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A true mark of luxury

Luxury hospitality tastemaker Almanac, known for developing iconic hotels in landmark locations, has announced the first in a collection of luxury hotels scheduled to open in the summer of 2017 in Barcelona. Located on Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 619-621, the hotel will be comprised of 92 luxurious accommodations and has undergone a complete renovation over the last two years. In a prime location, the hotel is steps from Paseo de Gracia, where guests can find stylish shopping, restaurants, bars and museums. With world-class architecture and design featuring grey, beige and gold tones with accents of oak and walnut, antique mirrors, and marble from Ibiza – a stay at the Alamanac Barcelona is a true mark of luxury.

Learn more at almanachotels.com/barcelona

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America's Cup

On May 26, Bermuda will host the 35th America's Cup, presented by Louis Vuitton. The eyes of the world will turn to the iconic Great Sound where the best sailors on the fastest boats will battle for the oldest trophy in international sport. Racing starts with the Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers on May 26 and the top challenger will meet defending champions Oracle Team USA in June. For information, visit americascup.com and gotobermuda.com



Bon voyage

Keep your travel documents safe and in one place. Crafted in a size that can be stored neatly into your carry-on bag, this chic passport holder, is a must-have when travelling. \$18. Available at Indigo. indigo.ca

Relive the Summer of Love

In 1967, nearly 100,000 young people converged on Haight-Ashbury, turning San Francisco into the epicentre of a cultural phenomenon known as the Summer of Love. In 2017, San Francisco celebrates the 50th anniversary of that summer with a variety of special events and exhibitions including a concert June 4 at Golden Gate Park. 50thsummeroflove.com



At last, Nobu here at home

Nobu, one of the world's most celebrated hospitality brands, will begin construction this summer on Toronto's Mercer Street for what promises to be a luxury destination. Nobu Hotel, which will include the city's first Nobu Restaurant, is an exclusive collection of luxurious guest suites with stunning panoramic views featuring the ultimate in hotel luxury. The project also includes high-rise residences. noburesidences.ca



Cruise the White Continent

Scuba diving. Stand-up paddleboarding. Cross-country skiing. Camping. These are just a few of the excursion options offered by AdventureSmith Explorations when you embark on one of their Antarctica cruises. Named by Condé Nast Traveller's prestigious Annual Travel Specialists List as the world's leading expert on small ship expeditions, AdventureSmith caters to the adventurous traveller who understands the urgency of experiencing the grandeur of Antarctica due to increasing threats to its environment. Book nine to 12 months in advance. adventuresmithexplorations.com

Lakefront bliss

With the arrival of warmer weather, it's the perfect time to rediscover your lakefront. Go for a stroll, bike ride or jog alongside some of our breathtaking scenery and waterfront landscapes. It's the perfect way to pause the hecticness of our busy lives... even if just for a moment...and indulge in the beauty that is right outside our door.

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The Fab Fitbit family

Stylish enough for work and tough enough for workouts, the brand new Fitbit Alta HR™ special edition features a classic band in black and a matte gunmetal tracker and buckle for a look that's dramatic and discreet. It's one of the only bands on the market that's been designed specifically and tested rigorously for heart rate tracking with Alta HR with PurePulse® technology. \$229.95 Available at Indigo. indigo.ca



Get your yoga on

If you're interested in a unique yoga experience, you won't want to miss the Summer Solstice Yogathon, taking place Wednesday, June 21 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Towne Square in Oakville. Celebrate International Yoga Day with other yoga lovers while enjoying a free day of yoga facilitated by a selection of the town's most popular yoga studios! oakville.ca

Port Credit Yarn Blitz

Knitting, crocheting and stitching are making a comeback (did they ever really go away?), and are being celebrated with a new and unique event happening in Port Credit – The Port Credit Yarn Blitz! Volunteer knitters, crocheters and stitchers are working away to create and install artwork on the streets of Port Credit. Working with re-purposed yarn materials, there are plans for a range of inventive Yarn Blitz projects to be installed throughout the village in the summer. The Credit River Pedestrian Bridge will be the location for the first installation "Sail Pass," celebrating the beautiful waterfront community. portcredit.com



A delicious evening

Are you looking for a unique way to spend your next date night? Why not check out a cooking class offered at your local Superstore? We particularly love 'Hot and Saucy with Chef Christopher Pires.' Learn to cook a delicious Indian dish while pairing it with the perfect wine. It's the makings of a delicious evening! Hot and Saucy takes place June 1, at the North Oakville Superstore, 201 Oak Park Drive and costs \$40 per person. pccookingschool.ca

