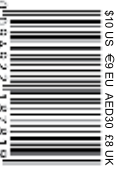


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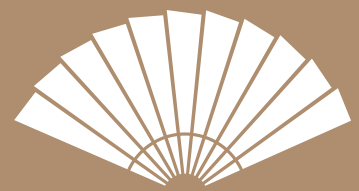


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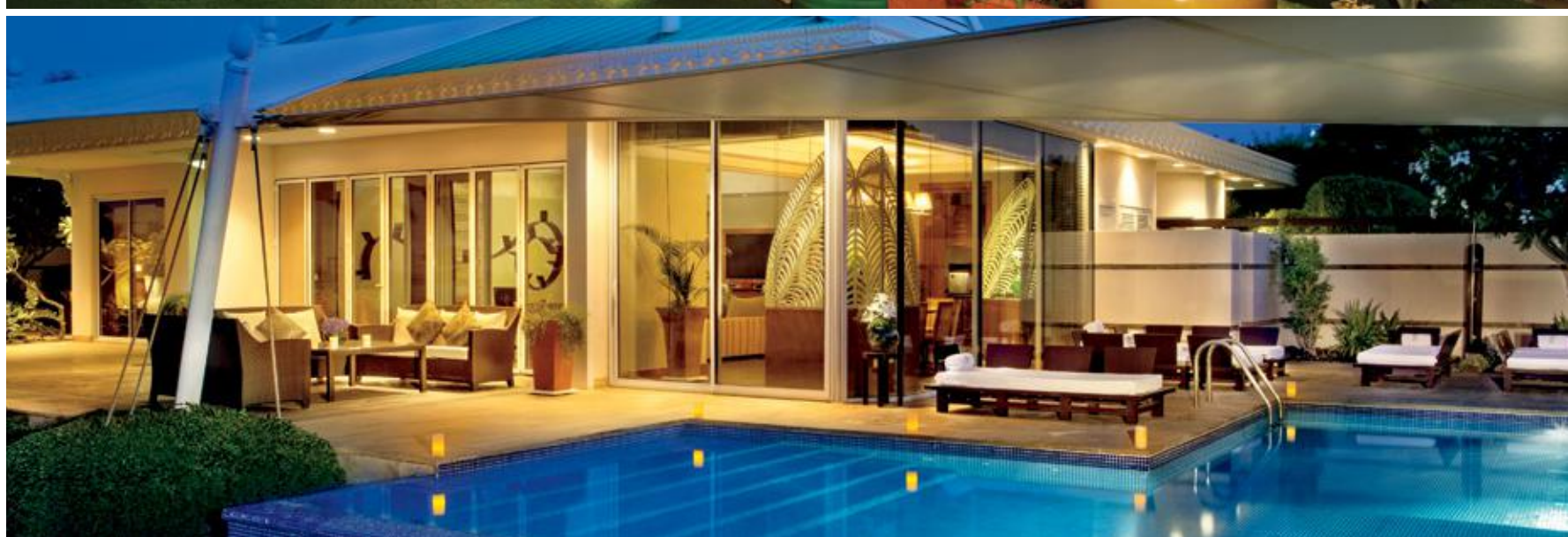
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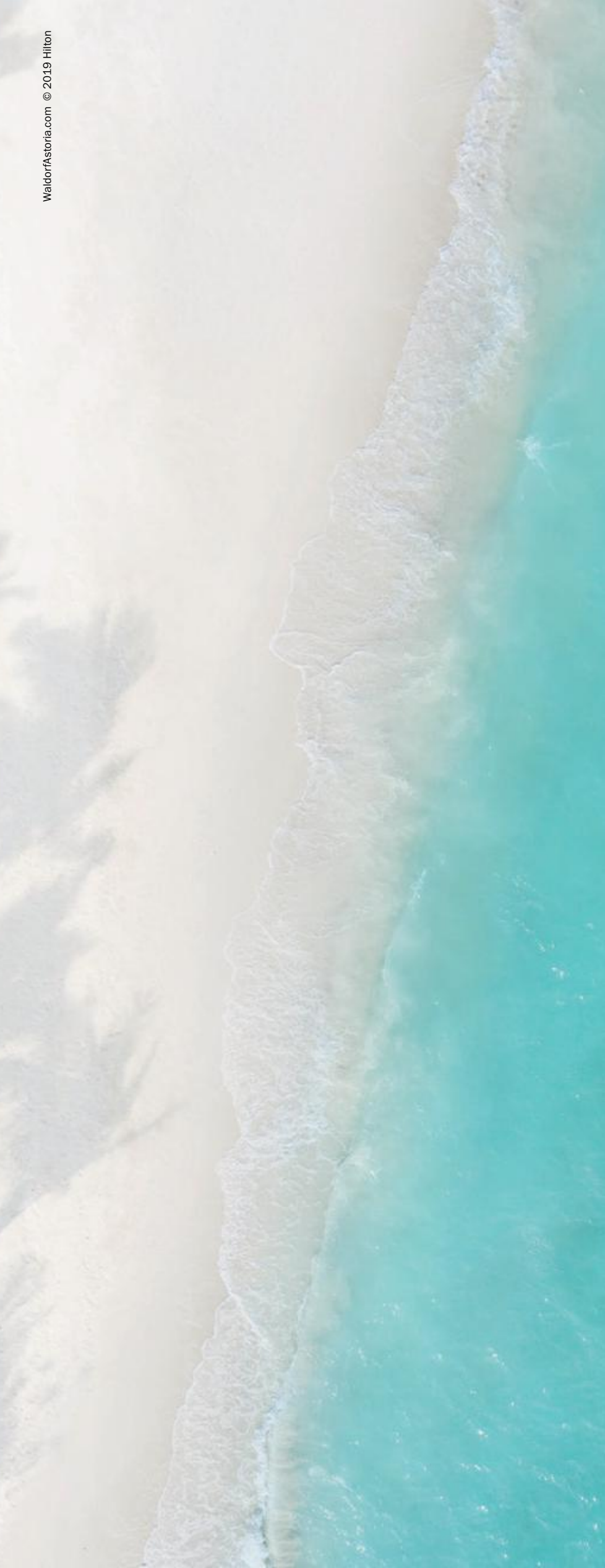


