

## Thoroughly Stimulating!

Despite talk of a double-dip recession and even a chastened Gordon Gekko appearing in *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*, money is still being spent in the ATL. Read on for encouraging news of some conspicuous consumption in the age of abstinence. —*Felicia Feaster and Nancy Staab*



**SOU-UTE!** St. Regis Buckhead, boasts a \$6,000-per-night Empire penthouse.



**POSH POOL BOY** Artist Dale Chihuly will add swagger to your swimming pool for \$1.5 million.

### RETAIL

**Stimulus:** Don't tell Neiman Marcus there's a recession. Its famed 2010 Christmas Book offers such over-the-top indulgences as a custom pool installation piece by legenday glass artist Dale Chihuly for \$1.5 million or a Tequila Avion-fueled private party by event impresario Colin Cowie for \$125,000. Our fave: a 576-square-foot "his and hers" MetroShip houseboat tricked out with seven-foot ceilings, gourmet Viking kitchen, Bang & Olufsen stereo, high-def projector and a spa bath. This loft-on-water can be yours for a mere \$250,000 clams.

**Trickle-down effect:** Neiman Marcus big spenders make your "Black Friday" shopping spree look positively frugal!

### DINING

**Stimulus:** Two times a month, Chris Kinjo of **MF Sushi** offers the 16-20-course omakase dinner to eight lucky diners with deep pockets. So far, the \$250-a-head custom dinners are



**HAVE IT YOUR WAY** The \$250 omakase dinner at MF Buckhead has a wait list.

selling briskly.

### Trickle-down effect:

With these big fish splurging on, well, food with fins, that means we can finally gain entry into the secret club room at beef palace Chops.

### TOURISM

**Stimulus:** The **St. Regis Hotel, Buckhead**, features a posh Empire Suite with dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen, fireplace, piano at \$6,000 per night and stays booked despite the economy.

**Trickle-down effect:** More celeb sightings like Jennifer Aniston, Dennis Quaid and Josh Duhamel at the hotel's lobby, pool and bar.

### LUXURY LEXICON

**Glamping (verb):** "The new thing in camping is 'glamping' (short for glamour camping) or camping lite....Some say such plush amenities go against the true spirit of the outdoors. Retailers say it's the reality of the market." Think: furnished tents and portable satellite DirecTV. —*from The Washington Post*