



## Guest Player!

Leave it to Hotel ZaZa's Benji Homsey to find the suite spot

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He's shot hoops with the scion of LeBron James. Joined impromptu jam sessions with Kid Rock plus posse. High-fived Tommy Lee by the pool.

Then there's the matter of the velvet toga.

He's planning to send the one that adorned an art-niche sculpture to Maroon 5 auteur Adam Levine. The band's piping-hot frontman wants to wear it on tour. Guest accommodation indeed.

It's all in a day's work for Benji Homsey, the 33-year-old president of Z Resorts and Development. The Oklahoma City native and TCU alum oversees operations at the ZaZa properties in Dallas and Houston.

With his gal pal, Wren Grabowski, Homsey

frequently hits the road. Case in point: He has RSVPed to seven destination weddings, which will take him in the coming months from Napa, California, to Newport, Rhode Island.

For business, he decamps at the hippest hotels in the land—everywhere from Ian Schrager's Mondrian (the granddaddy of boutique hotels) and Gramercy Park to The Bowery in NYC. Yet, arguably his most enlightening stay was the three months he spent living at ZaZa while renovating his new Preston Hollow home.

"I really tried to be a low-maintenance guest," he says, "but I think the staff was very glad to see me go." ■

### Homsey's Hots

Bertazonni ranges, La Huella restaurant in Punta del Este, men's watches on women, photography by Maripol, 1stdibs.com, establishments/venues/spaces that stand the test of time, music by the Rosewood Thieves, Pirates Booty baked corn puffs, Southwest Airlines Business Select, Tcherassi Hotel Cartagena, Rock Star Suite at Hotel ZaZa

### Homsey's Nots

Fads, Facebook, procrastination, Ed Hardy, faux hawks, pigeons, BlackBerry holsters, Bluetooth carpieces at restaurants, Jersey Shore, sex with your socks on, dirty hotels



### ZAZA ZOOM!

Benji Homsey at the private entrance to the Magnificent Seven Suites at Hotel ZaZa Dallas.