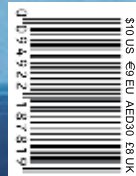


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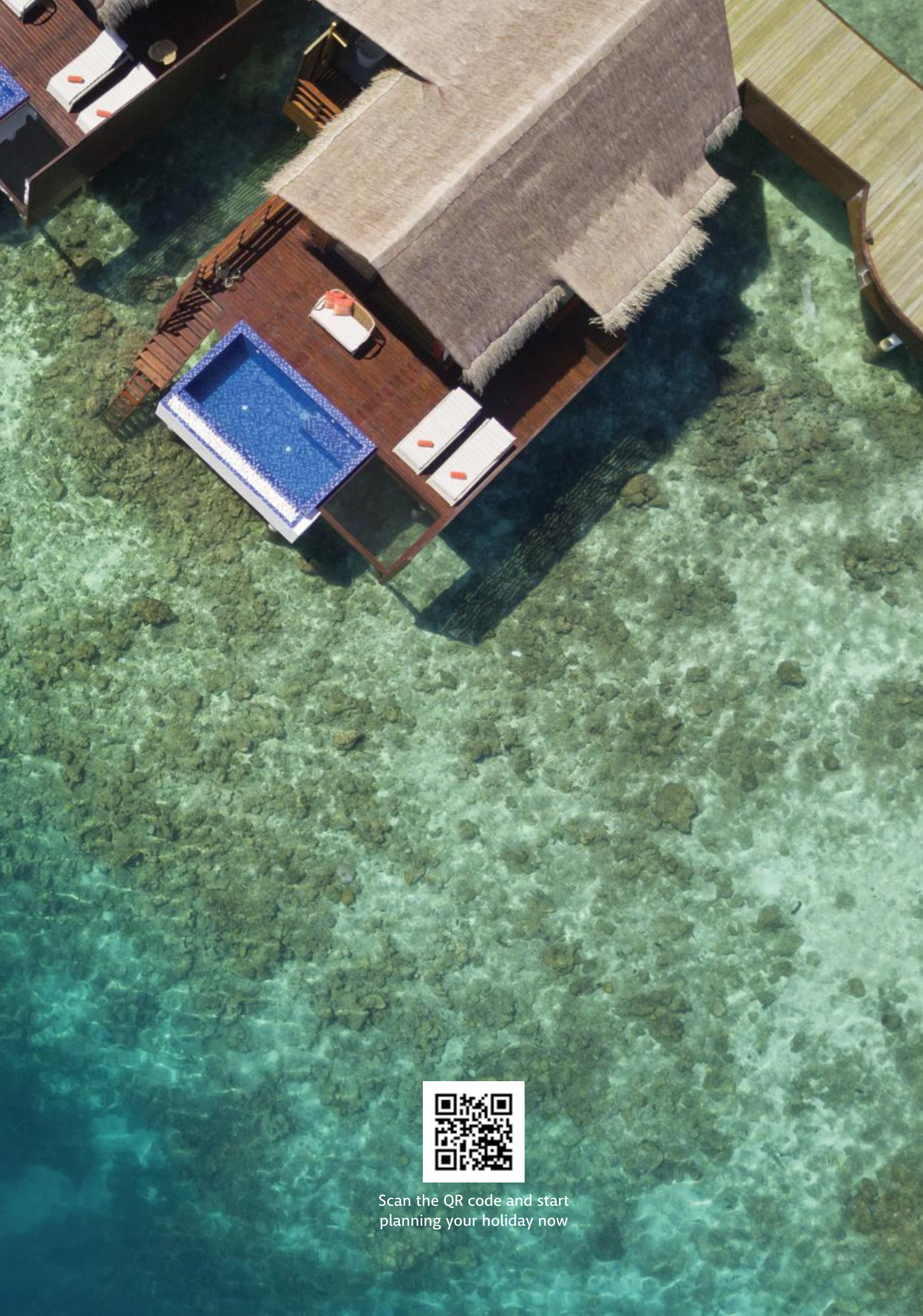
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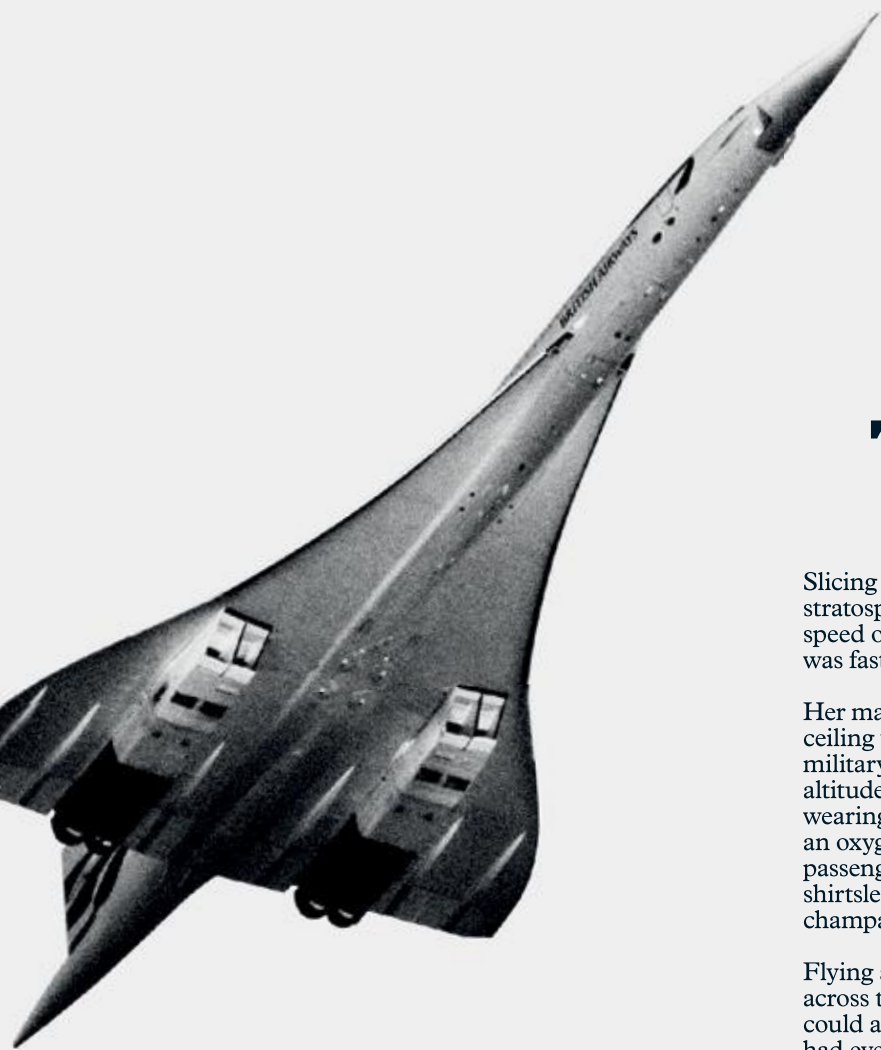