GREAT escapes

Three landscapes to inspire your
next season of outdoor living. »



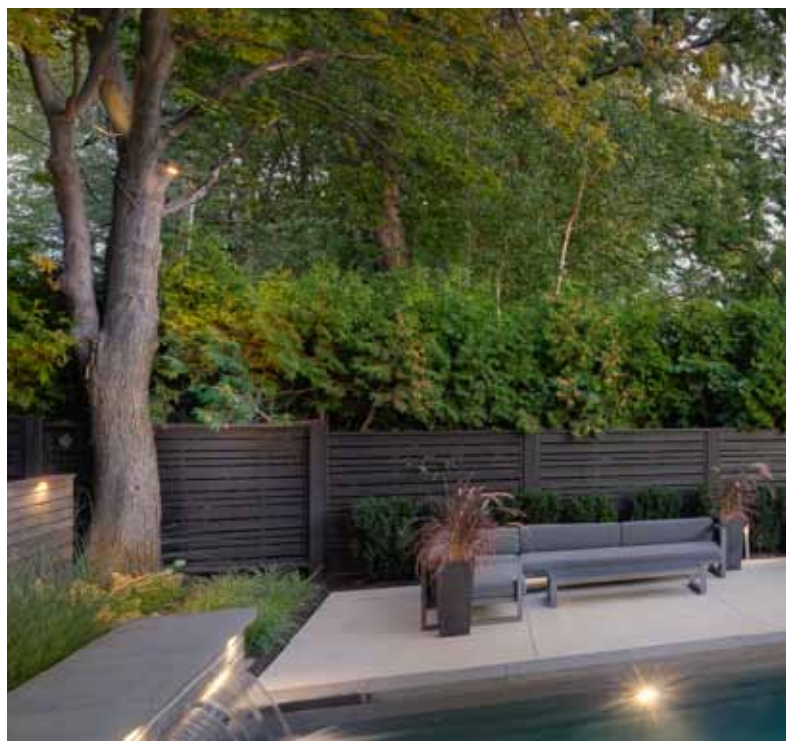
AN EVENING SOIRÉE

» When homeowners approached Cedar Springs Landscape Group to create an exterior that would complement the clean lines, modern design and functional spaces of their interior renovation and provide a lovely backdrop for entertaining—day or night—the result was nothing short of spectacular.

A sandblasted concrete front entrance graced with minimalist easy upkeep foliage, leads to a stunning backyard paradise where a contemporary waterfall trickles into a bold rectangular pool surrounded by a functional, maintenance-free patio. Graced with soft lighting, strategically placed for ultimate ambiance, it's the perfect setting for an evening spent relaxing with good friends, refreshments and tapas on hand. Ornamental grasses sway, surrounding three separate entertaining areas: chaise lounges for daytime sunbathing, a long rectangular table for late night dinners and an L-shaped sectional perfect for stargazing.

If you're thinking of taking on a landscape project but aren't sure what's involved, Cedar Springs focuses on creating landscapes that deliver a five-star resort experience, but also a service experience that feels just as great. »

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GARDEN PARTY

» Imagine your outdoor space as a lush paradise filled with colourful blooms, accented with serene resting spots for relaxing when the summer days are lovely and long—that's a vision Gelderman Landscape Services prides itself on delivering.