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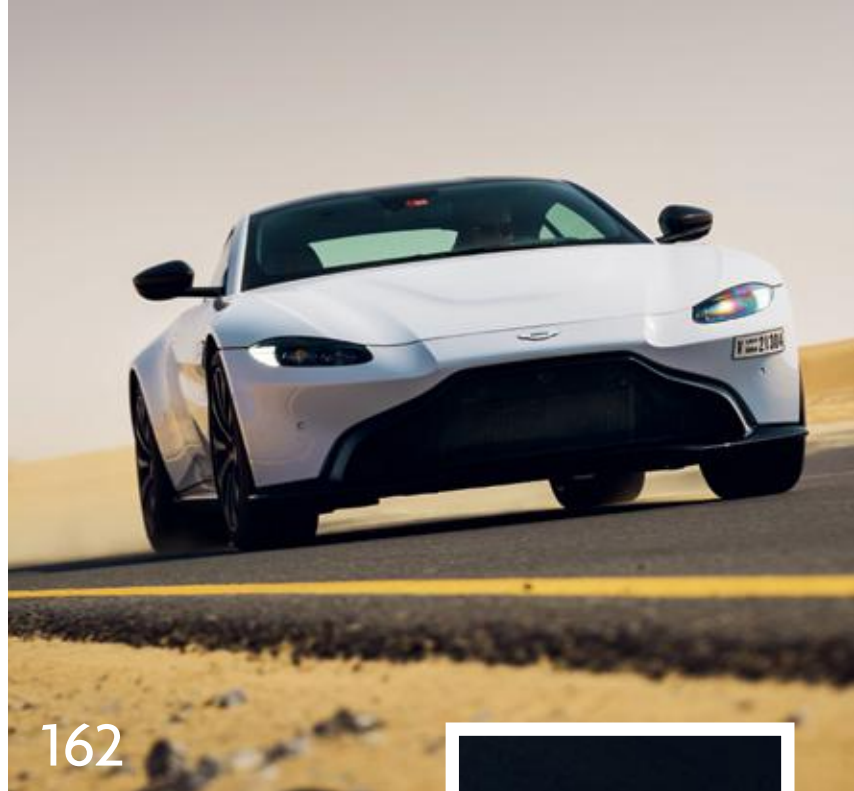
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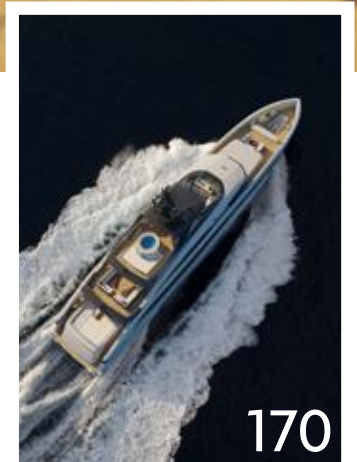
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THE LOWRY'S SUITE RENOVATION

MANCHESTER'S THE LOWRY HOTEL has revealed the first glimpse of its newly renovated Presidential Suite – which cost a whopping £700,000 (\$923,000) to complete.

The luxurious penthouse suite is Manchester's largest at 2,228 square feet and is famous for its VIP guests, costing a hefty £4,000 (\$5,300) per night.

The new look has been designed by renowned interior designer Goddard Littlefair and includes a complete reconfiguration and redesign of the space, an enlarged dressing room and a new bespoke marble bathroom.

The suite includes a fully equipped kitchen and a luxury

bathroom with a free-standing bath and a new double steam shower, which was reportedly introduced at the request of one of the suite's former guests. It also features a super king size bedroom, a walk-in dressing room, a lounge and a plush dining room for up to eight people. There is an additional bedroom and adjoining bathroom for family, friends or even a personal assistant, security, stylist or chef, which can also be used as a private gym or yoga studio.

The floor-to-ceiling windows offer panoramic views across the river Irwell and the Manchester skyline, and the room also comes with a mini grand piano, two

in-room bars, two smart TVs and an Amazon Alexa.

In homage to the hotel's namesake, L.S Lowry, a selection of art has also been chosen especially for the room by ARTIQ. The collection takes inspiration from the English city's industrial architecture as well as abstracted figures that draw on Lowry's iconic matchstick men.

As well as complimentary valet, luggage management, personalised welcome drinks and in-suite check in, guests can take advantage of a butler, on-site hairdresser, endless beauty treatments, Tesla hire, private chef or personal trainer while staying in the suite.

www.thelowryhotel.com



MECHANICAL CREATIONS IN MONACO

A NEW WATCHMAKING GALLERY CONCEPT HAS NOW ARRIVED IN MONACO, bringing together eight luxury houses under one roof. 'ART IN TIME' is based on a unique concept in watchmaking, uniting niche brands on the basis of their common values rather than their types of watch, ranges, or similar styles. The horological experience was conceived by Karl-Friedrich Scheufele, the man behind Chronométrie Ferdinand Berthoud, a new interpretation of exceptional marine timepieces. Other featured brands include Florian Schlumpf, L'Épée, MB&F and Ressence. Brought together under the banner of ART IN TIME by their shared passion for craftsmanship, each of these watchmaking houses has its own well-defined identity, under the leadership of genuine entrepreneurs whose contemporary creations are strictly confined to select limited editions. "The maisons in ART IN TIME are all motivated by the same deeply-held convictions, each in their own distinctive fashion," explained Scheufele. www.art-in-time.com



THE CONNAUGHT EXCLUSIVE

THE CONNAUGHT HAS JOINED forces with fashionable neighbour Moynat and vintage jeweller Susan Caplan to launch the Bijoux Box.

The beautifully handcrafted Moynat trunk features exclusive vintage jewellery pieces as tributes to another era, be it the pendulum designs of the 'Swinging Sixties', the gold rush of the '70s or the out-and-out bling of the '80s. The items are exclusively for guests staying in The Mews to borrow during their stay, free of charge, but are also available to purchase.

Caplan has personally selected some of the rarest finds from designer heavyweights and mavericks such as Givenchy, Christian Dior and Chanel for The Connaught.

The Mews is a private townhouse offering guests the best of both worlds; world class Connaught hospitality along with keys to their own front door. This residence, with its own entrance on Adam's Row, is designed by Michael Blair from Blair Associates Architecture, and has been built over three floors to look and feel like a private house in the centre of the city.

www.maybourne.com



LIVE LIMITLESS WITH ACCOR

ACCOR HAS EVOLVED ITS LOYALTY PROGRAMME INTO A FULLY integrated global platform, comprising rewards, services, and experiences across its entire ecosystem – all thanks to a new platform now called ALL (Accor Live Limitless).

The aim of the new programme is to open doors across the operator's portfolio of more than 30 hotel brands as well as an unrivalled collection of bars, restaurants, nightclubs and "money can't buy" experiences.

Following an extensive study, Accor found that three main passion points resonate with its loyalty members: entertainment, dining and culinary, and sports. Accor has since signed three main partnerships to illustrate those passion points. The hospitality giant has extended its partnership with AEG beyond the AccorHotels Arena to include premium venues, providing over 60,000 tickets and private suites for loyalty members in Latin America, Asia and Europe. There's also a new partnership with IMG, which grants access to chef masterclasses and culinary encounters for top members. Lastly, Accor has inked a global multi-year partnership agreement with Paris Saint-Germain FC where ALL will become the principal partner and official jersey sponsor of the club starting from the 2019/2020 season. www.accor.com

A NEW BUTLER AT THE BALMORAL



THE BALMORAL, A ROCCO FORTE HOTEL IN SCOTLAND, has launched a new cashmere butler service for the luxury property's top suite, the Scone & Crombie, which was upgraded as part of a multi-million pound hotel refurbishment. One of Scotland's main cashmere experts with more than two decades' experience, Derek Umpherston, is the store manager at Hawico's flagship Edinburgh store and also the hotel's new dedicated cashmere butler. Working with The Balmoral, he has curated a collection of cashmere gifts, produced in Hawico's mills in the Scottish Borders town of Hawick,

which can be couriered to the suite.

In addition, Umpherston has created a bespoke cashmere 'paint box' exclusively for the Scone & Crombie suite, showcasing 25 shades from the current season. Allowing guests to see and feel the cashmere that is used to make the collection of super soft garments in their range, they have the option of booking a personal shopping appointment with the cashmere butler – a complimentary service for guests of the suite and can be arranged via the hotel. www.roccofortehotels.com



IHG DEBUTS VOCO IN DUBAI

TO INVITE OR ‘COME TOGETHER’ – THE MEANING of the chic new all-lowercase brand lifestyle brand from InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG). The region’s first voco hotel has been unveiled along Dubai’s Sheikh Zayed Road superhighway, surrounded by a cluster of other five-star hotels and mixed used towers, following the brand’s launch last June on Australia’s Gold Coast, with subsequent openings in Cardiff and Solihull, UK.