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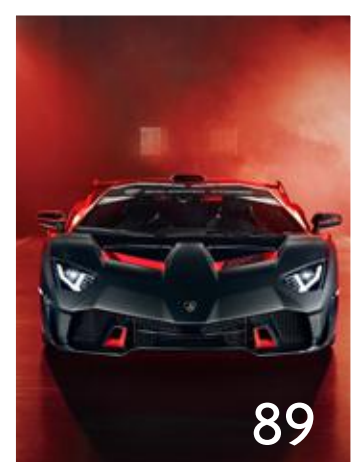
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MANDARIN ORIENTAL UNVEILS FACELIFTED FACILITIES IN LONDON

AS LUXURY HOSPITALITY CONTINUES to boom in the UK capital, there's never been more pressure on high-end chains to put their best foot forward. And that's exactly what Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London has done with the unveiling of its latest renovations, redesigns and upgrades. After months of painstaking improvements, the hotel's public areas, restaurants and event spaces are once again open to guests, breathing new life into the

prestigious London address.

Perhaps most impressively, the Spa at Mandarin Oriental, London has been enlarged and reimagined by New York designer Adam D. Tihany. The facility now boasts 13 individual treatment rooms, an Oriental Suite with two massage beds and a room dedicated to Chinese Medicine consultations and treatments.

For foodies, two Michelin star restaurant, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, and Bar Boulud are now

welcoming guests for lunch and dinner. Both promise a contemporary dining experience, with a whole host of innovative new dishes and wacky experimentations to tantalise and tempt. With international designer Joyce Wang at the helm, public spaces have taken on a distinctly nature-inspired tone, blending contemporary materials with more traditional finishes to add texture.

LINCOLN PLAZA LONDON DEBUTS IN CANARY WHARF



DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO CURIOUS, well-heeled travellers with a penchant for local discovery, the Curio Collection by Hilton is a selection of more than 60 world-class properties offering unrivalled access to cities across the globe. And it's just welcomed one more to its portfolio with the opening of Lincoln Plaza London. Sitting at the heart of the capital's Canary Wharf business district, the hotel boasts a contemporary style to match its locale, taking design notes from neighbouring boutiques, big-brand shops and award-winning restaurants.

With some of London's biggest attractions on its doorstep, not to mention its stellar concierge service, the property is the perfect base from which to explore the dynamic

city in style. Once you've had your fill of sightseeing there are plenty of dining options, from Pan-Indian restaurant, Mr. Todiwala's Kitchen, to contemporary restaurant and grocer, Food Store. Finish your day with incredible views of the city skyline in Speak, the hotel's signature speakeasy cocktail bar and terrace. "We are thrilled to bring Curio Collection by Hilton to London's premier business district Canary Wharf," said Ashley Cole, general manager, Lincoln Plaza London. "Whether guests want to visit us to explore the many unique attractions on our doorstep or to simply spend time enjoying our stylish hotel and incredible dining offering, we look forward to welcoming guests and can cater to all types of travellers."

