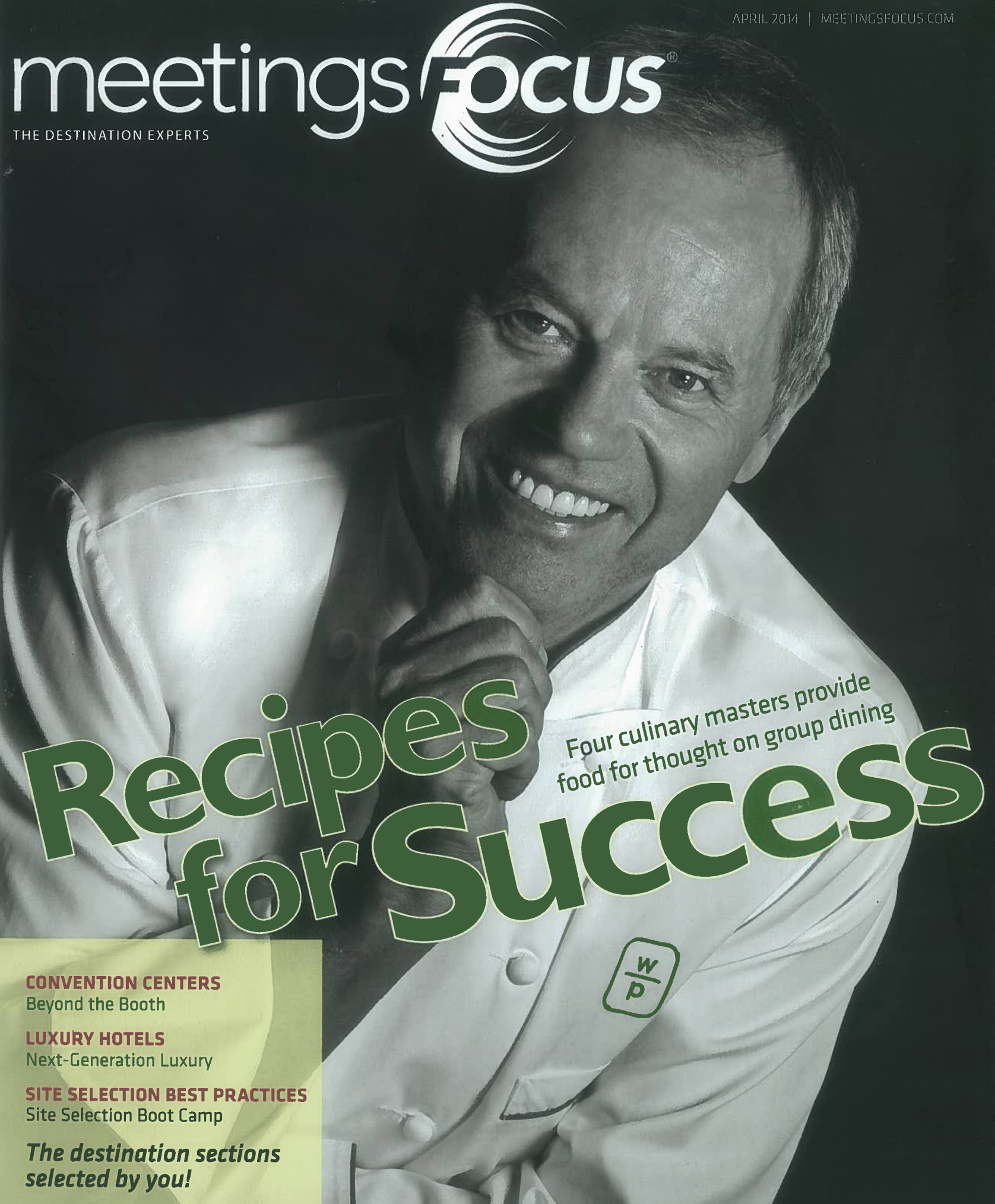


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## Modern Art Meetings

The **Bentley Reserve** conference center in downtown San Francisco launched a partnership with the city's Museum of Modern Art.

The MOMA is currently closed for an extensive renovation and has much of its art in storage, and the conference center, located in a 1920s-era bank building, was crying out for decoration, according to Peter Pryputniewicz, art director for Bentley Enterprises, which manages the space.

"The Bentley Reserve has a lot of dark wood paneling and some intriguing architectural elements, so we selected pieces with a bit of a nautical theme," Pryputniewicz says, explaining how, like many structures near the perimeter of the San Francisco Peninsula, the building stands on landfill that used to be ocean.

Pryputniewicz and his team selected eight modern pieces by Bay Area artists from the MOMA's collection to be displayed in meeting rooms at the Bentley.

The artwork will be swapped out for new pieces



every few months. The nautical works range from a painting of ships in a foggy harbor to a close-up view of distressed boat hulls with an emphasis on texture, to a detailed collage of seabirds.

"The art offers some visual relief for people sitting in long meetings," Pryputniewicz says.

[www.bentleyreserve.com](http://www.bentleyreserve.com)



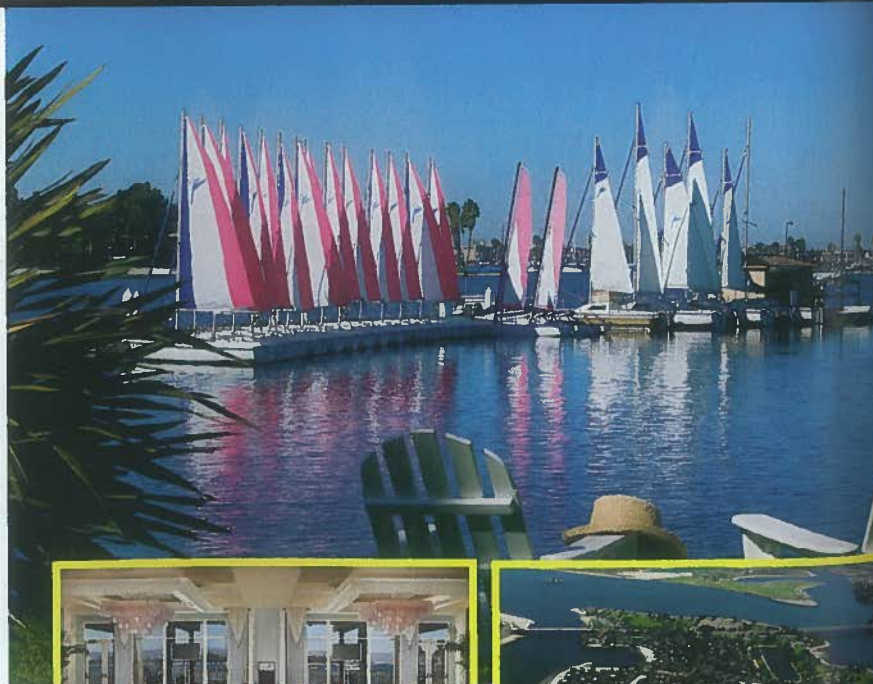
## Site Spotlight: San Diego

Paradise Point Resort debuted new group programs focused on serenity and tropical relaxation

Island Origins is a two-hour wellness program that explores herbal healing and takes groups on a private botanical tour of the island's gardens to learn about healing plants like eucalyptus, tea tree, ginger and hibiscus.

The new Salt of the Earth Blend Bar is an interactive program that allows participants to create their own beauty products, including body salts and scented scrubs, using all-natural ingredients.

The waterfront Mission Bay property features 462 bungalow-style guest rooms and a conference center with 30 meeting rooms and eight boardrooms, plus 30,000 square feet of outdoor event space.



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