All of the 471 rooms and suites have been refurbished during the transition from the building’s previous tenure as the Nassima Royal Hotel. Designed with comfort and the planet in mind, guests can enjoy an aerated shower that helps to reduce water usage and energy consumption without compromising the experience. Additionally, voco bedding is from 100% recycled materials with Aveda bathroom amenities in large-format bottles producing less waste than miniatures.

In terms of facilities, guests can make use of the outdoor swimming pool, gym and Spa Zen, billed as an ‘oasis of calm and relaxation in the heart of the city’. In addition, guests can enjoy diverse dining options, including Lebanese, French, Indian and international. TRE Bar, located on the 51st floor, is one of the neighbourhood’s latest watering holes, creating the atmosphere of an exclusive private club.

“We are incredibly excited to be opening the very first voco in the Middle East as it brings a vibrant and dependable guest experience to the region that stands out from the crowd,” said Pascal Gauvin, Managing Director, India, Middle East & Africa, IHG. “We look forward to welcoming guests from around the world who are looking for something different from your usual stay.”

www.vocohotels.com

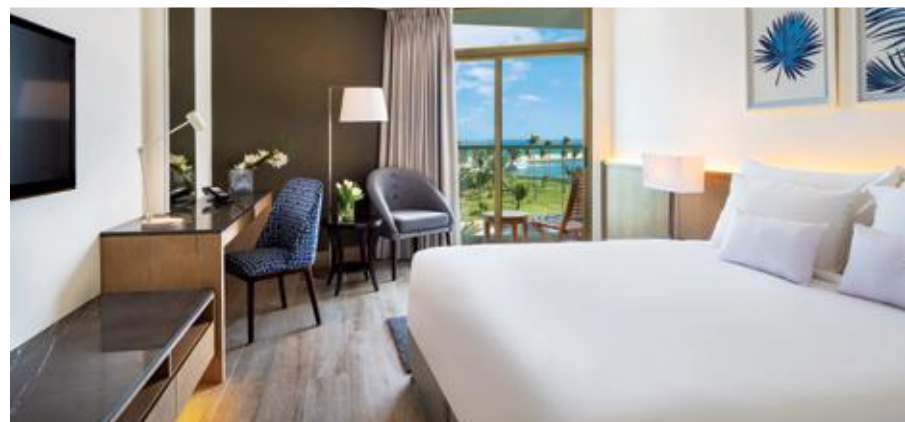
DUBAI’S JA BEACH HOTEL TO BE REVAMPED IN 2019

LOCATED WITHIN THE ONE MILLION SQUARE METRE JA THE RESORT in Jebel Ali, Dubai, the original JA Beach Hotel is set to undergo an extensive makeover and refurbishment.

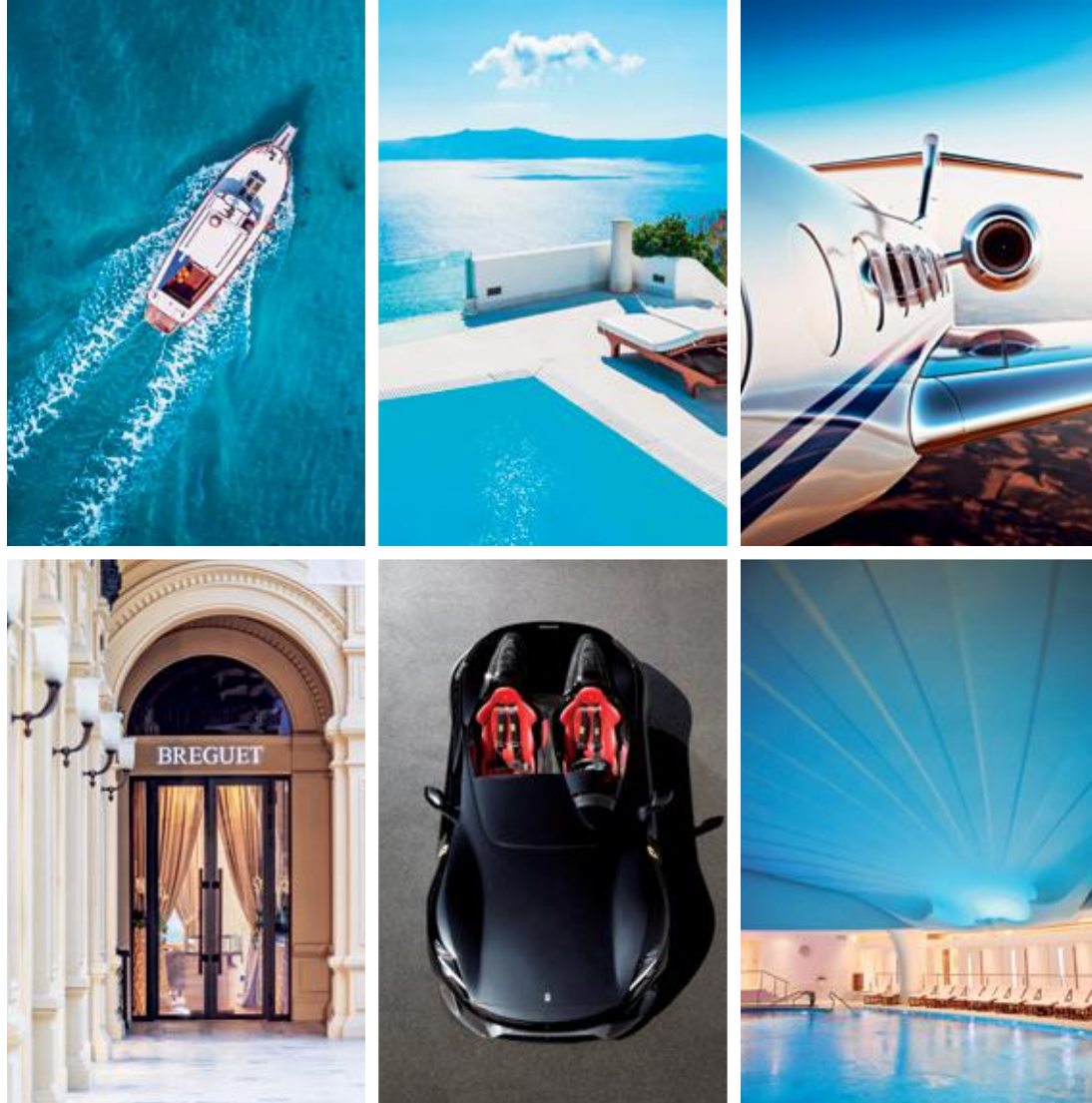
The renovation plans include an enhanced facade with new, all-glass balconies for the rooms and suites which will further improve the panoramic sea views and effectively showcase the 800m vista of private beach. The bedrooms will also be given a new look, with modern wood tile flooring, new beds and furniture in a fresh colour scheme of soft greys, neutrals and relaxing royal blue. All food and beverage outlets will be refurbished with new concepts to be announced in due course.

The CoolZone Kid’s Club will be relocated and doubled in size, divided into different zones for children aged 4-12 years. Adjacent to the new kids’ club facility, there will also be a new wet recreation area with an interactive Splash Pad, providing children hours of fun. The four-month renovation process will take place from May to August 2019 and the hotel will re-open September 1. One of the first hotels built in the emirate, the JA Beach Hotel opened in 1981 and remains one of the largest beachfront resorts in the region, with a surrounding expanse of greenery and wildlife, a private marina and a host of family activities to suit all generations.

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ATM PREVIEW
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ONCE UPON A TIME we used to sit across a desk from a high street “travel agent” whenever we wanted to book a holiday. It may sound strange, but it’s true. Factoring in our holiday goals, timeline and available budget, these face-to-face interactions would determine our best possible travel options - until these package holiday vendors gave way to the convenience of online booking.

