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THIS SPACE

THE **HOUSE OF BREGUET** HAS EXPANDED ITS PRESENCE IN EUROPE, INAUGURATING A BRAND NEW BOUTIQUE IN MOSCOW, JUST FOOTSTEPS AWAY FROM THE KREMLIN

IT WAS CLEARLY TIME FOR 'HAUTE HORLOGERIE' TO MOVE forward in Moscow. Last month saw the inauguration of Breguet's new boutique in the Russian capital, located within close proximity to the Kremlin, in the prestigious shopping mall GUM. It is in this boutique, under the high arches of the historical building, that Breguet chose to set up a dedicated exhibition area to display a curated selection from the Breguet museum in Place Vendôme, Paris.

Spanning 317 square metres, this is the biggest Breguet boutique in Europe, with the ground floor space offering an overview of the brand's various collections as well as a lounge area for customers to truly take their time over their purchase. The first floor, connected by marble stairs, provides the chance to immerse yourself in the Swiss House and its heritage, which harks back more than 240 years.

The wall décor also highlights the patrimony of the House – a combination of visuals depict historical references, antique technical drawings and timepieces fill with life the ambiance of new Breguet boutiques. The new concept was enhanced by decorative golden trimmings (a nod to Russian architecture), which were exclusively created for this boutique, along with circular lamps entirely unique to the GUM opening.

The House of Breguet was established since 1775, embodying watchmaking excellence and brimming with history. Its creations have been owned by prominent individuals over the centuries, with Breguet's famed archives recording every watch sold since 1787. Today, the timepieces emerging from "Manufacture Breguet" in Le Chenit, Switzerland are works of art rendered unique by the company's skilled artisans.

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Ensuring that guests are taken on a true culinary journey, Rixos Saadiyat Island has a total of ten restaurants and bars delivering flavours from across the globe, all of which are included as part of the All-Inclusive, All-Exclusive experience. Highlight culinary offerings include authentic Turkish cuisine at Turquoise, the hotel's signature all-day dining restaurant, haute seafood dining and exquisite coastal views at Mermaid and comforting Italian classics at L'Olivo. Guests can also head to the far east for Teppanyaki and sushi at Japanese restaurant Aja, step back in time to true Rixos heritage with the tastes of Oriental Turkish cuisine at Orient or eat-on-the-go from one of many Food Carts dotted around the resort. A series of beach bars, tea and shisha lounges and the Club House – an exclusive restaurant reserved for villa guests – complete the offering.

Rixos Saadiyat Island ensures every member of the family is catered for with a wide range of entertainment and facilities on offer as part of its All-Inclusive, All Exclusive offering. The resort boasts a water park complete with wave pool for all ages and a children's aqua park to keep the little ones happy. Nestled away within the resort's verdant gardens, Rixos Saadiyat's Spa is inspired by the age-old wellness customs of Turkey. The dramatic design reflects traditional Ottoman architecture to create a truly luxurious indoor and outdoor sanctuary where guests enjoy complimentary use of the facilities, which includes a steam room, sauna, a private outdoor pool, and ice room. A collection of luxury treatment rooms and a traditional Turkish Hammam await those who wish to book a pampering spa treatment, with expert therapists on hand to restore balance for mind, body and soul. A state-of-the-art gym and Rixy Kids Club, plus a wide range of in-resort activities – from sunset paddle boarding to yoga on the sand – will keep every guest happy, from adrenaline junkies to budding sports fans.

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WALDORF ASTORIA OFFERS VROOMS WITH A VIEW

FOR DISCERNING THRILL-SEEKERS WITH A taste for adventure, look no further than the latest adrenaline-fuelled Supercar Experience on offer at Waldorf Astoria Ras Al Khaimah.

Famed for its winding mountain roads, there's no better locale to test the mettle of the world's greatest sports cars than amidst the jutting peaks of the United Arab Emirates' Hajjar range; and Waldorf Astoria is offering guests the opportunity to do just that.

Whether you're behind the wheel of a Ferrari 488 Spider, Lamborghini Huracan or Porsche 911 S, you'll be taking to the mountain passes in supercharged style, exploring coastal highways and off-the-beatentracks in exotic fashion.

Aimed at supercar enthusiasts, the package allows guests to hit the road for two, three or four days respectively, with driving distances ranging from 600 to 1,200 kilometres. For those unfamiliar with the backroads and terrain, there's an expert guide on hand to help you soak up the best sites and to get the most out of your high-performance car.

As if that wasn't action-packed enough, the

experience comes with an optional extra: zip-lining from the top of the UAE's tallest mountain, Jebel Jais. Holding the record for world's longest zip line, you'll strap in at 1,680 metres and reach speeds of up to 150kmph over 2.6km. Needless to say, it's not for the faint hearted.

After the experience, you're invited to unwind in Waldorf Astoria's luxurious Tower Suite before enjoying a fine-dining experience at one of the property's five-star restaurants. Just keep an eye out for speed cameras.

RISE OF THE ROBOTS: AI TO INCREASE HOTEL REVENUES BY 10%

THE YEAR IS 2025. TECHNOLOGY IS ON THE rise. We're ushered to our hotel suites by T-1000-esque robots, checked in by flickering holograms and charged via implanted microchips. Well, possibly...

According to a recent report from the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2019 – based on research conducted by Colliers International – hotel operators expect VR, voice and facial recognition and biometrics to be commonplace in the hospitality industry by 2025.

This is all the result of rapidly improving tech and innovation, with personalised Artificial Intelligence (AI) alone harbouring the potential to increase hotel revenues by more than 10 per cent and reduce costs by more than 15.