EDINBURGH WELCOMES LUXURY ON THE WATER

OPENING THIS MONTH ON EDINBURGH'S WATERFRONT, Fingal is a five-star hotel with a difference. Occupying a former Northern Lighthouse Board Ship, the floating property has seen the vessel's interior transformed into a stunning, high-class setting for luxurious city escapes, quirky events and romantic getaways. Permanently berthed in the Port of Leith, the ship was reimagined as part of a GBP £5 million project by Royal Yacht Enterprises, which included the introduction of 23 luxury cabins, an elegant ballroom and magnificent Penthouse Suite – complete with a spacious outdoor terrace for entertaining or, if you'd prefer, stargazing with a glass of bubbly.

Beyond its beautifully updated interiors, there's a sense of history running throughout the ship. Apt, as the vessel was once in operation as one of Scotland's hardest working lighthouse tenders, ferrying equipment and supplies through some of the most treacherous waters in the British Isles.

Thankfully, today you are far more likely to stumble across a champagne brunch than a mooring rope, but there is a certain authenticity that comes with Fingal's maritime heritage and, if you're planning a trip to the Scottish capital, it's not one to miss.



ALPINE ALLURE: LEO TRIPPI UNVEILS NEW CHALETS AND EXPERIENCES



SPECIALISING IN UNIQUE, TAILORED ITINERARIES AND BESPOKE Alpine holidays, Leo Trippi has long been the go-to curator for those looking to escape amidst snow-capped mountains, meandering fresh-snow slopes and the best après ski hangout spots in the world.

Spurred by increased demand, the company has just unveiled several new chalets for the 2018/19 ski season, including Chesa el Toula in St. Moritz – a 900-square-metre accommodation with huge private spa, bar and cinema room – and the recently refurbished Chalet Inoko, an exceptional property nestled in the mountains of Val D'Isere.

The properties join more than 400 luxury chalets and apartments on offer at Leo Trippi, but their news doesn't end there. The company is also adding several new experiences to its portfolio; the most impressive of which is a ski and sail trip to the Lyngen Alps in the arctic circle aboard luxury yacht, Firebird.

This new experience will be offered as an option alongside the likes of VIP access to St. Moritz's Snow Polo and customised Michelin-star picnics on glaciers. If you're really looking to make your ski trip memorable, this might just be the way to do it.

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IT SEEMS ROCCO FORTE HOTELS HAS ITS SIGHTS SET ON SICILY AFTER ANNOUNCING ITS ACQUIREMENT OF GRAND HOTEL VILLA IGIEA, PALERMO. THE ACCOMMODATION JOINS FOUR OTHER NEW LUXURY PROPERTIES DUE TO OPEN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, INCLUDING THREE IN ITALY AND ONE IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, BRINGING THE CHAIN'S TOTAL HOTEL COUNT TO 16.

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HOT HOTELS, CHIC BOUTIQUES AND EXCLUSIVE NEW RESORTS
HERE'S OUR PICK OF THE WORLD'S MOST LUXURIOUS NEW LAUNCHES



AL BAIT HOTEL Heart of Sharjah, UAE

A jewel of the Emirates, Sharjah is GHM's newest destination for a luxury escape beyond compare. Meaning 'The Home', the Al Bait hotel in Sharjah is nestled within the fulcrum of the UAE's vibrant landscape, with convenient access to all the wonders this glittering Emirate has to offer. This enchanting luxury hotel in Sharjah combines the best of modern comforts and amenities with echoes of the old world. As an ambitious restoration and conversion project, the property comprises a selection of historic manor houses, restored to embody the cultural renaissance that has swept the Emirate.

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W COSTA RICA Reserva Conchal, Cabo Velas, Costa Rica

Immersed between beaches and mangroves, W Costa Rica brings a fresh spin to the island's luxury hotel scene. Nature is boldly reinterpreted, with a Living Room inspired by the local Guanacaste tree where you'll check in to one of 150 locally influenced rooms or suites. There's also a surf culture inspired MIX Bar, with a keg of Imperial Ale ready to be tapped upon your arrival. Each room has a headboard inspired by local artwork, and a fully glass enclosed shower providing incredible views. Natural elements harmonise with a modern sensibility throughout the resort in Costa Rica, evident at Lounge on the WET pool deck or at the W Beach Club. Make sure you find time for pampering in AWAY Spa, work out at FIT and swing away at Reserva Conchal Golf Course. Awaken your adventurous side by exploring Costa Rica's wildlife refuges and national parks – many within a few hours of the resort.

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EMERALD PALACE KEMPINSKI DUBAI Palm Jumeirah, Dubai

Inspired by the palaces of Continental Europe, Emerald Palace Kempinski Dubai is a five-star luxury beach resort dedicated to the finest elements of life. Guests are welcome to immerse in an elegantly curated stay, dining and leisure experiences at this landmark destination on Palm Jumeirah, and discover Dubai's iconic palace by the sea. Each of the spacious rooms and suites is embellished with hand-crafted Italian touches and offset by carefully selected amenities to complete the atmosphere of elegance. The refinement is complemented by exceptional leisure facilities, such as a 500-metre private beach and lagoon pool, eight culinary experiences including MIX by Alain Ducasse as well as one of the largest wellness centres by Cinq Mondes spa, with 23 treatment rooms.