History may not quite be repeating itself but (for some) the experience has almost come full circle. Luxury travellers now have the opportunity to experience a hybridised experience that combines the convenience of the internet with the hyper-personalised experience of liaising with travel experts to curate bespoke itineraries.

This seminar explores the trajectory of bespoke luxury travel, with brand leaders and weighing in on how established hoteliers and travel operators can adapt their products and facilitate customers who are seeking something far from the generic hotel or resort experience.

WHERE AND WHEN: ATM will take place at Dubai World Trade Centre, April 28 – May 1. **Our luxury travel seminar takes place Tuesday April 30 at 1:45pm in Inspiration Theatre 1.**
www.arabiantravelmarket.wtm.com

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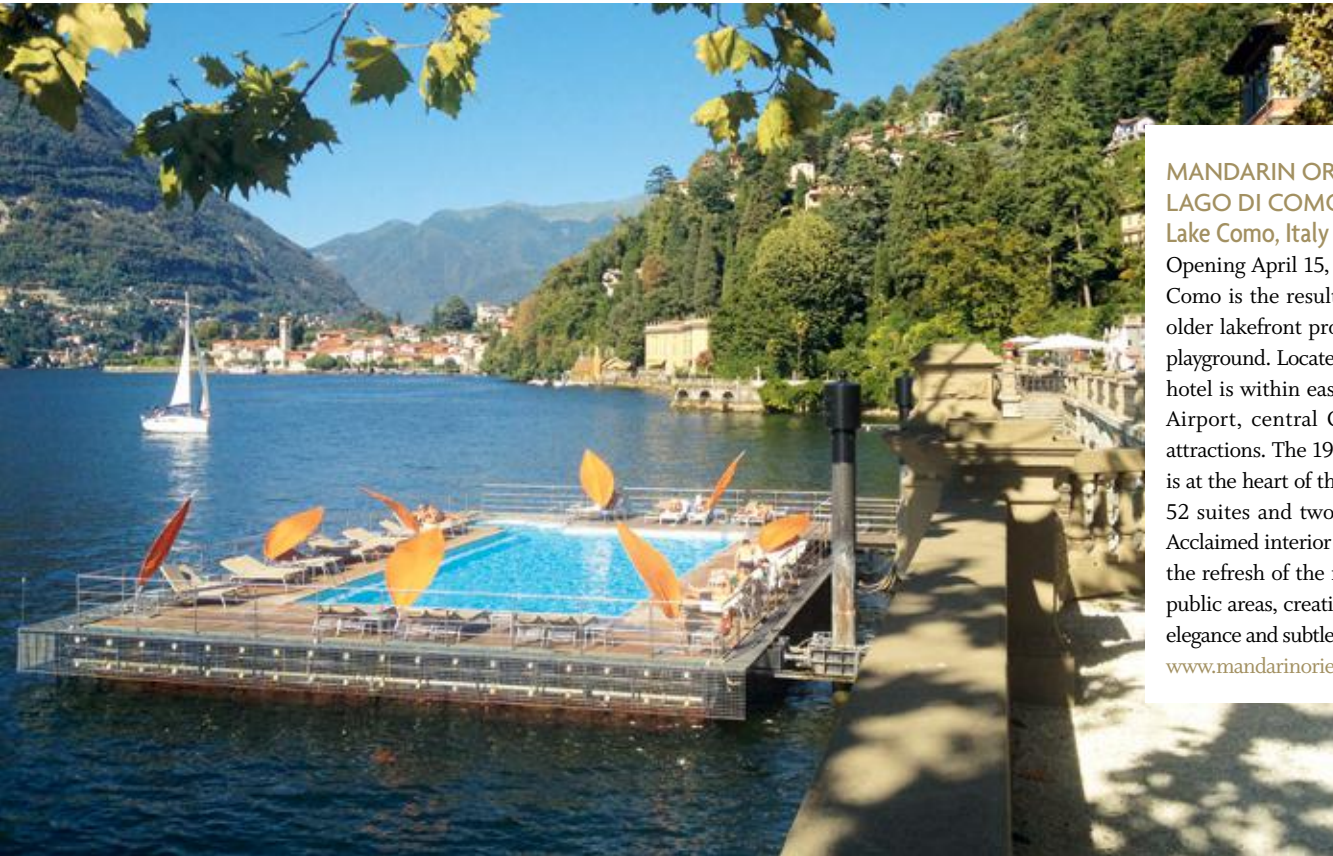
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www.mandarinoriental.com

WALDORF ASTORIA MALDIVES ITHAAFUSHI
Ithaafushi, Maldives

Built on the Maldives' renowned white sands, Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi is tipped to be one of the top dining destinations in the archipelago when it officially opens July 1. With 11 venues to choose from, gourmands are spoiled for choice, but may enjoy the lofty concept at Terra. The treetop dinner experience offers picturesque views from private dining pods crafted from natural bamboo – and chefs work with the finest ingredients in an eclectic menu. The resort spans three private islands and includes 122 beach, reef and overwater villas with private pools.

www.waldorfastoria.hilton.com





JUMEIRAH AL WATHBA DESERT RESORT & SPA
Al Wathba, Abu Dhabi

If there's one name you can count on to successfully fuse rustic Arabian character with understated luxury, it's Jumeirah. The UAE-based firm unveiled the Jumeirah Al Wathba Desert Resort & Spa in mid-March to bring another world-class escape to Abu Dhabi.

Tucked away amongst the rolling golden dunes of the Al Wathba area, approximately 50km south east of the UAE capital, the resort promises "an indulgent desert sanctuary" that "evokes the atmosphere of a traditional Bedouin village". Being a 45-minute drive from downtown Abu Dhabi and 90 minutes from the chain's Burj Al Arab location in Dubai, "sanctuary" summarises the property rather well.

Five on-site dining and entertainment options cater to those who plan on staying within the resort's walls for the duration of their stay, including Terra Secca for exquisite Italian dining and the peaceful Al Mesayan rooftop bar for dinner with a view. Many guests will arrive to swap city lights for peaceful nights at the Al Mabeet Desert Camp, designed to evoke traditional Bedouin life and dine among the dunes.

www.jumeirah.com



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Monte Carlo Country Club
The world's best tennis players have been rubbing shoulders in Monaco since 1897, when the principality first organised a major tennis tournament. Beginning in 2009, Monte Carlo became the only ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournament not to have a mandatory player commitment. Most of the top players still elect to play the event despite this fact – and that's probably on account of the multiple millions of euros on the line. It'll be tough to get a room in the area during the iconic event, but try to book at the newly revamped Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo, which has reopened after a major four-year facelift.
www.montecarlotennismasters.com



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Well-heeled, fast-living travellers have their pick of sport and the arts this month, with unmissable events on both sides of the proverbial pond. There's also the first ever edition of ATM Holiday Shopper at the ever-expanding Arabian Travel Market in Dubai