Further research estimates that 73 per cent of manual activities in the industry have the potential for automation, with the likes of Marriott, Hilton and Accor now making investments. To find out more, sign up for the next edition of ATM (April 28–May 1, 2019), themed around fast-paced technological advancements in the hospitality industry.

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TURNING JAPANESE IN DUBAI

IF YOU'RE IN DUBAI AND LOOKING TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE COOLER WEATHER, why not take advantage of Renaissance Downtown Hotel's latest staycation offering?

In partnership with Morimoto Dubai, the hotel is combining the brand-new Morimoto Brunch – famed for its Japanese-infused signature dishes and Zodiac cocktails – with an overnight stay for two at Renaissance Downtown Hotel, Dubai. Available on Thursdays and Fridays until 28th December 2018, prices start at AED 1,850 per two guests per night plus taxes.



WALDORF ASTORIA IS MOVING TO MIAMI

BEYOND ITS SWEEPING GOLDEN BEACHES, hard-partying reputation and glamorous allure, the Magic City has a long heritage in hotels. Known for its vintage, art deco properties, the Miami Beach area alone has been a go-to for movers and shakers from Frank Sinatra to David Beckham.

Now, etching its name into the city's long-standing hospitality heritage, Waldorf Astoria has announced that it will be opening its first property in the city, The Waldorf Astoria Hotel & Residences Miami.

Sitting 1,000 feet above Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami, the property has been designed by architects Sieger Suarez and Carlos Ott, and will consist of a five-star hotel, private residences, retail and culinary destinations.

"Our iconic hotels, resorts and residences around the world consistently create inspirational environments and impressive spaces worthy of hosting history," says Dino Michael, global brand head, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts.

"Waldorf Astoria Hotel & Residences Miami will not only transform the city skyline, it will usher in a new level of service in the Miami market – creating an unforgettable experience for every resident and guest."

The new Miami hotel will add to Waldorf Astoria's 30 properties around the world and will be managed by Hilton Management Services, up-keeping Waldorf Astoria's signature personal concierge service. An official opening date is yet to be announced.

JW MARRIOTT REINVENTS ITSELF IN THE BIG EASY

A TRUE ICON OF THE NEW ORLEANS skyline, the JW Marriott has been off-limits for guests these past weeks. But the wait is over.

After months of extensive renovations, Marriott International has announced the highly-anticipated completion of JW Marriott New Orleans' ambitious redesign, including a total transformation of the properties 494 guestrooms, seven suites and public spaces.

Situated in the heart of the French Quarter, the hotel has been reimagined to capture the unique energy of the Big Easy – a city known for its vibrant live music scene, open-all-hours venues and laidback attitude.

Commenting on the completed project, Mitzi Gaskin, Vice President & Global Brand Leader at JW Marriott says: "The [newly renovated] hotel incorporates design elements that reflect the allure of this iconic city, while offering an elevated guest experience through spacious guestrooms, personalised amenities and dynamic partnerships." Each guestroom has been overhauled with chic new interiors, including white marble tiles, polished metal details and antique mirrors. To help guests unwind, rooms also feature state-ofthe-art entertainment options, including Netflix, YouTube and Hulu capabilities, available on a 55-inch, internet-equipped TV.

In shared spaces, carefully curated art has been introduced throughout the hotel, giving a subtle nod to some of New Orleans' most iconic locales and events.

Other highlights include the introduction of a cutting-edge fitness facility, designed for travellers looking to keep in shape while on the road. You can even take a dip in the hotel's expansive outdoor saltwater pool after your workout.

For business travellers, the renovations have seen more than 25,000 square feet of meeting and event venues added; perfect for corporate gatherings or after-work galas. The new and improved JW Marriott New Orleans is taking bookings now.





HOME OF THE LIBERTY BELL, Independence Hall and the Philadelphia Museum of Art (perhaps better known as Rocky's training ground), the City of Brotherly Love has long been a city synonymous with North American history and pop culture, demonstrated by its increasing visitor numbers year on year. Moving from its long-time home on the Ben Franklin Parkway, the latest addition

to the city's tourist offering is the new Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Tower, located atop Philly's best known 60-storey icon.

Opening its doors in mid-2019, the hotel boasts unrivalled views across the city skyline and chic, luxurious interiors in-keeping with its stellar international reputation. Guestrooms range from 350-square-foot doubles to the mammoth 2,100-square-foot Presidential Suite, sleeping three and capable of hosting a

10-guest dinner party, served from the butler's kitchen.

For some well-deserved R&R, a 57th-floor spa sanctuary offers treatments ranging from warm crystal massage to just-for-him treatment packages. Additional facilities include a large infinity pool, fitness centre and private spa room for couples.

Capitalising on Philly's increasing reputation as a foodie destination, the Four Seasons will house three dining venues; the flagship restaurant will be run form the 59th floor by Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, with a second venue – specialising in fine-dine seafood – headed by James Beard Award-winner, Greg Vernick.

Other highlights include the hotel's boutique hair salon and nail bar, myriad private event spaces, 24-hour in-room dining and a 24-hour multilingual concierge team.



IF YOU'RE TRAVELLING BETWEEN NEW York and Miami, it's time to fly in private style – BLADEone is back. The ultra-luxury carrier has unveiled a new flight schedule offering four jet flights between Manhattan and Miami every weekend.

The ultimate inter-city flying experience welcomes discerning guests aboard the carrier's retrofitted Bombardier CRJ 200 jet; typically configured to fit 60 passengers, but masterfully reimagined to only seat 16.

With two BLADE C/X cabin attendants on board to cater to your every whim, expect to enjoy world-class cuisine, in-flight cocktails, preloaded iPad pros (with fast-running movies), Wi-Fi connectivity and specially designed, next-gen wellness kits. Want to bring your dog with you? That's fine. They're allowed on board, too.

