



# FLASH



**MUST SEA**  
THE WRITER (IN ADAM CARDIANI) ON THE TYRRHENIAN

## DISPATCH PORTO ERCOLE, ITALY

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I grew up in France and Italy, so I'd been to Porto Ercole, off the Tuscan coast, before, but this time I went with my friend Adam Lippes. I'm helping him with his ADAM collection, and he came to see me in Milan and looked through my vintage wardrobe for inspiration. We decided we needed a vacation more than anything—even if for only two days—so we packed up, took a flight to Rome, and drove from there to the coast. We were at Il Pellicano by dinner. I had heard about this beautiful hotel from my grandmother, who used to go there with my grandfather and her sisters in the sixties (we visited friends and a cousin who live close by). To get to this very special place, you drive up a mountain, and the hotel is

right there with nothing but the sea. It was very green and full of pink bougainvilleas, and the air smelled of lavender and basil coming from the herb garden close to where we were sleeping. Each day, we would wake up and have breakfast (an Italian doughnut, fried dough with cream, or a chocolate croissant) on the balcony. Then we would go down to the beach—no sand, only rocks with parasols attached. I love sitting in the shade with a book (*Anna Karenina* was my choice for this trip). After some sun, I would jump straight into the ocean. We had massages and very early nights. This location is really all about the hotel and the sea. □

## OVERHEARD

THERE'S A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT THIS MONTH'S ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH:

- Fashion-emporium favorite the Webster opens its rooftop as a new private club, the Webster Skybar, with VIP cards, special cocktails, and little bites from Caviar Kaspia.
- Solea will be the site of the dinner hosted by **Aby Rosen**, **Peter Brant**, and **Alberto Mugrabi**, with an after-party hosted by **Vito Schnabel**, **Stavros Niarchos**, and **Alex Dellal**.
- **Larry Gagosian** will have a small private dinner at the W's Mr. Chow, with a brand-new menu just for the evening.
- Performance to watch? Deitch Projects collaborates with the Raleigh hotel and Art Production Fund to present **Santigold**, with a video component by **Takeshi Murata**. "The performance will be a golden wonderland inspired by No Limit [Master P's former record label] and rococo," says the singer.

**MEMBERS-ONLY:**

- Norwood club, located in a Chelsea town house, reopens its second-floor bar and restaurant, Club Room, with a new chef and sumptuous decor, including photography by **Gregory Crewdson** and a **Dorothy Draper** sofa. □



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