ART BRUSSELS
Brussels, Belgium

Founded in 1968, Art Brussels is one of the most renowned contemporary art fairs in Europe and a must-see in the international art calendar. Welcoming 25,000 visitors, it's a unique opportunity to discover the richness of the artistic and cultural scene of the European capital, and attracts a growing number of collectors, gallerists, curators, art professionals and art lovers from around the world. Access to the VIP programme is available via website registration.
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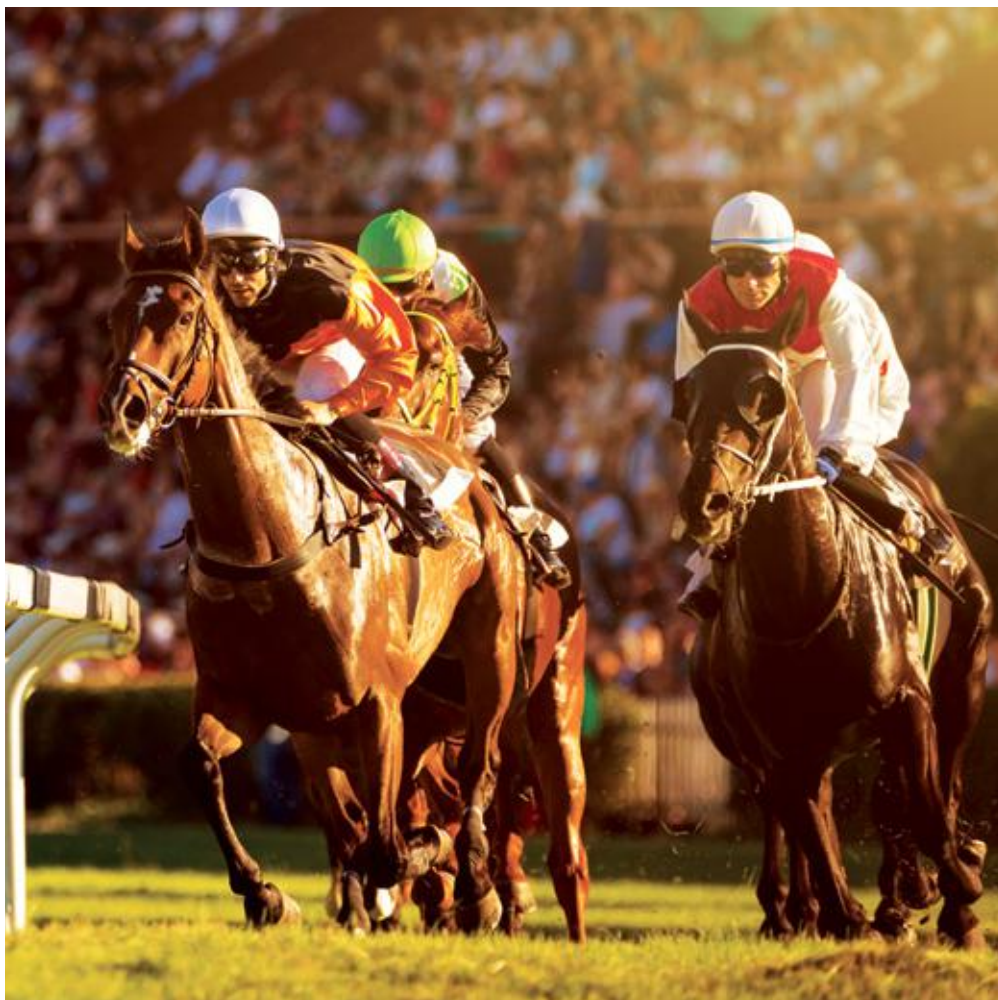
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ARABIAN TRAVEL MARKET
Dubai World Trade Centre

Everyone in the travel industry is eagerly awaiting Arabian Travel Market (ATM), the region's largest travel and tourism event organised annually in Dubai with thousands of exhibitors. However, this year there's an added twist. This year, ATM will host its first consumer day – ATM HolidayShopper – as part of its line-up of special focus events. Taking place on Saturday April 27 (a day before the official opening of ATM) the event will showcase over 30 travel and hospitality exhibitors from both regional and international destinations who will be offering a wide range of attractive travel and tourism discounts and deals for consumers attending the show.
www.arabiantravelmarket.wtm.com



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THE GRAND NATIONAL
Aintree, England

The Aintree Grand National is, without a doubt, the UK's most iconic horseracing meet. The three-day event begins with Grand National Thursday, with a backdrop of racing, followed by live music and entertainment throughout the evening. Day two of the festival is #FabulousFriday, when all things style and fashion are in the spotlight. And ladies, get your outfits ready; a 45,000-strong crowd is expected at the Grand National Ladies Day 2019. Attention may well be off the track with events like the 'Style Award'. Then, of course, it's the 172nd Grand National Day, one of the most famous horseracing events in the world, which boasts an estimated 600 million people tuning in to watch around the world.
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AN ODE TO ODETTE: ASIA’S BEST RESTAURANT

IF THERE WAS EVER A NATION THAT PUNCHED ABOVE ITS WEIGHT in terms of gourmet offerings, it’s Singapore. The island city-state boasts an embarrassment of riches from generations-old hawker centres to Michelin-starred fine dining – there seems to be something delicious at every turn. Now, following the announcement of the 2019 list of Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants, Singapore claims the continent’s most coveted tables at Odette.

Housed in the iconic National Gallery Singapore, Odette serves Asian-inspired modern French cuisine, each dish presented with impeccable style and characteristic perfection. Taking its name from Chef Julien Royer’s maternal grandmother, Odette earned Asia’s Highest New Entry Award in

2017 before debuting on the culinary equivalent list last year at No.28. The restaurant, named after the co-owner’s grandmother, succeeds four-time winner Gaggan in the No.1 spot. Royer’s Odette claims the coveted titles of the best restaurant in Asia and the best restaurant in Singapore. The 2019 list of Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants was announced at an awards ceremony at Wynn Palace, Macao. The 2019 list reflects the diversity and vitality of the ever-evolving Asian gastronomic scene, featuring 10 new restaurants, including a first-time entry from Malaysia (Dewakan, No.46) and a new restaurant in the Philippines (Toyo Eatery, No.43), a country last represented in the list in 2017.

www.odetterestaurant.com



COMO COOKS UP SOMETHING SPECIAL WITH SINGAPORE AIRLINES

FOODIES HEADING TO SINGAPORE CAN kickstart their culinary journey en route, thanks to an agreement between COMO Shambhala and Singapore Airlines. The Bali resort’s award-winning wellness cuisine will be served on selected flights departing Singapore in the second half of this year, elevating the range of healthy fine dining options on board.

Passengers should expect seasonal and sustainable ingredients, each with their own nutrition profile. The inclusion of co-developed wellness dishes will progressively be made available in SIA’s Book the Cook service. In addition, a new wellness menu featuring specially curated dishes will be introduced.

“It’s an exciting moment for the COMO Group, as this collaboration marks the coming together of the world’s most awarded airline and COMO’s passion for holistic wellness and nutritious cuisine that has been at the heart of our brand offering since the beginning of COMO Shambhala and COMO Hotels and Resorts,” explained Olivier Jolivet, CEO of the COMO Group.