Departure from New York is via the Manhattan BLADE Lounge, which whisks passengers to the jet via helicopter, and arrives at the flagship BLADE Miami Lounge at Opa Locka Executive airport – and vice versa, on the return leg.

Art Basel Miami-bound flights are on December 5th and 6th, with New York returnbound flights on December 9th.

As an added bonus, for all round-trip flights for two, BLADEone is offering a complimentary weekend stay at Miami's five-star Faena Hotel.

EXPLORE MORE WITH THE HILTON APP

BUSINESSES IN THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR are adopting technology as quickly as it becomes available, so producing an award-winning app is a notable achievement.

With options to check-in from your mobile, and the ability to unlock your hotel door at the swipe of a touchscreen, that's exactly what Hilton achieved with its Hilton Honours app – and it's just added a new feature.

The app's offering has been expanded with the addition of an 'Explore' feature. Powered by search-and-discover lifestyle tech from Foursquare, guests now have access to a world of localised recommendations, based on the personal experiences of the hotel's resident employees. Whether you're looking for a world-class meal, upmarket club or place to shop, the app will guide you through your current city with curated, hand-picked options from local Hilton team members, each taking great pride in knowing their cities better than anyone else.

Every recommendation includes photos and tips, like tasty must-try menu items, the best times to go and specific things to see. Suggestions are curated to appeal to a wide variety of guests, from families looking for kid-friendly museums to business travellers seeking a fine-dining experience.



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ANANTARA QUY NHON VILLAS Bình Đnh, Vietnam

Located in a secluded bay in south central Vietnam, known for its impossibly wide beaches and emerald waters, Anantara Quy Nhon Villas - a brand new all-villa resort redefines a luxurious beachside holiday with private pools, in-room butler services and unique spa offerings plus a range of indigenous guest experiences that showcase this lesser known corner of Vietnam. With a focus on a personalised experience, guests are treated to in-room butler services and a range of customisable luxury amenities, such as room scents ranging from exotic lemongrass to refreshing green tea, the Anantara signature soap collection and in-villa wine cellar stocked with fine vintages and deli goodies. +84 256-3840-132

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ALILA VILLAS KOH RUSSEY Ong Village Prey Nup District, Cambodia

Alila's first resort in Cambodia shares the group's philosophy of innovative design, personalised service and unique guest experiences that has made its hotels – including Alila Villas Uluwatu, Alila Seminyak, Alila Yangshuo and Alila Fort Bishangarh – instant successes. Alila Villas Koh Russey is set to serve up pristine bays, dramatic peninsulas, copper-sand beaches and tropical forests. The 50-pavilion, 13-villa boutique resort has a strong Khmer influence, according to master architect Chioh-Hui Goh, of Singaporean firm Studiogoto, "Like the relevance of the Krama (a patterned cloth widely used in Khmer life) to the Cambodian people, it has inspired much of the geometry in our design concept, in fusing the architecture, landscaping and interior works with the destination while paying tribute to the local artisans." +855 232-23690

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AL MANARA, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, SARAYA AQABA

Al-Hashemi St., Jordan

The new Al Manara, A Luxury Collection Hotel is inspired by age-old Middle Eastern tales, embodying sophisticated luxury and a rich heritage. Nestled between Aqaba's rose-red mountains and overlooking the pristine Gulf of Aqaba, the hotel's unmistakable architecture features arabesque motifs, invoking the unique and colossal beauty of the country. Samuel Creations/MMac Associates echoed the strong Arabian influence of the architecture when designing the hotel's interiors, in particular the manor house. Each of the 207 rooms at Al Manara, including 43 suites and two villas, feature inviting balconies and floor to ceiling windows with views of the Red Sea and striking mountain ranges.

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KUDADOO MALDIVES PRIVATE ISLAND BY HURAWALHI

Kudadoo Island, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives Embracing all hallmarks of exclusivity and intimacy, Kudadoo Maldives Private Island by Hurawalhi is the next big thing in terms of Indian Ocean escapism. Set on a three-hectare private coral island, the resort radiates an enchanting blend of astounding natural beauty and effortless luxury at every turn. Kudadoo is destined to impress even the most discerning traveller, offering the epitome of luxury on a small slice of paradise where anything is available - at anytime and anywhere. The immaculate Indian Ocean resort is due to open in December and will be an adults-only destination, welcoming guests above the age of 15. When it comes to exclusive-use private hire, however, the resort's age policy need not apply. +960-662-2000

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Diary

There's fast-paced fun and gourmet goodness in the UAE capital this month, with smooth sounds in Monte-Carlo and four-legged thrills in Melbourne, Australia

TASTE OF ABU DHABI Du Arena Yas Island, Abu Dhabi

Those looking for the ultimate gourmet experience in the UAE capital should get their hands on VIP tickets for Taste of Abu Dhabi. The premium ticketing option allows fast-track entry into the festival and unlimited access to the Cleartrip VIP lounge and the opportunity to get up close and personal with the festival's headline bands and artists. You can also relax in style close to the Mainstage in lounge-style seating, while you enjoy three complimentary drinks and three food vouchers to sample your favourite dishes from any of the restaurants participating at Taste of Abu Dhabi. Among a raft of activities and special culinary moments, watch the masters at work at the Crate & Barrel The Chef's Theatre as you learn tips and tricks from the best names in the culinary world, including Gary Rhodes, Sanjeev Kapoor, Eric Lanlard, Reza Mahammad and more.





