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CLOCKWISE FROM
TOP LEFT: GREEN
HAUS HAS MORE
THAN 1,000 SQUARE
FEET OF OUTDOOR
LIVING SPACE; LIGHT
HAUS LIVING ROOM;
COCKTAILS BY THE
FIRE; LIGHT FLOODS
THE BEDROOM OF
LIGHT HAUS; THE
TREE HAUS LIVING
ROOM OVERLOOKS AN
EXPANSIVE TERRACE—
AND THE TREE TOPS.

eep in the pine forests of Montana, about a half-hour's drive from Missoula, a new resort is changing the game for sophisticated travelers with a passion for the great outdoors. The Green O—a riff on Greenough, the town closest to the property—is a gated enclave of 12 exclusive, adults-only wilderness retreats within a 37,000-acre cattle and bison ranch that also houses the sprawling Resort at Paws Up. Literally, The Green O is situated about 450 yards from the closest point of contact with Paws Up; figuratively, it is miles apart.

Because Paws Up, with its glamping tents and timber cabins, is geared toward families, the owners created this private sanctuary for couples and solo travelers seeking a refined experience with the biggest luxury of all: peace and quiet. By day, Green O guests can participate in all the wilderness adventures of the greater resort, including ATV exploration, horseback riding, hiking, fly-fishing, and clay shooting, but they can return to the tranquility of a secluded treehouse, the intimacy of cocktails by the fire, and the culinary theater of a nine-course tasting menu by a master chef. The best part? Privacy. The Green O is maxed out at 12 homes, or 24 guests, says Laurence Lipson, who co-founded Paws Up and The Green O with his late father, Dave, and his father's wife, Nadine. "It was really critical to keep it small and intimate. It enables us to offer a more personalized level of service."

Elevated design was a top priority. The Lipsons envisioned freestanding houses with innovative forms and \boldsymbol{a}



CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW: FARMED AND FORAGED PRODUCE GOES INTO THE MEALS AT SOCIAL HAUS; CHEF BRANDON CUNNINGHAM; FLY-FISHING ON THE BLACKFOOT RIVER; SOCIAL HAUS' ELEVATED, SEASONAL CUISINE; THE AWE-INSPIRING MONTANA LANDSCAPE.



modern spin on Montana's architectural vernacular. While native materials like Douglas fir and local stone ground each "haus" in sustainability, the biggest driving point of the design is glass. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls that blur boundaries act as a transparent skin between interior spaces and the timberland of Big Sky Country. The feeling is one of living outdoors.

Of the four original designs, the Tree Haus is the most eye-popping. Lipson calls it "an architectural gem in the forest," pointing to its surprising modern architecture based on hexagonal shapes and an inner cylindrical core around which spaces are oriented. Climbing a spiral stair-

case to the third level, like a child in a secret clubhouse, you arrive at a spacious bedroom suite with a bird's-eye view of the ponderosas and larches.

Clad in Douglas fir and stone, the Round Haus offers curved openings into the wilderness and a panoramic view. Its footprint is inspired by the infinity sign, with two interrelating loops that form living and sleeping quarters. The Green Haus is the model of sustainability, with a live roof that acts as insulation and camouflage within nature—and ups the wow factor of its rooftop deck. The Green Haus' coolest feature is a bedroom skylight, roughly the dimensions of a king-size bed, that makes you feel like you're sleeping under the stars. The Light Haus is the largest of the four plans and is designed as a house within a house. The greenhouse-like bedroom, with glass on three sides, pushes out of the main structure into the woods for consummate forest bathing.

Throughout The Green O, sensitivity to the environment is key. Woods are stained to match the coloration of the tree bark, so buildings can disappear into the woodland. The top-







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FROM LEFT: THE COZY
OUTDOOR SPACE OF LIGHT
HAUS; HORSEBACK RIDING IS
A FAVORITE ACTIVITY AT THE
GREEN O AND PAWS UP.

soil used around the property comes from the working cattle and bison ranch, complete with growing oats, barley, and alfalfa. Even the cart paths are gravel mixed with recycled asphalt millings to keep the dust down and the noise to a minimum.

But what's a haus in the woods without a proper meal and a fortifying cocktail or two? The heart of The Green O is the Social Haus—a lodge, if you will—presided over by chef Brandon Cunningham, a transplant from Portland, Oregon, who cooks with the seasons and favors locally foraged, farmed, and raised ingredients like elk, bison, huckleberries, and honeycomb. Dinner at Social Haus is a ninecourse feast, where exquisitely crafted small plates are presented by the chefs themselves, adding to the club-like atmosphere of the place.



In conjunction with its tenth anniversary, Oxbridge Academy welcomed 54 seventh and eighth graders to its new middle school. Like the upper school, Oxbridge Middle is delivering an exceptional educational experience by fostering personal discovery; integrating academics, the arts, athletics, and community service; and focusing on character building.

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