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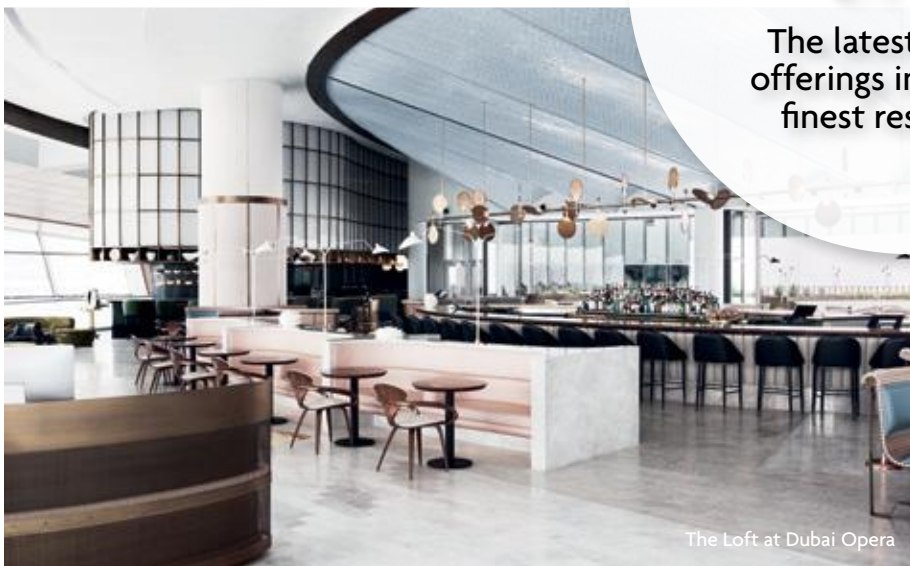
Four Seasons Dubai at Jumeirah Beach



Tasca at Mandarin Oriental Jumeira

DEGUSTATION UAE

The latest gourmet offerings in the UAE's finest restaurants



The Loft at Dubai Opera



Rosewood Abu Dhabi



SELLING LIKE HAUTE CAKES

A new footwear collection by actress and designer Sarah Jessica Parker is being showcased at Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach – along with a Fashion Afternoon Tea inspired by the names of each shoe. SJP by Sarah Jessica Parker will be displayed at Shai Salon & Terrace until May 5 and is exclusive to the Middle East.

www.fourseasons.com/dubaijb

JOSE AVILLEZ TAKES DUBAI TO TASCA

Acclaimed Lisboan chef José Avillez has debuted in Dubai with Tasca – named after a traditional Portuguese eatery. With a menu of sharing dishes the chef has taken classic dishes from his homeland and added contemporary twists, with options such as giant red

shrimp, piri piri chicken with smoked avocado cream, and a surf and turf platter with blue Portuguese lobster. Complementing the menu is a wine list with the largest selection of Portuguese wines available in Dubai.

www.mandarinoriental.com/dubai

SINGING AND SUPPER AT DUBAI OPERA

Dubai Opera's dining destination has launched a theatre dinner experience prior to performances. The Loft's set menu theatre dinner is inspired European and Asian flavours and will change seasonally. Starters currently include creamy burrata and steak tartare, with pan seared seabass and braised Angus ribs among the main courses. There's also the option to indulge in a light coffee parfait, paired with hazelnut and

milk foam, or a crème brûlée alongside lemon sorbet and lemon merengue. The two-course menu is priced at AED 195 per diner, while the three-course option is priced at AED 235

www.dubaiopera.com/dining/the-loft

CHOCOLATE-TEA GOODNESS IN ABU DHABI

Sweet-toothed tea drinkers will be in chocolate heaven at Rosewood

Abu Dhabi. The hotel has launched the Chocolate Extravaganza afternoon tea, composed of a huge dessert station packed full of tasty treats all artistically crafted with all things chocolate; chocolate opera cake, chocolate brûlée, white chocolate cheesecake, chocolate truffles, chocolate lollipops and more. Everything is 100% edible – including the plates

www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/abu-dhabi



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SO MUCH AT STEAK

Backed by the eponymous master chef himself, **Marco Pierre White Steakhouse & Grill** at Fairmont Bab Al Bahr is easily one of Abu Dhabi's finest restaurants. Dorothy Heung, AKA @DotOnHerWay, sharpens her steak knife and tackles the finest cuts of meat the emirate has to offer

Discovering what “affordable glamour” really means at the only Marco Pierre White location in the Middle East, I ventured to Fairmont Bab Al Bahr in Abu Dhabi.

Marco Pierre White is an acclaimed chef but he is also a recognised and cherished brand. Starting his culinary adventures in the United Kingdom, he became well known for his timeless British cooking fused with French techniques. I had the pleasure of dining at the Marco Pierre White (MPW) Steakhouse at the Fairmont Bab Al Bahr in Abu Dhabi and discover that during my visit, the restaurant was in the process of aligning to the same brand vision and values as other MPW locations across the world – shifting the focus from fine-dining concepts to what Chef Marco likes to call 'affordable glamour'. The newly launched menu at MPW includes a combination of classic comfort dishes and modern-day delicacies. Marco's philosophy is all about simply cooked food using the best ingredients.

The revamped menu, a traditionally British one-pager, features selected timeless dishes such as the classic 1970's prawn cocktail, roast rump of lamb à la Dijonnaise and shepherd's pie. Not to mention, their main speciality – succulent cuts of steaks. The offering of these dishes is closely matched to those served worldwide at all MPW locations. Their menu also attempts to bring back the affordability of a true steakhouse. Some of my childhood favourites also made it onto the menu, such as macaroni and cheese as well as traditional British fish and chips.

Sitting across from the bespoke fireplace, I enjoyed the meal with my friend in gorgeous yet comfortable surroundings. The décor is opulent but I can already imagine having the signature photos hung on the walls to make the Marco Pierre White ambience fully complete. They aim to curate an intimate yet welcoming atmosphere, establishing it as a restaurant not only for special occasions but ideal for every-day pleasures.



“THE REVAMPED MENU – A TRADITIONALLY BRITISH ONE-PAGER – FEATURES TIMELESS DISHES”

From the time the starters were brought to the table – a 'Mr White's Fresh Crab' and a classic 1970's prawn cocktail – I thought to myself that the dish looked rather simple. However, it became clear to me that the Marco Pierre White ethos has resonated fully in the dishes, shifting the focus of meticulously planned presentation to offering their guests wholesome portions, showcasing the simplicity of the ingredients.

Their servers were quick to recommend brilliant wine pairings to harmonise with the meals and ultimately enhance your experience at the steakhouse. Alongside their eclectic wine list, they also have refreshing cocktail selections where a specialised gin and tonic trolley is wheeled to the table.

My night was complete with 250g of grilled 35-day aged striploin masterkobe. The delectable steak makes evident the superior quality on offer at Marco Pierre White. The butter-soft texture of the steak, complemented with grilled wild mushrooms in garlic butter was phenomenal. And the triple cooked chips make you crave for more.

Every Wednesday they offer an extraordinary 'Steak-Out' where guests can choose from an unlimited steaks selection, including black Angus beef, USDA prime striploin and ribeye, paired with free-flowing sauces and all the triple cooked chips (and more) you could ever eat. I cannot wait to be back to get the full Marco Pierre White experience in Abu Dhabi – top quality simple food at a great price.

The important bit

WHAT: Marco Pierre White Steakhouse
WHERE: Fairmont Bab Al Bahr, Abu Dhabi
PRICE: AED 460 for two, without drinks
TEL: +971 2 304 8291
www.fairmont.com/abu-dhabi





ALL THE ACES

The Top Trumps: From strolling through wine estates to the dazzling bright lights of Las Vegas, the Trump Hotels portfolio is replete with luxury in all its guises. We take a look at 11 luxurious properties and three enticing reasons to travel

URBAN ELEGANCE

With lofty views over blue hues, The St. Regis Abu Dhabi towers over the UAE capital's Corniche, simultaneously peering over the shimmering Arabian Gulf and the sprawling city below







SECRET WATER ISLAND

There are tropical islands and then there's **Fairmont Sirru Fen Fushi**.
Matthew McQueen visits the Maldives and discovers beautiful
turquoise seas and white sandy beaches straight from a dream



EASTER

EXTRAVAGANZA

We've made it a third of the way through 2019 and it's time for a sweet escape. These Easter treats are ideal for celebrating the new season and ensuring quality time with your loved ones