MONTE-CARLO JAZZ FESTIVAL Opera Garnier Monte-Carlo







MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL Flemington, Victoria, Australia

Horse racing enthusiasts, concertgoers, fashionistas; everyone is invited to come and play at the party of the year this Melbourne Cup Carnival. "The Park" area is billed as a playground of endless fun and frivolity, with performances by Australia's hottest music acts, Melbourne's trendiest eateries, stylish bars and an impressive two-story enclosure housing Myer Fashions on the Field. Music acts include Hayden James, The Presets, Amy Shark and Conrad Sewell with a stellar line-up of support acts entertaining racegoers across AAMI Victoria Derby Day (Saturday 3 November), Lexus Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday 6 November), Kennedy Oaks Day (Thursday 8 November), and Seppelt Wines Stakes Day (Saturday 10 November). When it comes to sartorial shenanigans, Myer Fashions on the Field has established its place as Australia's largest and most prestigious outdoor fashion event over the past 56 years, attracting media attention and celebrity judges from around the globe. Heats and finals for women, men, children, families, fashion designers and milliners now stretch across the four days of the Melbourne Cup Carnival. www.flemington.com.au/melbournecupcarnival



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WELCOME

LONDON IS MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE. We often embrace polarised clichés of Downton Abbey-esque aristocracy juxtaposed with Lock, Stock and Barrel gangsters, but the city's residents live their lives on a spectrum - as do all Brits - and they all have a differing view of what luxury means to them.

This collection of articles is focused on the UK capital, inspecting various elements of boutique artistry, heritage hotels and even a quick chat with one of its most sartorially minded residents, Victoria Beckham. My own personal highlight was the chance to experience several nights at The Langham, a hotel that manages to hold its rich history in balance with a truly modern sensibility.

A special thanks goes to our supplement contributor, Jill Sinclair of Sinclair & Partners, who is pioneering the development and creation of bespoke experiences for clients and partners that seek rare access moments and memories. The company leads the way on showcasing an unrivalled London. For more: www.sinclairandpartners.com.

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LONDON UNRAVELLED

The art of the experiential is being honed on the streets of the English capital, where luxury retail means encountering the wonders of both the known and unknown

Luxury is being redefined each and every day. With an insatiable desire for personalisation, shoppers are delving deeper to uncover unique experiences and discover the designers behind the products, the history behind the destinations and the stories behind the brands. When it comes to fashion, beauty art and culture, the new luxury is storytelling.

Discoveries are often made in areas of London where the British have been shopping for decades. Brands and designers showcase their unique visions and pass sartorial secrets from one generation to the next. Socialites, industry connections, and those with regal ties mingle at seasonal events and steer the conversation around "new luxury" in London.

These global connoisseurs all demand a world made bespoke – a limited-edition life where the craftsmen behind the products can design items to reflect their identity and their longings. This extends to the evolving retail experience, wrapped around the art of touch, emotion and the sense of journey.

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Over three centuries in the making and ever evolving, St James's is a destination with a difference; a dynamic West End hub replete with galleries, inspirational designers, independent boutiques and a world of cuisine



t James's is one of London's most original and compelling districts, defined by heritage brands such as Turnbull & Asser and Lock & Co, as well as contemporary fashion houses along the lines of Sunspel, Aquascutum, and Tiger of Sweden. It is also home to the city's most influential collection of art galleries including the Royal Academy of Arts, the ICA and Christies. For over 300 years, St James's has had a long-established reputation as the home of fine food, culinary expertise and innovation. An ever-moreexciting restaurant scene, St James's has seen the openings of Café Murano, Chutney Mary and Milos providing an eclectic modern mix to complement the traditional offering from the old establishments such as Franco's, Rowley's, Fortnum & Mason and Wilton's.

St James's Market is the latest redevelopment in the neighbourhood. The landmark development occupies the area between Regent Street St James's and Haymarket, boasting coveted office space alongside lifestyle retail outlets and seven new restaurants –including Norris's –centred around a reinvigorated public square. Flagship shopping



LOURS IN DON

Many of the UK capital's landmarks are known all over the world but there are plenty of ways to get new perspectives on them if you know where to look, writes **Christian Sylt**

nlike many major capitals London lacks wide straight streets. They twist through the city and are lined with buildings dating back hundreds of years. They are so tightlypacked that their foundations prevent London's underground rail network, affectionately known as 'The Tube', from following the streets close to the surface. Instead the rails are buried deeper underground than in most other capital cities meaning that the 417 million travellers who used it last year missed the majesty of this royal city. If the sky is cloudless when you're coming in to land you'll see it in all its glory.

09.00 Most flights into London arrive into Heathrow to the west of the city, which is Europe's busiest airport. On a clear day you can get your bearings before you even touch down as planes tend to circle over London and follow the river Thames



on descent. Pressing your face against the window you can see the Thames snaking through the city and spot the skyscrapers towering over the Square Mile - London's financial district in the east. The pyramidshaped Shard is the easiest to see as at 1,000ft, it is Europe's tallest building. As the descent begins you might even catch a glimpse of the queen's official residence, Buckingham Palace, which is identifiable for being the biggest single building next to the sprawling Hyde Park in west London.

10.00 After passing through customs grab a taxi to the Ham Yard hotel (+44 (0)20 3642 2000; www. firmdalehotels.com). It's right in the middle of the action but could be a world away. Sitting on a peaceful square behind the hustle and bustle of Piccadilly Circus, the hotel has a style which would suit a country house. There's an ornate stone fireplace in the lobby, comfy sofas in the conservatory and a charming roof garden with a fountain and vegetable patch. The homely style continues in the bedrooms as walls are lined with pages from old-fashioned cookbooks, the lights look like oil lamps and the bed has a deep padded headboard. It is so big that you could comfortably sleep in it width ways. To recover from the flight, fill up the tub in the cavernous marble bathroom and soak whilst watching the TV which is set into the wall opposite. Before heading

out, ask the concierge to make a reservation for 19.00 at the Chiltern Firehouse (+44(0)2070737676; www. *chilternfirehouse.com*). It's the hippest place in town.