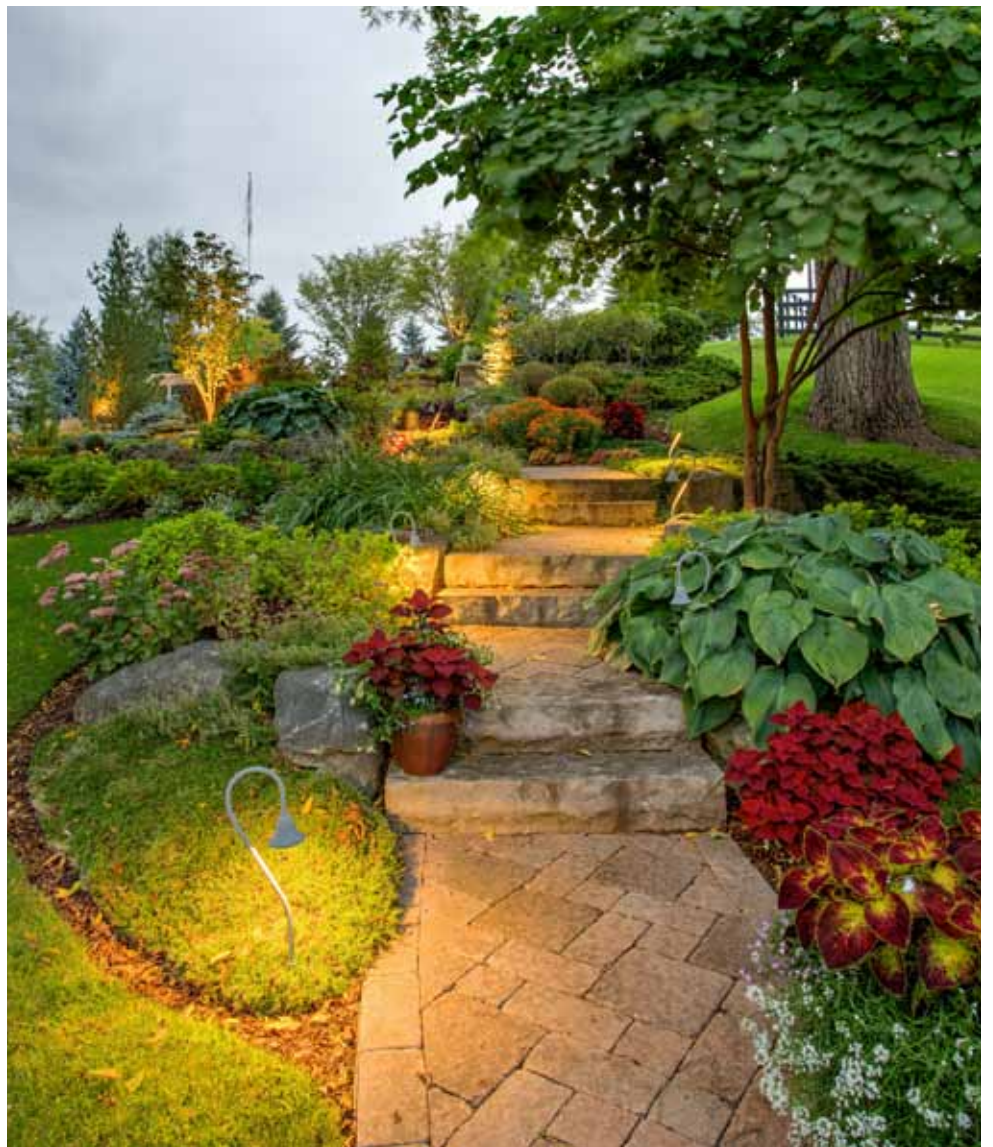
For this project, Gelderman created the perfect setting to host an afternoon garden party. In this luxurious oasis, the heady scent of summer blossoms beckon, and surprises like waterfalls, stone bridges and natural stone sitting areas wait around every corner. Incorporating soothing water features among the greenery and blooms, the team at Gelderman have included meandering pathways accented by soft lighting to guide your every step.

It can seem overwhelming to picture your outdoor space's journey from vision to reality, but with decades of experience behind them, the Gelderman team will help you sort through the many designs and materials available for pools, outdoor lighting, patios, fencing, walls and gardens, to develop a stunning result that is both uniquely you and within your price range. »

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AFTERNOON IN PARADISE

» Designed by Shademaster Landscaping, this impressive backyard retreat was created to provide picture perfect outdoor enjoyment for generations to come.

Highlighting the luxury home's ravine setting, this project was all about creating distinct areas for relaxing and entertaining to enjoy the surrounding natural environment. Throughout, the warm grays from the natural stone steps and patio are accented by pops of citrus yellow blooms and citrine cushions.

One of the many unique sitting areas is framed by the warm glow of an outdoor firepit while soft lighting gently accents the entire canvas. The main pool area boasts a charming seating area under a pergola surrounded with low stone walls, with long views to the house and surrounding forest.

Throughout its 35-plus year history, discriminating customers have come to Shademaster Landscaping to create spectacular outdoor living environments. An exceptional level of service and an insistence on upholding exacting standards has earned Shademaster rewarding and longstanding relationships with clients. 



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