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**GRAND SLAM!** A glimpse of the Grand Del Mar, San Diego's newest resort, which features master craftsmanship.

## WHO'S YOUR DADDY? *Developer "Papa" Doug Manchester goes for extreme opulence at his new Del Mar resort. It's all about the deets, baby!*

All over San Diego, granddaddy hotels are undergoing oh-so modern makeovers. But not "Papa" Doug Manchester. San Diego's largest developer has created a luxurious ode to the Renaissance with his sprawling pink resort, the Grand Del Mar, and the devil is in the details.

Just as Steve Wynn famously changed the color of his casino's facade, Manchester would not erect a lavish, European-style, Addison Mizner-inspired resort in his own backyard without pulling out all the stops, to the tune of \$300 million. That's right, the Grand Del Mar is the most expensive new hotel built in California. In other words, think lavish, with staying power!

"Papa Doug has stayed at multiple fine resorts throughout the world, and wanted to make certain that his guests received the finest amenities, not dissimilar to his own personal residence," says longtime Manchester collaborator and San Francisco interior designer Warren Sheets.

There are 500 fabrics; 35 wood finishes; 30 types of stone and polished Italian marble; and 2,000 antique-inspired pieces of custom furniture and artwork. (The 21,000-square-foot spa boasts framed Hermès scarves.) The 249-room resort features a golf course and multiple restaurants, including the destination-worthy Addison.

Just take the hotel's signature exterior rose color, the same shade

created for his La Jolla home. "A squirt of raw sienna against a couple of squirts of burnt sienna, a dollop of Venetian red, and a drop or two of raw umber got us there," says Sheets, who mixed the color on-site.

For the walls and ceiling alone, 20,000 individual sheets of 23-karat gold leaf were hand-applied. The list goes on: handcrafted wood floors; Italian stone imported by boat and airplane; a 75-foot-long, 22-nozzle fountain; more than 50 elaborate chandeliers; hand-stenciled ceiling coves; and bathtubs so deep they could host a dinner party for three. Even the presidential suite is on overdrive with five—yes, five—TVs cased in gilded frames, and private balconies sport two-way fireplaces and heady views of the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

And for those who want to call The Grand home, there are eight fractional-ownership villas starting at \$450,000. The two-story, three-bedroom spreads are decked out in the same over-the-top details with some super-sized additions, like floor-to-ceiling living room windows that open to sunken Jacuzzi tubs on massive outdoor terraces and surround-sound media rooms. Call it home, suite home. ■

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