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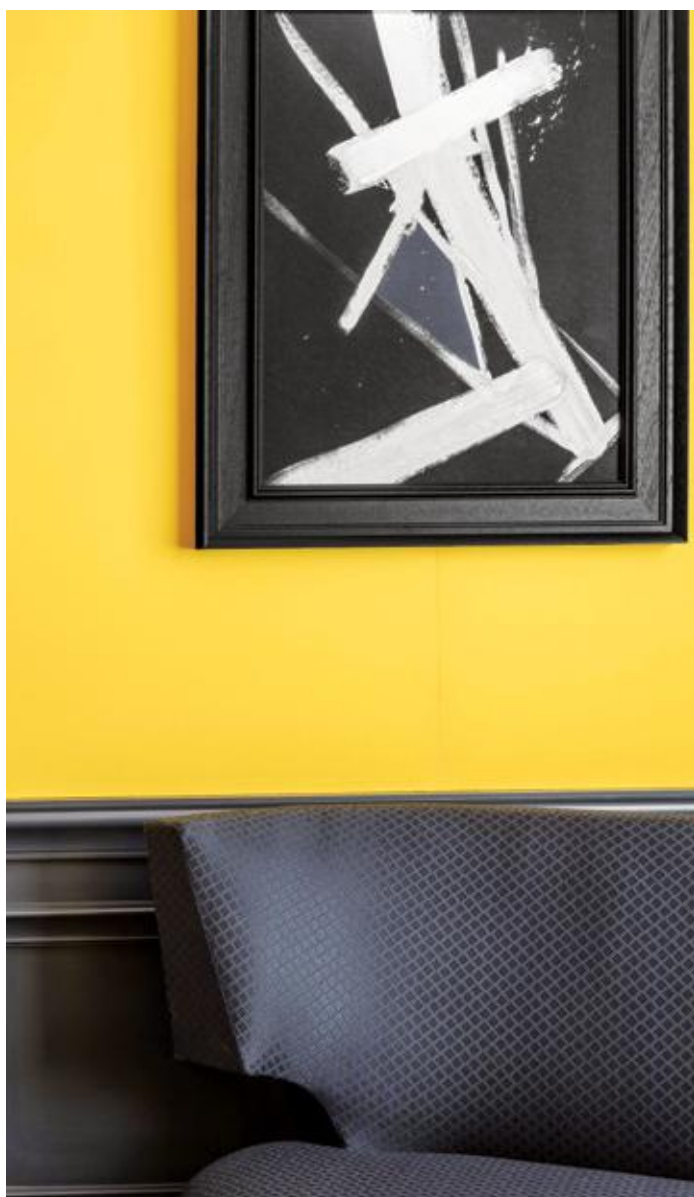


JUMEIRAH AT SAADIYAT ISLAND RESORT Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi

Surrounded by natural beauty, this contemporary beachfront resort occupies a stunning location on Saadiyat Island, overlooking 400 metres of protected sand dunes lapped by turquoise waters. Just 10 minutes from downtown Abu Dhabi and 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport, Saadiyat Island is undergoing a remarkable transformation into a world-class leisure, cultural and residential destination, eventually housing the world's largest single concentration of premier cultural assets. These will include Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, the Zayed National Museum and the Louvre Abu Dhabi, which opened last year to international acclaim.

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FIRST LOOK: HÔTEL DE BERRI DEBUTS IN PARIS

Sitting at the heart of the Parisian Triangle d'Or in the city's most decadent district, **Hôtel de Berri** is a newly opened Luxury Collection Hotel bringing its unique brand of boutique flair to the French capital. Simon Harrington gets a first glimpse...

When visiting Paris, it's become a habit of mine to head straight to the Triangle d'Or district. It's a favourite area of mine, where glittering shopfronts and ancient architecture neatly juxtapose the quaint brasseries, patisseries and charcuteries of its less-than-linear side streets. It's also where you'll find some of the best boutique hotels in the world; including the newly opened Hôtel de Berri, a Luxury Collection Hotel.

A PROMINENT ADDRESS

Aptly located on the famous Rue de Berri, a district known for housing royalty, aristocracy and cultural luminaries, Hôtel de Berri has no trouble matching its prominent, well-heeled neighbours. Once the mansion, and former residence, of Princesse Mathilde Bonaparte and couturier Elsa Schiaparelli, the property boasts a heritage to match its address and has been artfully reimagined under the visionary guidance of designer and artistic director, Philippe Renaud.

Indeed, the property's interiors are an innovative blend of the minimal and opulent; with mix-and-match elements of traditional decorative art and boundary-pushing Art Deco styling complementing each other without conflict. Communal spaces are adorned in bold prints and impressive, prominent artworks, while an eclectic mix of antique furniture and hand-picked sculptures verify its bold personality.