11.30 It's time to explore the local area and many of the most well-known sights are all within walking distance. The world-famous Trafalgar Square is just ten minutes away on foot and is where you will find Nelson's Column. It commemorates the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and is crowned by a statue of British naval officer Horatio Nelson looking towards the Big Ben clock tower. Across the square from Big Ben you will find Westminster Abbey $(+44(0)20\ 7222\ 5152;\ www.westminster-abbey.org)$, the 700 year-old building where Prince William and Kate Middleton got married in 2011. It is also the burial place of numerous British luminaries so look out for the graves of Sir Isaac Newton, Geoffrey Chaucer and Charles Dickens.

13.00 Walking back to the hotel will take you through Leicester Square, an entertainment spot filled with cinemas, night clubs and casinos. Keep an eye out for a red carpet and paparazzi in front of the Odeon cinema which is often home to world premières. Then grab a selfie in front of the statue of the winged archer in the middle of neighbouring Piccadilly Circus which is London's equivalent of

Times Square, albeit on a much smaller scale.

13.30 Time for lunch in the Ham Yard restaurant which serves three-courses including a duck and rabbit terrine, roasted aubergine and a lemon tart. Painted organ pipes separate the tables whilst lights appear to hang from straw hats which are actually made from recycled bottles. For a quintessentially English experience follow it up with afternoon tea and scones in the library and admire the intricate crystal chandelier in the shape of a galleon. Before heading back out, spend some time admiring the objets d'art in the hotel. A miniature helter skelter holding oranges winds from the ceiling of the bar to a juicer on the counter and 135 clocks hang on a wall in the lobby telling the time in giant numbers which are formed from their hands aligning.



15.00 Some of London's most renowned shops are a short stroll away on Regent Street. The flagship is Liberty's (+44(0)207 734 1234; www.liberty. co.uk), a department store famed for its craft ware and graphic prints. Drop your swag off at the hotel and get a car to the South Bank where street artists perform by the river. Forget the tourist trap that is the London Eye observation wheel and instead make your way to Royal Festival Hall (+44(0)20 7960 4200; www.southbankcentre.co.uk/venues/ royal-festival-hall), Europe's largest centre for the arts. More than 300 free events take place in its foyer every year but the main event is found by taking a lift to the top floor where a terrace gives perhaps the best view in London: a clean sweep down the Thames from the spires of the skyscrapers in the Square Mile all the way down to Buckingham Palace and beyond. You don't even have to pay as access to the terrace is free.

17.00 Ask reception at the South Bank to hail you a cab to St Paul's cathedral (+44(0)20 7246 8350; www.stpauls.co.uk) on the fringe of the financial district. Statues of silver dragons mark the entrance to the Square Mile and St Paul's is one of its most prized assets. Climb steps up its historic dome to try its whispering gallery where ingenious acoustics allow sound to travel around its circumference.

18.00 St Paul's is one of the most photographed landmarks in London but shots of it usually have other buildings in the frame. The best way to avoid that is to nip across the road to the One New Change (+44(0)20 7002 8900; www.onenewchange.com) shopping mall and head to Madison's bar (+44 (0)20 3693 5160; www.madisonlondon.net) on the roof. It has an uninterrupted view of the dome of St Paul's and a wide tapas menu. Sipping a cocktail whilst admiring Christopher Wren's stunning architecture is a calming experience and gets you in the mood for dinner.

19.00 Order a cab at Madison's to whisk you to the Chiltern Firehouse where that all-important dinner



date awaits. The restaurant is an event in itself and is one of the latest offerings from hotel impresario André Balazs who owns the luxurious Chateau Marmont in Hollywood and the Mercer in New York. The former fire station re-opened in 2013 and unless you have the Ham Yard concierge's black book, you will need to wait six months to get a reservation. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding guests partied here after their nuptials and regular guests include Naomi Campbell, Kate Moss, Gerard Butler, Lindsay Lohan. The Grade II listed Gothic Victorian building has high ceilings, large mirrors and a busy open kitchen.

21.00 On sundown head to The View from The Shard (+44(0)344 499 7222; www.theviewfromtheshard. com) at the top of the 87-storey tower. Make sure you get there before darkness descends to take in a view of everything within a 40-mile radius. Then watch as the sun sinks and the city's skyscrapers light up the night. It's a good way to look out for landmarks you need to see on your next trip. For one last chance to get up close and personal with London's royalty, dance the night away at Prince Harry's favourite nightclub Boujis (+44(0)207584 2000; www.boujis.com). Be warned: after all that high-flying, it could be hard to come back down to earth when your whirlwind trip to London finally comes to a close.



STAY DIFFERENT IN THE CITY

Luxury lies around every corner in the centre of London but Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts brings legendary Middle Eastern hospitality into the mix with this trifecta of five-star properties

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A Knightsbridge establishment for over 55 years, Jumeirah Carlton Tower offers luxe accommodation and warm hospitality in the heart of the fashionable shopping district. A modern British hotel with unrivalled leisure facilities, the hotel attracts cosmopolitan business and leisure guests from across the globe. The hotel offers 216 rooms and suites, individually styled with a calm and contemporary feel, together with dining in the Chinoiserie lounge, The Rib Room and The Club Room.

On top of its premium location, the hotel is noteworthy for its exclusive Peak Health Club & Spa – the ultimate urban retreat with a fully equipped gym and two fitness studios, as well as spa treatment rooms, a sauna, steam rooms, Jacuzzi and a 20-metre indoor pool.

[Knightsbridge Shopping in Style: You're just steps away from the capital's finest shopping destinations – so why not incorporate the shopping butler and complimentary car pick-ups?]