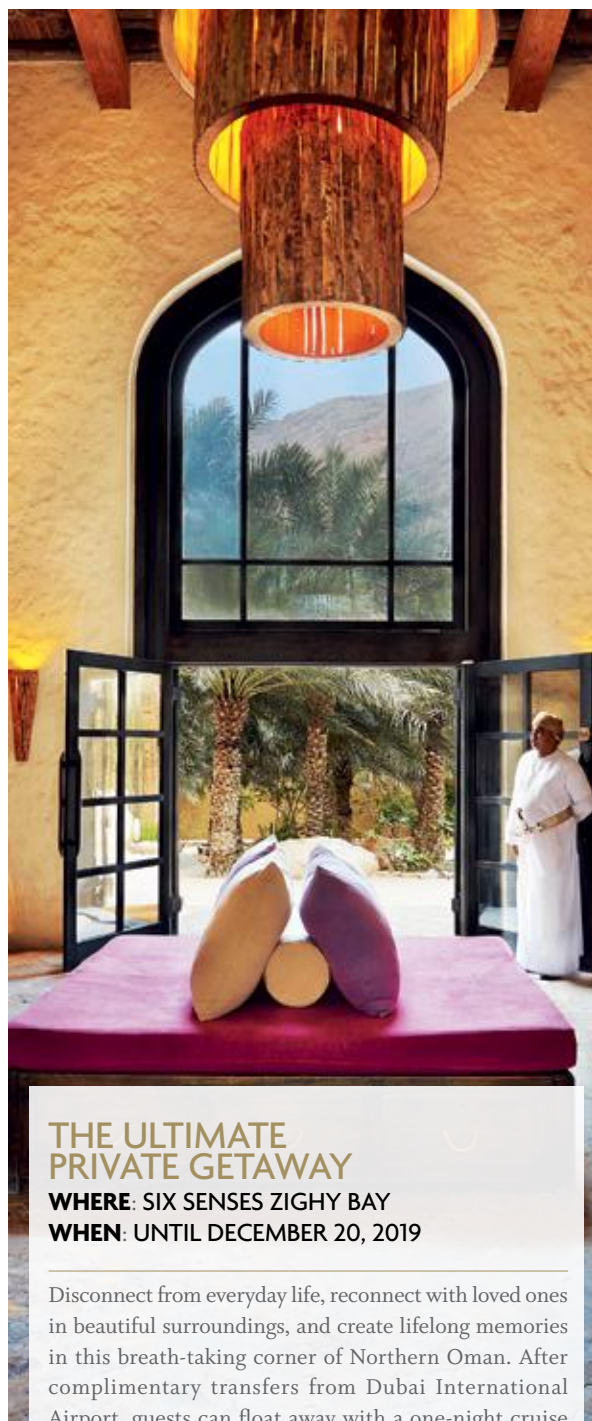


SUMMER LOVING

Unforgettable memories require unique experiences and the perfect summer calls for luxurious accommodation. As spring begins to sizzle, sun-seekers can now explore the best of the **JA Resorts & Hotels** collection with the brand's Summer Lovin' promotion

Arabian Journeys

Summertime... and the weather is scorching – but there’s plenty of fun to be had with family, friends and loved ones within these local five-star havens



THE ULTIMATE PRIVATE GETAWAY

WHERE: SIX SENSES ZIGHY BAY
WHEN: UNTIL DECEMBER 20, 2019

Disconnect from everyday life, reconnect with loved ones in beautiful surroundings, and create lifelong memories in this breath-taking corner of Northern Oman. After complimentary transfers from Dubai International Airport, guests can float away with a one-night cruise aboard Dhahab – Six Senses Zighy Bay’s 27.5-metre dhow, which translates to ‘gold’ – and then spend three nights relaxing at either the Private Reserve or the Private Retreat.

After a night of smooth sailing and star-gazing, guests are treated to a personalised itinerary as per their choice of accommodation; the two-bedroom beachfront Retreat spoils guests with bespoke fitness sessions, signature massages and a myriad of water and land activities or they can choose the Private Reserve with which they can fly high above the mountains with a paragliding experience up to eight people, and a whole lot more.

Prices start at \$27,500 for all four nights and The Ultimate Private Getaway is available.

www.sixsenses.com/zighybay



VERSACE ON THE FLOOR

WHERE: PALAZZO VERSACE DUBAI
WHEN: AVAILABLE NOW

Luxury connoisseurs looking to experience a lavish urban retreat can create timeless memories at one of Palazzo Versace Dubai's exquisite suites, each designed and furnished exclusively by none other than Versace. Steeped in classic Italian design and the house's iconic heritage, each suite is distinctive in terms of personality and offers spaces designed to suit different needs – a family escape, a romantic getaway or a relaxing retreat for the business traveller. Book a Palazzo Versace suite of your choice (starting from AED 1,650 plus taxes) and enjoy some incredible benefits including private check-in at the Executive Lounge, daily breakfast buffet or continental breakfast served in the suite, a complimentary massage, 20% off dining, access to steam and sauna rooms and much more.

www.palazzoversace.ae

CULTURE CLUB AT THE CREEK

WHERE: AL BANDAR ROTANA
 – CREEK, DUBAI
WHEN: AVAILABLE NOW

A stay at the new Al Bandar Rotana is the perfect excuse to explore the historical side of Dubai. A short trip across the water from Al Bandar Rotana, and you're right in the middle of the Bastakiya heritage area. What's more, the new Al Seef neighbourhood is rooted in Dubai's backstory but fuses tradition and modernity. The design-led Rise Dubai Creek Harbour development is also a short drive away, home to live music, DJ sets, movie screenings and unusual casual dining concepts. The hotel has curated a special tour of the historical and cultural side of this amazing area, while you relax and explore the newest hotel in Dubai Creek. The package includes the cultural and historical tour of Dubai's Creek area, a two-night stay for two people, breakfast in Salt & Pepper and a late check-out.

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SUITELY SENSATIONAL WITH KEMPINSKI

WHERE: KEMPINSKI HOTEL MALL OF THE EMIRATES, DUBAI

WHEN: UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020

Shop, ski and retreat to the suite: Kempinski Hotel Mall of the Emirates provides easy access to 700 retailers with endless fun at Ski Dubai and lots for little explorers, such as Magic Planet. Each of the 392 rooms and suites provide spectacular views of Dubai's skyline but the most Instagram-worthy stay comes via the 20 stunning Aspen Chalets, overlooking the mall's snowy slopes. Thanks to the hotel's current Suitely Sensational offer, guests who book a suite or Aspen Chalet can score 20% off the Best Available Rate, as well as a daily buffet breakfast at Olea, 30% off dining and laundry and tickets for Magic Planet and Ski Dubai's Snow Park. Rates start at \$414 and the promotion is valid until December 31, 2020.

www.kempinski.com





BRITISH

SEASON IS UPON US

There is nothing more stimulating than feeling the winds of change, and the sun's rays returning over the British Isles. As the mercury rises and the social calendar begins hot up, British season is upon us once again – with iconic events alongside the new products and in-store collections



ROYAL ASCOT JUNE 18-22, 2019


London has begun to pulse with the anticipation of the summer season and the ripples are spreading out to some of the season's most iconic events. None, however, manage to combine the high-paced thrills and high-society hospitality of Royal Ascot. Britain's most valuable race meeting attracts many of the world's finest racehorses to compete for millions of pounds in prize money. Simply put, Royal Ascot is anticipated and revered the world over and those in the know have already started to plan their wardrobes, fragrances, jewellery, et al.


Inspiration comes from many sources and the recent Style Guide by Ascot has got creative minds racing. Royal Ascot is synonymous with sartorial elegance and eighth annual Royal Ascot Style Guide, in association with Cunard, was recently unveiled. Working closely with experienced stylist Prue White, Ascot has curated looks that will be at the forefront of fashion this summer with world-class fashion photographer Luis Monteiro capturing the looks for all four Royal Ascot Enclosures.