KEEPING GUESTS SUITE

In the hotel's 75 guestrooms, including 35 suites, there has been a keen focus on individual styling – with no two rooms looking exactly alike. Signature elements of the property's sprawling suites include spacious, marble-clad en-suite bathrooms, with deep freestanding baths and rainforest showers, enormous four-post beds

and subtle mirrors that double as large flat screen televisions. There are no light switches, curtain draw rods or remote controls here. Instead, everything is operated from the in-room iPad, allowing you to customise settings in painstaking, microscopic detail.

Hôtel de Berri's crowning glory, however, is the Suite Parisienne. Designed in neo-antique style, and spanning 115-square-metres – an opulent mansion compared to the often-cramped hotel rooms of the French capital – it's the property's version of a Presidential Suite, with room enough to host a champagne and caviar reception complete with jazz quartet, swing singer and world-famous cartoonist, as it did on my visit.

INDULGE IN STYLE

For further indulgence, the ultra-chic Le Bizazz cocktail bar, located on the ground floor, is quickly becoming a go-to hotspot for the city's perfectly preened movers and shakers, while restaurant Le Schiap is making a name for itself by serving fine-dine Italian fare under executive chef Michele Dalla Valle, of Plaza Athénée and Le Meurice fame.

If you're privy to excess, never fear. You can sooth your woes in comfort at the Hôtel de Berri Spa, boasting two Carita treatment rooms, a tropical shower and two Hammams (one exclusively for women). As if that wasn't enough, the hotel's dedicated and friendly concierge team is at hand to secure any last-minute theatre tickets, fashion show previews or restaurant reservations that may have slipped your mind. Just be sure to remember your suitcase.

Hôtel de Berri, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Paris
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2019 MONTE CARLO RALLY
Principality of Monaco

The 87th Rallye Monte-Carlo will adopt a more compact format than in previous years with added focus on its Alps base in Gap. The remodelled four-day event introduces several new speed tests in a route that is 40% different from this season's encounter, while Monaco's Thursday evening Casino Square opening ceremony switches to the centre of Gap. The conclusion of the rally, on Sunday January 27th, day of Saint Devote, Patron Saint of Monaco, will consist of four timed events in the back country of the Alpes-Maritimes.
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JANUARY Diary

Five dazzling diary events to kickstart 2019,
including haute horology, high-octane
racing and the arts

**29TH SALON INTERNATIONAL DE
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Geneva, Switzerland

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HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL AT TANTORA

Al-Ula, Saudi Arabia

The archeological jewel of Saudi Arabia, Al-Ula, is playing host to a special season of events and festivities for the first time ever. The Winter at Tantora festival, held in the breath-taking UNESCO World Heritage site, comprises a range of concerts but will also bring the skies to life with a Hot Air Balloon Festival. The spectacular event is billed as a must-see for all with an array of brightly coloured and patterned balloons taking to the skies against the enchanting backdrop of Al-Ula.

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JAN 31 - 9 FEB



JAN 24 - 3 FEB

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam, Netherlands

IFFR is one of the largest audience and industry-driven film festivals in the world. During twelve festival days, hundreds of filmmakers and other artists present their work to a large audience (2018: 329,000 admissions and 2,405 film professionals). The 48th edition of International Film Festival Rotterdam divides screenings into four sections, each with a unique feel and tone; Bright Future, Voices, Deep Focus and Perspectives.