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A BELGRAVIA BOUTIQUE JUMEIRAH LOWNDES HOTEL

Located in London's chic Belgravia district with its cobbled streets, historical mews pubs and luxury stores, Jumeirah Lowndes Hotel is one of London's top boutique hotels with 88 guest rooms and suites. Offering outstanding value in such an exclusive residential area, the hotel is known for its warm hospitality, al fresco dining and access to unrivalled leisure facilities.

The relaxed Lowndes Bar & Kitchen offers guests allday dining from its modern British menu in comfortable surroundings with a heated patio providing outside seating year-round.

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THE SUITE LIFE GROSVENOR HOUSE SUITES BY JUMEIRAH LIVING

Grosvenor House Suites by Jumeirah Living offers a sophisticated stay at London's most exclusive address: Park Lane. No detail has been spared in the appointment of the stylish and contemporary suites. Expect daily maid services, state of the art tech, fully fitted kitchens stocked with fine wares, 24-hour Concierge, 24-hour inroom dining and a discret entrance with residents-only access.

Starting from 45sqm, the hotel's studios and one bedroom suites are ideal for shorter stays, while the two to three bedroom suites offer extra space for those staying longer. Ranging from 158sqm to 223sqm, the London Suites are perfect for families who will enjoy the spacious open-plan living. Each larger suite features three to four bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and views of Hyde Park or the rooftops of Mayfair.

The lavish Penthouse Suites range up to 448sqm and feature four to five generously sized bedrooms, private lift access and spacious interiors to entertain or relax. The exclusive designer boutiques and art galleries of Mayfair are right on your doorstep, while the world famous Selfridges and Harrods are just a short walk away.

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TAJ 51 BUCKINGHAM GATE SUITES AND RESIDENCES

Who can say no to a trip to London, a city steeped in history, with culture and retail gems on every corner and stunning architecture evident with every glance? Every weary traveller needs a place to rest their head and you would be far pushed to find a more plush setting than Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences. In keeping with the Taj ethos of providing exceptional service, the hotel goes above and beyond to make your stay special and unique at every opportunity. Boasting some wonderful dining outlets, including the Michelinstarred Quilon, offering the very best in southwestern coastal Indian cuisine, foodies will be in their element. The hotel is laid out in a way that offers utmost privacy – a luxury in itself – with spacious rooms and suites designed with a fusion of traditional British style and Indian heritage. If a few days at the hotel are not enough, there's a chance to stay for four nights and pay for three in the hotel's two- and three-bedroom suites, allowing extra time to explore the iconic sights surrounding the hotel, such as Buckingham Palace. WHERE: Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences OFFER: Stay 4 nights and pay for 3

WHEN: Until March 31, 2019 – blackout dates from December 15-31, 2018 www.taj51buckinghamgate.co.uk







RULE BRITANNIA

Summer gave us the reopening of Address Downtown and winter heralds the launch of the hotel's Britannia Brunch, dishing up a refined taste of the UK each and every Friday at The Restaurant

Words: Harriet Goodman

ince moving to the Middle East, my understanding of brunch has changed dramatically. In my native Australia, it's a laid back affair that combines the best of breakfast and lunch at a time that doesn't have you groaning at your alarm clock. In contrast, Dubai has introduced me to a more extravagant dining experience under the same name, with a completely different vibe – which, if I'm honest, often doesn't appeal.

This being said, I was excited to experience the Britannia Brunch at The Restaurant, at Address Downtown. As a frequent visitor of the hotel prior to its refurbishment and after hearing positive feedback from friends and colleagues about The Restaurant, it sounded like it might just deliver a brunch experience I truly desired, rather than what I'd come to expect from other Dubai dining venues.

Reflected in the name, the brunch delivers British fair, with a format that is split between a buffet for starters and entrees, and a set menu for mains and desserts. It also boasts an impressive bar with a drinks selection that caters to every taste – for me that was a bottomless jug of The Restaurant's homemade mocktail.







Browsing the starters, I was spoilt for choice, without being greeted by heaving platters that always make me wince at the thought of food wastage. It was a hearty and extensive display, with fresh seafood, a range of cheeses and an impressive salad bar that stole the show for me – the Omani Lobster was out of this world.

The main menu is a set selection, served in two parts. It began with a truly British spread – roast lamb, roasted vegetables, mushy peas and best of all, Yorkshire puddings. Served at the table to be shared and distributed, it's exactly the type of meal that you want to kick off the weekend with – delicious and fuss free. Following came the roast chicken, shepherd's pie, sautéed greens and mashed potatoes – with the stand out for me being a perfectly cooked salmon wellington. Is it a lot of food? Absolutely, but with brunch running from 1pm to 5pm you have ample time to graze and enjoy.

In my eagerness to experience everything on offer I had forgotten about dessert – it was only when I put my knife and fork down on my plate signalling the end of my feasting that the waiter asked if it was time to bring a sweet treat; lemon meringue pie, sticky date pudding, Eton mess and a selection



"THE BRITANNIA BRUNCH COMBINES ELEMENTS OF RELAXATION & ENJOYMENT" of ice cream. I want to say that it was too much, but honestly it was the perfect way to end the meal – and worth every calorie.

