

WE HAPPILY MET THE ULTIMATE *LAS VEGAS* INSIDER recently. *Steven Striker*, who is best known simply as “*Striker*,” is larger than life, a gentleman dressed in impeccably crafted bespoke suits who speaks softly but carries a rolodex of connections that will knock your socks off. Striker’s company, *Striker VIP, Inc.*, is the pre-eminent concierge service in Las Vegas built on rock-solid relationships and tailored for a discerning and demanding clientele. If you want the best seats to the hottest show, a table at an impossible-to-get-into restaurant, front-of-the-line treatment at the best club, prime fight tickets, a stretch Hummer or stealth Mercedes, a bodyguard or just a magnum of rare Romanee Conti, Striker’s your man. He is subtly elegant, professional and classy—rare attributes in a town of noise and brass. We did some checking up on Striker, also known as the “King of Connections:” all who have used his services, including the YPO, some Fortune 500 companies and several professional basketball teams, rate him as total blue-chip and a man of integrity. No less than *Matt Lauer* raved about him on *The Today Show*. Charming and totally dedicated to making his clients feel truly special, Striker is a man who truly cares. He has complete access to all Las Vegas has to offer and is a very high-touch sort of gent who works on a very private level. He will work to make your visit to Las Vegas unforgettable, be you one person or a group. This is a phenomenal gentleman offering a phenomenal service. Check out www.strikervip.com or call (702) 895-8426. Striker carries three cell phones (and a pocket full of Cohibas); one cell number is (702) 204-9392.



WE’LL ELABORATE ON THIS FURTHER, BUT A RECENT TRIP TO *LAS Vegas* had us in heaven staying at the *JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort* in nearby *Summerlin*. With an incredible Mediterranean-style spa, spacious rooms and suites (suite 6031 has two large bedrooms with 2 1/2 bathrooms including huge tubs, and dramatic living room plus wraparound terrace) overlooking golf courses, privileged access to the prestigious Tournament Players Club, free shuttles to the Strip, a snazzy casino, fine dining and acres of waterfalls, pools and green oases, we couldn’t have been happier. The JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort overlooks the bright lights of the strip but is enchantingly set against the crimson canyons and rugged cliffs of Red Rock. Complete with luxury and sophistication, this resort redefines the Las Vegas resort hotel experience. Visit www.jwlasvegasresort.com. We did manage our way into town to dine like Shoguns at *Shibuya* in the *MGM Grand*, an experience that was perfect. Incredible sushi, fantastic staff, over 100 sakes and a setting that is thrilling. And we also dined at *Spago*, an electric restaurant where uber-chef *Eric Klein* pleases