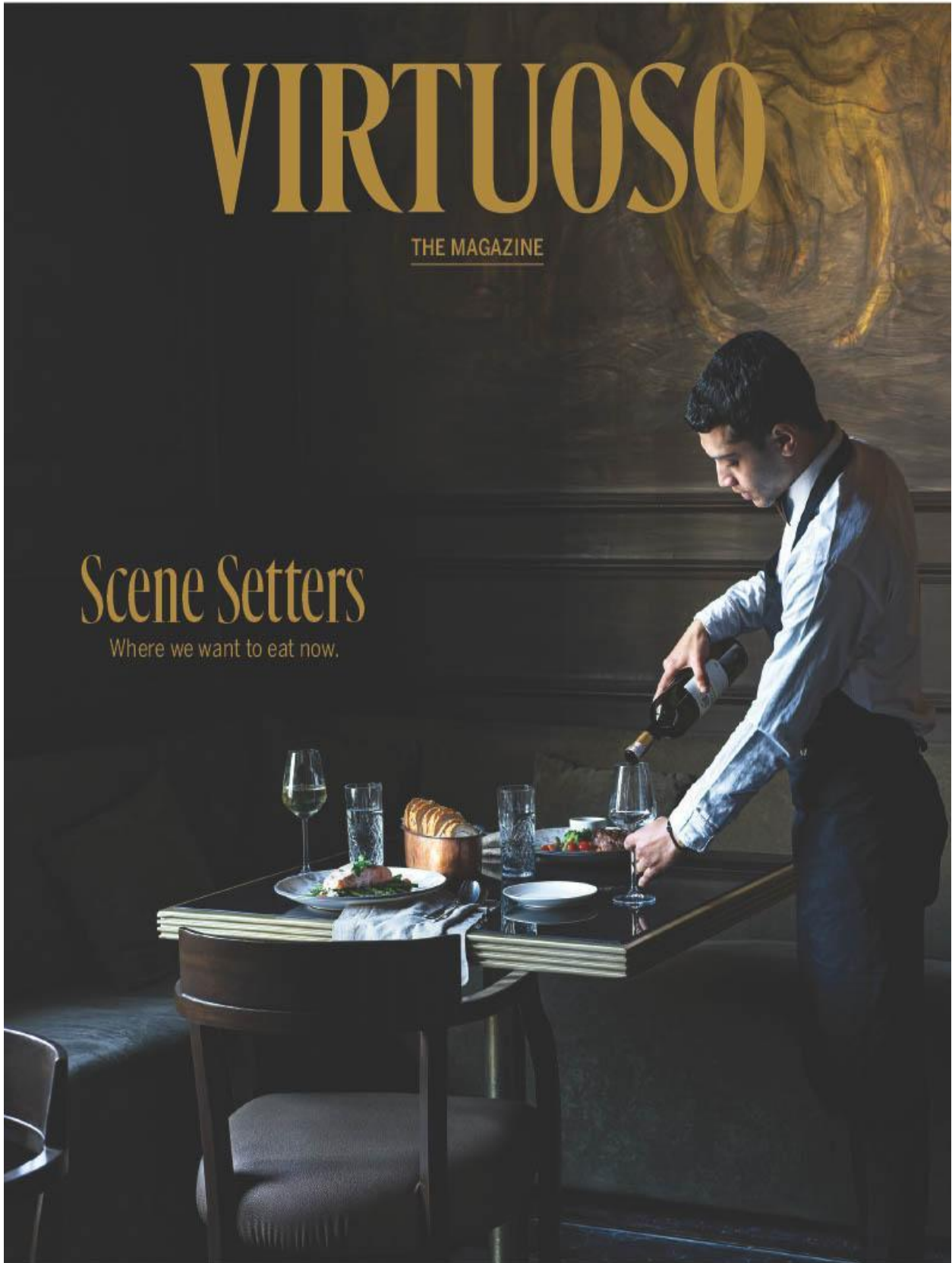


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## Scene Setters

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## A Splash of Safari

Hotelier Liz Biden's (no, not *that* Biden) **Royal Malewane** is already the most stylish place to stay in South Africa's Greater Kruger National Park, and its colorful new lodge ups the appeal. At the 12-room Waterside, named for its perch beside a watering hole that attracts leopards, elephants, and nyala antelope, suites in saturated watermelon, lemon, and mint hues are furnished with bubble-gum-pink clawfoot tubs, plush sofas, and bold contemporary paintings by local artists. Vaulted thatch-and-beam ceilings underscore the savanna locale, and glass walls slide open to private decks with outdoor showers, rope-suspended daybeds, plunge pools, and views of fever trees and grazing wildlife.

For all its sophistication, Waterside caters to families, with a children's entertainment area stocked with art supplies, foosball and pool tables, and screens for gaming and movies. Safari guides keep all ages engaged while tracking animals during twice-daily game drives. Back at base, rangers lead children on walks around the grounds to look for black-headed orioles and baboons drawn to the fever tree forest, freeing adults to enjoy the gym, yoga room, and spa, which includes a hammam and a couple's treatment suite. Multiple private dining locations, including a firelit patio under a star-filled sky, capitalize on the lodge's gorgeous natural backdrops. Rooms from \$1,140 per person, including all meals, drinks, laundry, and twice-daily game drives. — E.G.