The Britannia Brunch combines the elements of relaxation and enjoyment that I wanted, in a setting that strayed away from what I had come to expect from brunch in Dubai. If you want endless excess, loud music and a crowd that came to party, this isn't the spot for you. If you're keen to catch up with good friends and enjoy fine British fare in a stunning setting – there's nowhere better this side of the British Isles

The important bit

WHAT: The Restaurant WHERE: The Address Downtown, Dubai, UAE PRICE: AED 295 per person including unlimited soft beverages, buffet style starters, family style à la carte mains and desserts (AED 395 including unlimited house beverages) TEL: +971 4-888-3444 www.addresshotels.com

DOWNTOWN REVIVAL

With elegant accommodations, striking interiors and inviting restaurant concepts backed by star chefs, Renaissance Downtown Hotel, Dubai is an urban oasis to revive your senses

Words: Steven Bond









A HINT OF HYGGE

I have a very vivid memory of my first encounter with a flamingo, and it wasn't a pleasant experience. That's probably because I came face to face with dozens of them all at once - a flamboyance of flamingoes - all flamboyantly fragrant, as if someone at Chester Zoo forgot to muck out the enclosure. This time was a little different. Entering my Executive suite at the Renaissance I found I wasn't alone, but was greeted by what seemed to be a life-sized statue of the famous pink bird (I'm no expert but the shoulder-high bird appeared anatomically correct).

Apparently this is de rigeur at "Ren DXB", where suites either come equipped with a flamingo or a camel – both creatures found roaming around the outskirts of the city, but rarely in Dubai's fast-growing Business Bay district. Until now. There was even a complementary oversized canvas of an all-familiar flamboyance (yes, it really is the collective noun for a group of flamingoes) in the hallway, but strangely it wasn't the IMAX-sized print that captured my gaze. After acknowledging my new feathered friend I was immediately in awe of my temporary home.

At 113sqm there's ample space to "flamingle" with friends, with a sort of quadrant flow from the hallway, connecting to both a walk-in closet, on to the bathroom, and a spacious lounge area, which each connect to the bedroom-slash-study. Doing my best to shun the welcome platter of éclairs, muffins and other sugary vices, I found myself doing a victory lap of the suite, genuinely admiring the space as something I'd covet for my own abode. That is, if I were a wealthier man.

In comparison to the vast majority of five-star hotels in the city, Renaissance's interior design is leaps and bounds ahead. With impossibly modern finishing, warm wooden furnishings and a build quality that eschews the Dubai "build it quick!"



NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best of the best travel treats for junior travellers this month, from kids' clubs that inspire and delight, to toys that will always remind them of that special family escape







KIDS GO CRUSOE IN THE MALDIVES

There's no better setting to spark the imagination of a child than the sweeping, pristine beaches of the Maldives. "Are there pirates here?" "Will there be buried treasure?" "Where's Jack Sparrow?" – are some of the more likely questions you'll contend with. Thankfully, Gili Lankanfushi has the answers. The beautiful eco-resort is introducing a new range of castaway adventures for children aged four and over, allowing little adventurers to discover the untouched islands of the Indian Ocean in true Robinson Crusoe style. Fun activities include scavenger hunts, immersive cultural experiences and underwater explorations.

Under the guidance of the resort's highly qualified 'Mr. Friday' personal assistant team, holidays begin with a pirate party on nearby One Palm island, where mini explorers spend the afternoon marooned on a secluded sand bank, hunting for lost treasure, learning to build ocean rafts and building shelters using scavenged materials – all while sipping from local coconuts.

Back on the main island, children are invited to partake in a wild art class, getting creative with natural materials like palm leaves and coconut coir, followed by a natural cooking class with the island's chefs. This involves exploring the resort's vast organic garden to collect ingredients for Maldivian curries, smoothies and juices.

For something a little more cultural, children are introduced to the local community on nearby Himmafushi island, where they will learn the traditional Bodu Beru drumming technique in music class and test their language skills by practicing some key phrases in the Dhivehi language.

Back on the water, the resort's marine biology team will take curious kids on an educational underwater treasure hunt, snorkelling through the shallow lagoon to discover a kaleidoscopic array of Maldivian marine life, from friendly eagle rays to paddling sea turtles.

In the evenings, families are encouraged to explore the rest of the island together; take in a family screening at the open-air Jungle Cinema, enjoy a beach picnic, take buggy drive lessons or simply get out on the water for some kayaking or snorkelling. There's no shortage of family fun to be had. www.gili-lankanfushi.com

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ESSENTIALS Wintry wonderlands come to mind in this month's essential

Wintry wonderlands come to mind in this month's essential luxury items list, with white gold and diamonds contrasted by pops of green, blue and pinkish hues

Compiled by: Anna Zhukov

WEARING WARHOL

A voluptuous, intensely blue heart seals the integral bond between Bvlgari and Andy Warhol. The exciting love affair was nourished over decades by an inspiring exchange of art, creativity and passion. This high jewellery piece is 18-kt white gold a large heartcut cabochon tanzanite, with numerous other emerald beads and precious jewels. www.bulgari.com



CASCADES ROYALES

From the Trésors d'Afrique collection, this elegant ring is composed of white gold and yellow gold, set with a cushion-cut 'vivd green' emerald from Colombia Muzo of 4.08 carats and various other dazzling components. www.chaumet.com

THE WILD POP

Designed to evoke the majestic Manhattan skyline, the platinum bracelet is inspired by Bvlgari's ongoing love affair with New York City, a relationship that was forged in the Roaring '80s. The marquise brilliant-cut diamond is 11.4 carats. www.bulgari.com

SPIN CITY

Bulgari's love affair with the Roaring '80s continues with this Wild Pop high jewellery piece – an 18-karat white gold brooch set with onyx elements, rubies, rose diamonds and more. www.bulgari.com

IT ESSENTIALS

SYNTH SENSATION

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EMERALD EYES

The Serpenti Misteriosi Secret Watch boasts the seductive charms of the serpent with intense colours and a powerful design – the diamond snake sensually slithers around the cuff. www.bulgari.com



CRU CUT CHRONOGRAPH

Taking up the challenge of developing a barrel-shaped movement without making any technical compromises, the Maison Chopard created the L.U.C Heritage Grand Cru adorned with 3.05 carats of baguette-cut diamonds. www.chopard.com

HIGH-FIDELITY These distinctive microphones hark back to the soundtrack of the '80s, with aquamarine and rubellite gems specially cut to form the business end of the white gold brooch. www.bulgari.com



MORGAN TURNS



THE MORGAN MOTOR COMPANY HAS ANNOUNCED the first in a number of celebrations for its 110th anniversary in 2019, with a series of '110 Anniversary' models added to the line-up.