The full guide is available online now: www.ascot.co.uk




THE ASCOT ENCLOSURES

 **QUEEN ANNE ENCLOSURE:** "LADIES WITHIN THE QUEEN ANNE ENCLOSURE ARE REQUIRED TO DRESS IN A MANNER AS BEFITS A FORMAL OCCASION"

 **ROYAL ENCLOSURE:** "GENTLEMEN ARE KINDLY REMINDED THAT IT IS A REQUIREMENT TO WEAR EITHER BLACK OR GREY MORNING DRESS"

 **VILLAGE ENCLOSURE:** "THE VILLAGE ENCLOSURE IS A GRASSED AREA AND LADIES SHOULD CONSIDER THEIR HAT SIZE AND SHOES ACCORDINGLY"

 **WINDSOR ENCLOSURE -** "THERE IS NO OFFICIAL DRESS CODE FOR THE WINDSOR ENCLOSURE, BUT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS IN SMART DAYWEAR"

APRIL Essentials

Shield your eyes from this month's dazzling diamonds, largely courtesy of Van Cleef & Arpels' Treasure of Rubies collection – with timely treats from Bvlgari, Chopard and Graff

Compiled by: Anna Zhukov



RUBY RIVIÈRES

Twenty-eight oval-cut and cushion-cut rubies and a medley of diamonds adorn this white and pink gold necklace. The contemporary piece stands out for its asymmetric design and the ensemble of precious stones. Refined and ethereal, the necklace combines the sparkle of diamonds with the deep warm tones of the deep-hued rubies, weighing a total of 43.70 carats. www.vancleefarpels.com



FEUILLE DE RUBIS

Inspired by the enduring metamorphoses of flora and fauna, Van Cleef & Arpels celebrates the richness of oriental motifs. The faceted and buff-topped rubies endow these 'Feuille de Rubis' rings, creating subtle plays of light. www.vancleefarpels.com

BORN TO BE GOLD

Serpenti Seduttori is the latest reimagination of Bvlgari's icon of seduction – tweaking the iconic wraparound style. Making time feel even more precious, the new collection boasts the iconic drop shaped watch head, but this time with a subtle yet sensual bracelet. www.bulgari.com





ALL IN UNISSON

Stones and precious metals are designed in a mirror image in these Unisson earrings. The rubies, set on pink gold, with diamonds on white gold, create a bejeweled harmony. Elegantly extending the line of the ear, each earring culminates in a pear-shaped pendeloque: a 5.63-carat ruby and a DVVS2 diamond weighing over 3 carats.

www.vancliefarpels.com



OVAL AND OUT

One of Graff's dazzling new 2019 timepieces celebrates the feminine beauty of oval diamonds. The fully-set diamonds are positioned at slightly varying angles so that the watch constantly catches the light and reflects it, creating a scintillating shimmer.

www.graff.com



CANNES YOU WAIT?

Chopard exalts the passing hours through a jewellery watch – a finely wrought bracelet set with 60 carats of diamonds and two 3-carat Mozambique rubies. The jewellery watch will grace the wrists of actresses having travelled to the Riviera to await the countdown to the Cannes Festival closing ceremony and its much-anticipated verdict.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

The 48mm GyroGraff Endangered Species features a diamond bezel and a distinctive panda on the dial in white gold. A total of five rare species have been immortalised with these sensational diamond mosaics – an extraordinary technique pioneered by Graff.

www.graff.com

MEMORIS TITANIUM

Memoris is the first chronograph watch in history – an exclusive creation of Ateliers Louis Moinet, celebrating the heritage of the eponymous watchmaker. For the first time, Memoris is now available with a contemporary 46-millimetre titanium case, making it very light indeed.

www.louismoinet.com



WORLD TIME

Launched in the 1930s, Patek Philippe's famous World Time watch displays the time simultaneously and continuously in all 24 time zones. The cloisonné enamel planisphere representing Europe, Africa and the Americas is crafted entirely by hand and is remarkable for its detail, colour and depth.

www.patek.com

FANCY VIVID YELLOW

Now synonymous with the House, Graff is renowned for its yellow diamonds and for Baselworld 2019 the watchmaker has created unique timepieces that celebrate these exceptionally rare and beautiful stones. A close collaboration between Graff's London atelier and its Swiss watchmaking team, Graff Luxury Watches, every millimetre of the Fancy Vivid Yellow diamond watches has been carefully considered.
www.graff.com



LVCEA SKELETON

An in-house mechanical movement with automatic winding and skeleton execution, the 33mm LVCEA SKELETON boasts an 18kt white gold case set with round brilliant-cut sapphires on the bezel. The 18kt white gold crown is set with a sapphire and diamond and everything pops with the blue alligator strap.
www.bulgari.com



A VISION OF BLUE

The Calatrava Haute Joaillerie is now available in a palette of blue tones, exuding an ultra-feminine allure, sparkling with hundreds of gems. The softly rounded contours of the white gold case are set with staggered rows of diamonds, interspersed with sapphires in varying intensities of colour.
www.patek.com

A D V A N T A G E
ASTON

Once again it's England v Germany – kind of. Is the new **Aston Martin Vantage** ready to take on the Porsche 911, with a bit of help from Germany? Kris Karacinski finds out





SHUMUKH: THE SPIRIT OF DUBAI

The world's most expensive perfume has been launched in Dubai,
retailing for **\$1.295 million**



Diamonds and topaz and pearls – oh my! Perfumer Nabeel grabbed the fragrance world by the nostrils last month, debuting Shumukh, the world's most expensive and luxurious unisex perfume, valued at \$1.295 million (AED 4.752 million). Described as “The Spirit of Dubai”, Shumukh translates to ‘deserving the highest’ in Arabic. It combines the art of jewellery and perfumery to create a 1.97-metre-tall product set with 3,571 sparkling diamonds (totalling 38.55 carats), topaz, pearls, 2,479 grams of 18-karat gold and 5,892 grams of pure silver.

It's said to tell the tale of the emirate through seven core design elements themed around pearl diving (Durra), falconry (Baz), Arabian horses (Abjar), roses (Narjesi), luxury (Haibah), Arabian hospitality (Diwan), and Dubai's stature as a ‘city of the future’ (Aamal). Each component has been intricately modeled in gold and silver, and decorated with the highest quality VVS diamonds and precious stones.

Towering over the average person with a display that soars almost two metres in height, the perfume took over three years and 494 perfume trials to formulate. It's composed of the finest natural ingredients sourced from the furthest corners of the globe, culminating in a scent that is as unforgettable as it is mesmerising with notes of amber, sandalwood, musk, rare pure Indian agarwood, pure Turkish rose, patchouli ylang-ylang and frankincense. Due to the quality of the ingredients, the UAE-based ultra-luxury fragrance brand claims the scent will last on the skin for more than 12 hours and up to 30 days on fabric.

It's also the only perfume to hold two Guinness World Record titles, including ‘Most diamonds set on a perfume bottle’, and ‘Tallest remote controlled (RC) fragrance spray product’. It is also customisable and offers the opportunity to have bespoke and personalised modification incorporated. Additionally, all diamonds and precious stones are accompanied by individual certificates of authenticity.

“My vision was not only to capture Dubai's persona in one monumental piece of art, but to also create a fragrance that embodied the pinnacle of luxury in the world of perfumery,” said Asghar Adam Ali, Founder & Chairman of Nabeel Perfumes Group of Companies. “Today, I am very proud of Shumukh, an evocatively stunning and bespoke creation which combines the disciplines of art, jewellery design and perfumery and, is concurrently also the holder of the highest number of Guinness World Records in the world of perfume industries”.

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