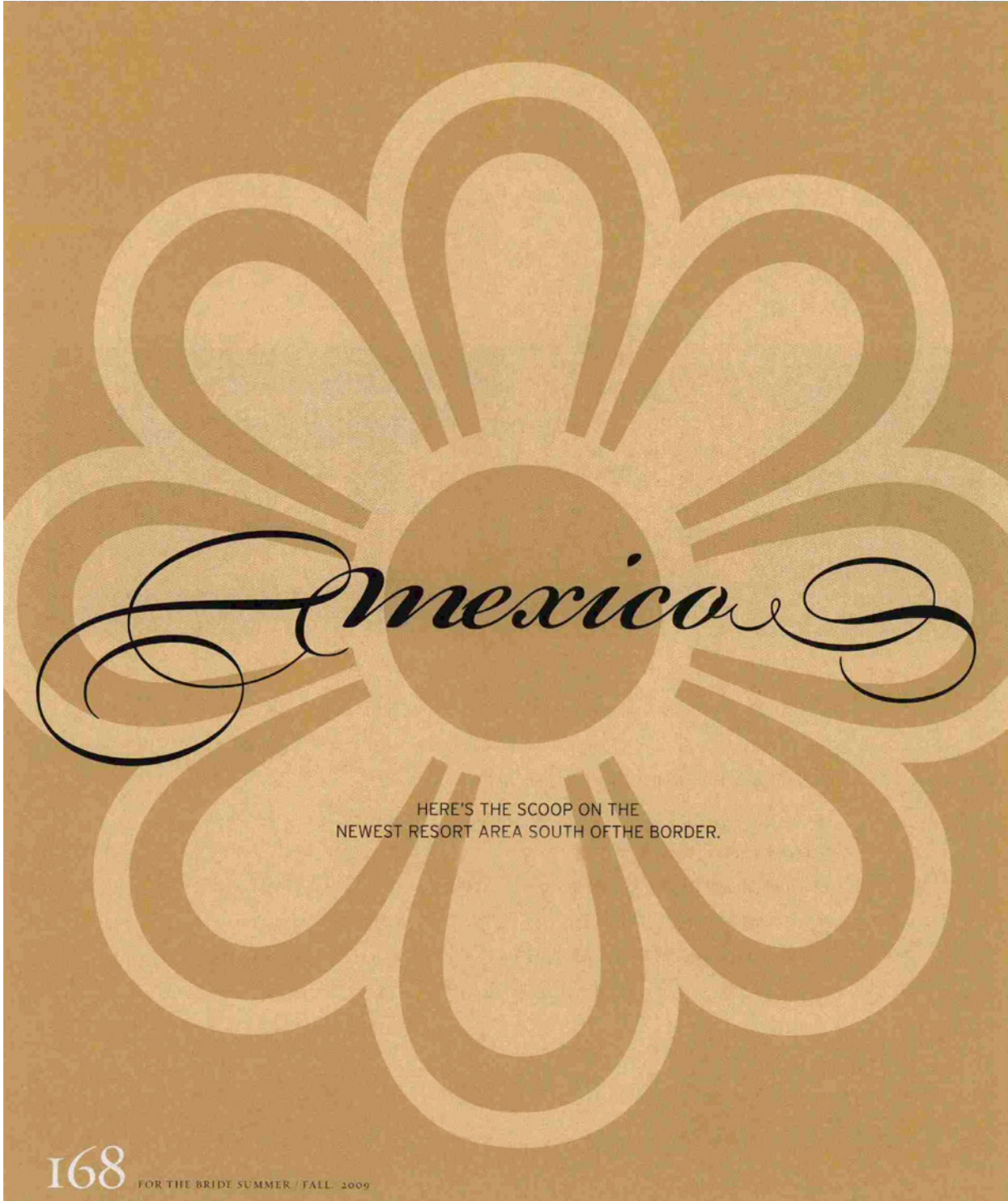


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NUEVO VALLARTA

This is the most developed—and most visited—town in the area, if you want to launch your exploration of the region from a luxurious home base, this is the place to start. And because all of the beachfront properties lie along a three-mile stretch of crescent-shaped Banderas Bay, you're all but guaranteed a front-row beach chair for viewing the spectacular Pacific Coast sunsets.

The luxe all-inclusive **Vallarta Palace** (palaceresorts.com) resort offers some interesting touches. In addition to the complimentary mini-bar featuring top-shelf liquors, all rooms have a double Jacuzzi. Four restaurants offer a choice of Brazilian, Asian, Mexican or Italian cuisine, and you can catch a different show in the seaside amphitheater nearly every night. The clean, modern design of the **Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort** (grandvelas.com) sets it apart from the fiesta of colors found in many Mexican resorts.