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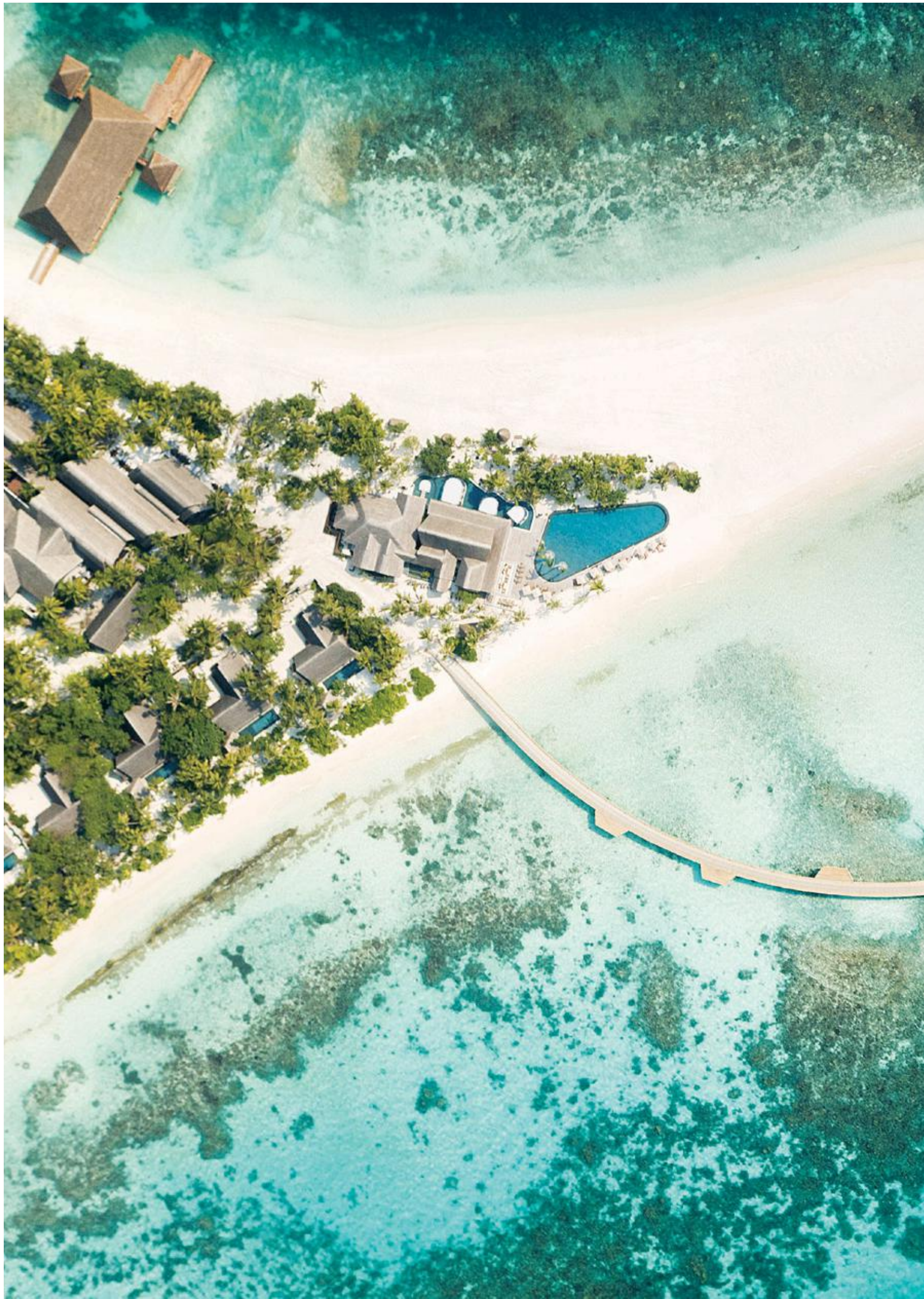


SINGAPORE ART WEEK

Various locations, Singapore

An annual celebration of visual arts that transforms the city into a feast for the senses, Singapore Art Week takes place every January. Cultural connoisseurs, street art lovers and the art community across the region all come together in the city-state for a week-long festival with dozens of exhibitions, walking tours, talks, art fairs and after-parties. As the city comes alive with the arts, visitors can look forward to discovering special commissions and exhibitions featuring up-and-coming home-grown artists and curators.

www.artweek.sg



An aerial photograph of a tropical island. A long, curved wooden walkway or bridge extends from the left side of the frame towards the right, crossing over a shallow lagoon. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with darker patches of coral reef visible beneath the surface. In the upper left, a sandy beach curves along the edge of the island. On the right side, a few small, dark-roofed buildings are visible on the island. The overall scene is bright and serene, capturing the beauty of a remote island destination.

WALKING ON SUNSHINE

Say hello to the Indian Ocean's latest luxe escape. Steven Bond discovers the quintessential tropical island experience at **JOALI Maldives**, which pairs nouveau-sustainable architecture and the latest in-room tech with the sublime surrounds of a lush atoll environment



THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS

A colonial-era haven on the cusp of a thundering waterfall, **Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel** by Anantara is far from a walk on the wild side





It's not often I begin an anecdote in the shower, but this was one of the more memorable bathing experiences of recent times. My journey and arrival at Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara had already proved to be extraordinary, transiting through Johannesburg and speed boating down the Zambezi river to arrive at the expansive national park resort, perched ever-so close to the cusp of the roaring Victoria Falls. The rising mist from the falls was quickly replaced by the steam of the bathroom, where I was rinsing away the fatigue of the overnight journey and in my weary state I had already flaunted one of the house rules – don't leave your patio door open.

Emerging from the bathroom in my ground floor Deluxe Room, swaddled in Anantara's finest robe, I immediately locked eyes with a monkey the size of a stocky three year old. Palming the last of my complimentary cookies, the marsupial proceeded to perform a swift 180-degree turn on the desk, trip over my laptop power cable and

smash a glass of water on the floor. I was to blame. I was sharing the resort with all manner of beasts and I had foolishly not paid attention to the sagely advice of my oh-so savvy butler. But the animal encounters were just beginning. Eager to experience the mighty falls I left the wonderful staff to pick up the literal pieces from my close encounter and took directions to follow the river to its 108-metre plunge.