Each of the special birthday models benefit from unique badging, denoting their significance as well as an extensive list of specially selected performance and styling options included at no extra cost. A mix of performance and visual enhancements are also offered with each model; a front valance, rear exit sports exhaust and leather bonnet strap stand out as the more purposeful and race inspired options for Plus 4 and Roadster.

As well as the Plus 4 and Roadster, the 3 Wheeler also receives a selection of interior and exterior '110 Anniversary' options at no extra cost. For the interior, quilted leather stitching, centre split seats, storage pockets and a mohair tonneau cover are now all included.

Stand-out exterior options for the 3 Wheeler comprise any solid colour from the newly introduced colour ranges, black roll hoops, black exhaust heat shields and a body coloured engine cowl.

The '110 Anniversary' model is the first in a series of announcements that Morgan will make in their 110th year, their most significant milestone since the 2009 centenary.

"It is an immense pleasure and an honour to lead the Morgan Motor Company as we approach such a significant milestone in our history," said Steve Morris, Managing Director, Morgan Motor Company. "We are delighted to be thriving as a privately owned, British, family owned automotive manufacturer, and in our 110th year of business are stronger than ever. Milestones such as a 110th anniversary offer everyone associated with the brand an opportunity for reflection, as well as an opportunity for us to offer even more to our customers. The '110 Edition' vehicles are the beginning of our celebrations, and we look forward to making further exciting announcements throughout 2019." www.morgan-motor.co.uk





MCLAREN SPEEDTAIL REVEALED

MCLARENS FIRST-EVER HYPER-GT WAS REVEALED ON October 26, featuring a petrol-electric hybrid drivetrain producing more than 1000PS, enough to propel the new 'Hyper-GT' to speeds exceeding 243mph.

The Speedtail – named after its highly streamlined design – promises unrivalled sophistication matched with a whole new level of performance.

This represents the highest top speed of any road-going McLaren ever produced – even the legendary McLaren F1. Inside, the interior will use exquisite new materials, which can be further tailored by the bespoke division McLaren Special Operations (MSO) to unprecedented levels of personalisation. Further inspiration from the F1 is evident in the Speedtail's distinctive three-seater layout and central driving position. Production will also be limited to just 106 examples, the same number as the F1 – all of which have now been reserved. Production begins in late 2019. *cars.mclaren.com*





LOTUS CELEBRATES IN STYLE

MARKING ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY, LOTUS HELD A spectacular event to commemorate the significant milestone of founder Colin Chapman's first Lotus, built in 1948. The home of Lotus in Hethel, UK, hosted 8,000 Lotus owners and enthusiasts from all over the world, as well as 1,600 Lotus cars of all eras. From the Team Lotus F1 race cars to the rally Sunbeam Lotus, Lotus Cortina all the way to the present line-up of Evora, Exige and Elise, there were Lotus road and competition cars of all ages present.

Speaking at the event, Group Lotus Plc's CEO, Mr. Feng Qingfeng said: "Today has been an amazing day of celebration. To have met so many Lotus owners and enthusiasts, and understand their passion for our brand is truly inspiring. We are committed to our home in Norfolk, and there's no place better to gather and remember what Lotus stands for and what makes it so special as a leading automotive marque. To have so many of our cars return home has really made the day, and I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support, both now and in the future, as we grow and develop the business." *www.lotuscars.com*

FERRARI'S 'ICONA' ARRIVES

THE NEW FERRARI MONZA SP1 AND SP2 HAVE BEEN

unveiled. The limited-edition special-series cars are the first in a new segment called 'Icona' and draw inspiration from the most evocative Ferraris of the 1950s and feature the most advanced sports car technology available today.

The Monza SP1 and SP2 feature a unique design, the best weight-to-power ratio of any barchetta, thanks to the extensive use of carbon-fibre in construction, and distinctive details, such as head-and tail-lights, wheels and interior, which further enhance the cars' exclusivity. Equipped with the most powerful engine Maranello has ever built, an 810 cc V12, they can sprint from 0-100 km/h in 2.9 seconds and 0-200 km/h in 7.9 seconds.

The Ferrari Monza SP1 was designed as an uncompromising single-seat road car that offers a truly unique experience behind the wheel. The second configuration, the Monza SP2, is instead a two-seater, thanks to the elimination of the tonneau cover and the addition of a second protective screen and a second roll-bar. Aimed at dedicated clients and collectors, the Monza SP1 and SP2 reference the iconic Ferrari racing barchettas of the past. Designed with the sole aim of winning, these uncompromising models helped build the Ferrari legend in the 1950s by delivering numerous victories in the World Sports Car Championship. www.ferrari.com



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While the event is still a twinkle in the eye, invitations will be lovingly designed and printed by Hannah Handmade Design, ensuring guests feel the magic as soon as they receive the envelope. On the big day, the bride and her girl gang will be pampered with pre-wedding nail prep in Chuan Spa, with a wedding dress from Ultimate Bridge and photography all the while provided by Kent Drake of Kent Drake Photography. Logistics are also sure to be a cinch, with Metropolitan Limousine (www.metropolitanlimo.com) taking care of transportation with impeccable service and style.

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