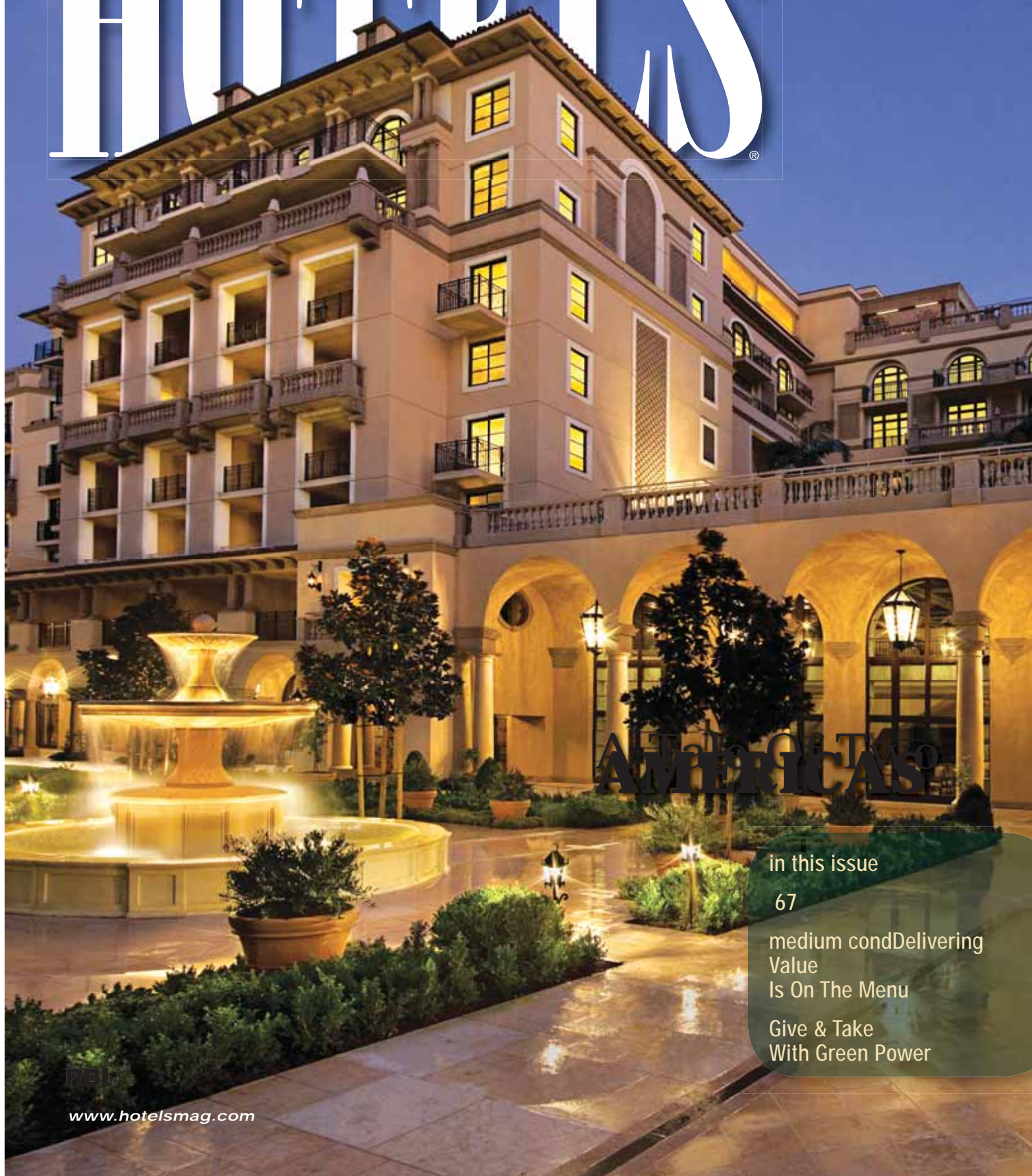


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Let Them Eat Cake *Coastal Hotel Group* recently surprised the 2,009th guest of 2009 with special prize packages at two of its premier properties. Here, *The Resort at The Mountain* General Manager Frank Casarez (r.) honors the 2,009th guest at his property in Welches, Oregon.

You Can't Fire These Three Jonathan Tisch (l.), *Loews Hotels* chairman and CEO, stands with Donald Trump and Ivanka Trump for NBC television's *The Celebrity Apprentice*. A recent episode had the remaining 12 contestants competing against each other as they managed and ran a group of rooms at the 353-room *Loews Regency* in New York City.



Real Celebration *The Royal* hotels in Cancun and Playa del Carmen, Mexico, received the International Star Diamond Award. Joseph Cinque, American Academy of Hospitality Sciences (l.), presents the award to Eng. Fernando Garcia, general director of *Real Resorts*.



Snip In Toronto The 394-room *Hyatt Regency Toronto On King* celebrated its official completion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured here (l. to r.): Pete Sears, senior vice president of operations, *Hyatt Hotels & Resorts*; Jim Brownell, parliamentary assistant, Ministry of Tourism; Sulynn Jew, general manager of Hyatt Regency Toronto On King.

Channeling John & Yoko On March 20, 1969, at the *Amsterdam Hilton*, John Lennon and Yoko Ono started their famous anti-war protest bed-in to promote world peace. Liverpool's unique Beatles-inspired *Hard Days Night Hotel* re-created the bed-in in the Lennon Suite using two professional lookalikes.

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Honor Excellence

(l. to r.) Joseph McNerney, president and CEO of AH&LA; Fernando Salazar, vice president of F&B for *Wyndham Hotels & Resorts*; and Fred Tibbitts Jr., president and CEO of Fred Tibbitts & Associates, honor Salazar as recipient of the 2009 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as operator for North America at the FTA spring dinner in New York City.

Breaking Ground, Literally Kim Struble, director of conferences and meetings for National Association of Counties (center), joins *Hilton Washington's* Government Sales Manager Tiffany Backus and Hilton Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of Sales and Marketing Frank Passanante outside the hotel in northwest D.C., where a 30,000-sq. ft. (2,787-sq. m) multi-purpose hall is being built.