I hadn't even set foot outside of the resort before coming toe to toe with "Giraffa camelopardalis". Compared to this adult giraffe, I was the aforementioned startled monkey, not even a third of its stature. The neck of a fully-grown male alone can stretch six feet, as thick as a birch tree, with the alien-esque mammal reaching 18 feet on average. Once my Instagram story was fully stocked with impromptu giraffe selfies, I also managed to catalogue zebra and various other ungulates on my sojourn, only wary of the Zambezi crocodile, which – I'm told – is not a threat to guests. The feeling of being surrounded by such

spectacular flora and fauna is worth the price of admission alone, but it wasn't until I approached the falls that I realised how special this area was.

Long before Livingstone left his mark on this particular corner of East Africa the Kalolo-Lozi people had their own name for earth's most magnificent water feature – Mosi-oa-Tunya: "the smoke that thunders". It may sound a tad dramatic, but it's about as far from hyperbole as language can possibly be. The experience was on par with the Grand Canyon. Sometimes nature just decides to flaunt its features and in this case the components are the simple combination of H₂O and gravity, but what it does with those ingredients is unforgettable. The sensory experience builds as you approach, with the fine mist condensing and turning into a perpetual rain machine as you enter the falls' wet zone. The "thunder" refers to the rising rumble of the billions of tons of water cascading the length of an Olympic sprint and crashing into the river and rocks below.

"Mosi-oa-Tunya" also happens to

be the name of the national park that envelops the resort – best viewed by a chopper or microlight flight over the falls. Your concierge will be able to arrange the excursion with the nearby air field, allowing you views of bathing hippos, wandering elephants and a chance to take in the sheer scale of the falls from a bird's eye perspective. You may even stray over the border – just a tad – and enter Zimbabwe for a moment, but it's debatable that you'll be able to claim you've visited the neighbouring nation. But there's really no reason to stray far from the resort – particularly when you have nine incredible dining destinations.

Food is always a key component of the Anantara experience and the Royal Livingstone is no exception. Whether you're "Dining By Design" with candlelight under the monkey tree or experiencing African-style fireside entertainment with your grilled meats at Boma, there's an abundance of choice and much of it is al fresco, making the most of the fresh air, animal spotting and unrivalled sunsets. The most iconic



FROM RUSSIA WITH LUXE

Belmond Grand Hotel Europe is a legendary Saint Petersburg address, where royals and world leaders have crossed paths for more than a century. Its ornate Fabergé Suite offers a taste of life in Imperial Russia, says Joe Mortimer

