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Hey, big spender: Here're ways to forget bears and be bullish

SCOTTSDALE

Amid all the news of economic gloom and doom, there are still some businesses that seemingly remain unaffected.

This is a little look at those businesses, those bars in particular that are unruffled by dipping Dows and sliding stocks.

They are places where the rich, or at least those in denial about no longer being rich, congregate to overspend on bottles of wine, on glasses of vodka, on glittering nights of frivolity and fun.

Here's a look at some of the most stunningly expensive ways these last few big spenders can, in fact, spend big.

The Bentley Margarita, $80

This high-class cocktail is a combo of Gran Pátron Platinum, Rémy Martin Louis XIII cognac and fresh lime, served at the Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North. The resort's elegant surroundings make the cocktail feel even more indulgent.

The Luxury Martini, $1,000

If you're feeling charitable or in need of a little sparkle, this is your kind of cocktail, served at both the Valley's Capital Grille locations. The martini's proceeds benefit the national charity Share our Strength, a non-profit fighting to end childhood hunger in America. The drink, available only Nov. 24 though Jan. 3, is not so much about the alcohol but its adornment, as it comes with a limited edition white topaz and diamond bracelet designed by Steven Lagos. You know about it now, so there's time to save.



Feeling charitable? This martini at Capital Grille could benefit your taste buds.

BRUCE SMITH

A shot of The Macallan Highland Single Malt Scotch Whiskey, $2,500

Chef Michael Mina recommends a shot of this stuff to go along with his Japanese Kobe beef filet at the swanky Bourbon Steak at the Fairmont Scottsdale. It's all in the presentation, as this rich amber liquid 55-year-old whiskey is served in a crystal decanter.

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Details: Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, 10600 E. Crescent Moon Drive, Scottsdale, 480-515-5700, fourseasons.com; at the Capital Grille, 2502 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, 602-952-8900 or 16489 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, 480-348-1700, capitalgrille.com; Fairmount Scottsdale, 7575 E. Princess Drive, Scottsdale, 480-585-4848, fairmount.com.

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