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One of the hottest resorts on the planet is now for sale, sort of. Starwood Vacation Ownership announced plans to expand the luxury tier of its fractional ownership portfolio with The Phoenician Residences on the grounds of the famed AAA Five Diamond Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. Phoenician Residences include seven two- and three-bedroom fractional residences, ranging from 1,400 to 2,400 square feet. Pre-construction membership prices for fractional shares range from about \$200,000 to more than \$300,000 depending on the specific floor plan, location, views and the weeks selected. Enjoy the ultimate address for Barrett-Jackson, FBR Open and The Super Bowl. (888) 830-5012. www.starwoodvo.com.



'Swim with the Fishes' ▲

With the final season of "The Sopranos" in mind, the Presidente InterContinental Cancun Resort launches the "Swimming with the Fishes" water-themed weekend getaway through July. Package includes three nights accommodations, a "Swim with the Dolphins" expedition for two, use of the property's WaveRunner personal watercraft and discounts at the resort's acclaimed Italian restaurant Alfredo Di Roma. The InterContinental Cancun is set on one of the most spectacular beaches in the world. Most recently, the resort underwent a dramatic transformation, including updates to all 299 guest rooms and suites and the addition of a completely new club floor. Pull the trigger on this getaway and you won't regret it. Rates vary by level of accommodation. www.intercontinental.com.

◀ Sign in Style

Nothing says "polished professional" like a truly high-quality pen. Individually handmade writing instruments from Conway Stewart & Company fit the bill — and then some. Case in point: The British pen maker's Centenary or Harlequin, which are limited to just 50 pieces each worldwide. Hand sculpted from solid gold, both captivate with enamel inlays painstakingly built up in layers then fired and polished to a beautiful luster. Quite appropriately, each is fitted with an 18k-gold nib. One look and you'll know, these fountain pens are not just writing instruments, they're pieces of art. \$21,000. (425) 432-0816. www.conwaystewart.com.

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