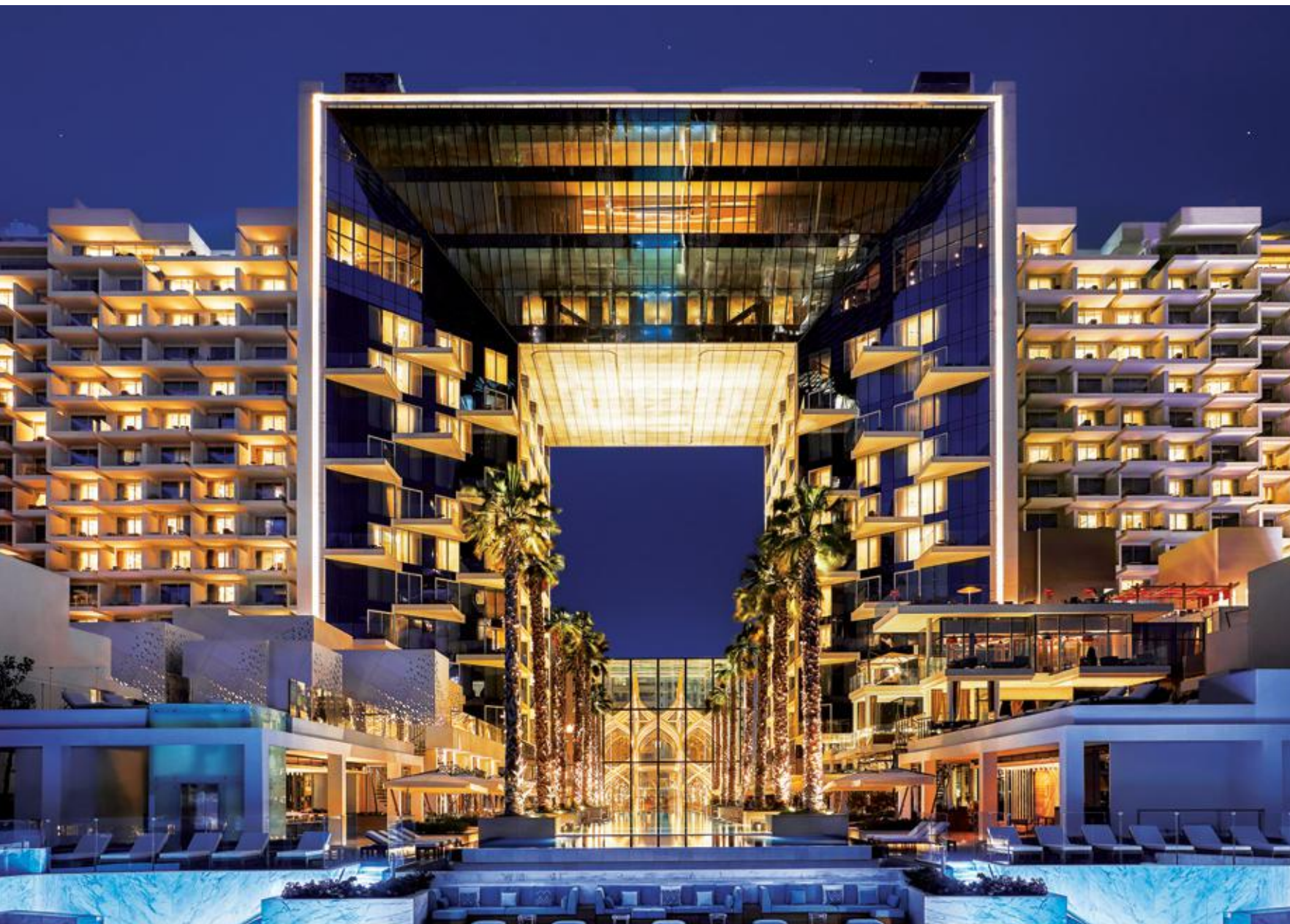




A WORLD OF WELLNESS

New year, new you? It's becoming a tired cliché but the month of January is synonymous with health, wellness and good decisions, so here's a range of wellness retreats, spas and packages for you to pamper, preen and generally improve your wellbeing in 2019





24 HOURS AT...

FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai

One night in paradise is never enough, but here's how to make the most of a day at **FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai**, one of the city's most luxurious resorts

09.00

Wake up rested in your Junior Sea View Suite, ready to soak up the aquatic views. Wrap up in a plush robe or work through your morning rituals in the expansive walk-in wardrobe and marbled bathroom. The suites span up to 82sqm so there's plenty of space to unfurl but you're better off soaking some rays from your private balcony. Order a hearty breakfast from the comprehensive in-room dining menu. May we recommend the avocado burger? It's a poached egg in the middle of an avocado – a delicious way to start the day and the perfect fuel for 24 hours of relaxation and revelry.

10.30

Before soaking up some more sun, it's time to encounter FIVE Palm Jumeirah's new range of health and wellness treatments, including holistic body and mind experiences and soothing back and shoulder massages. Reinvigorate your senses and stretch out your limbs with yoga and pilates, or perk up your skin with Natura Bissé facials and vitamin infusions. Following your treatment, you've got the freedom to roam the spa area, including the rooftop pool with hydrotherapy jets to ease out any last remaining knots of tension.

13.00

Today's lunch is at Quattro Passi, the urban retreat's Amalfi Coast-inspired Italian restaurant. If you've worked up an appetite in the spa, you must experience the signature "Linguine alla Nerano", an Italian pasta dish invented in the village of Nerano, on the Sorrento peninsula. Ingredients include pasta, fried zucchinis and provolone del Monaco. The décor is upmarket but unpretentious, drawing upon a rustic Italian style with rich terracotta colours that are warm and welcoming. It's a must for Italian food lovers seeking a real taste of the Amalfi Coast.

14.30

Head to the hotel's iconic 60-metre-long pool to work on your tan and enjoy the beats provided by the in-house DJ. To cool down, order one of the best-selling Beach Bailey drinks, which is served in a fresh coconut and is sure to help regulate your temperate and keep you refreshed while you update your Instagram story and inspire envy in your followers.



A view into the lobby



The Penthouse



Maiden Shanghai



A view of Dubai Marina



A packed out pool

17.30

Track the setting sun at The Penthouse, the 16th-floor rooftop bar. Observe the orange disk dip behind the Arabian Gulf as you sip on cocktails and listen to the Balearic beats of the legendary Mykonos DJ, NSI.

20.00

Once you've worked up an appetite, its time to experience authentic pan-regional Chinese cuisine and enjoy stunning views across the Dubai Marina skyline with friends. Maiden Shanghai is the talk of the town when it comes to Chinese cuisine and the Peking Duck is a must for any carnivores who are looking for a flavourful experience. The restaurant is home to a variety of dining areas, indoor bar, and private dining rooms. The decor playfully fuses the traditional with the boldly modern, creating spaces that feel open yet connected. Then, after dinner, go to the newly opened

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karaoke room where you can feast on delicious platters, sip unlimited house beverages and sing along to your favourite tunes

22.30

Still got some energy? You can party till 5am at The Penthouse every weekend or for a dose of RnB music then venture to the newly opened Secret Room. Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Secret Room explores all aspects of Hip Hop and R&B as well as Trap, Dancehall, Reggaeton, Afro beat, House & EDM. Not just any night club or lounge, Secret Room is the epitome of partying in true style and luxury. The intimate space boasts 18th century style including a hand painted mural, antique candelabrams and elaborate crown mouldings throughout.

THE NEXT DAY..

To recover next day enjoy Elixir Clinic's range of revitalising wellness treatments. Available in the comfort

of the room, suite or residence, The Elixir Clinic offers their most requested treatments through its exclusive concierge service. Treatments include its range of VitaDrip infusions, Booster Shots, and Diagnostic testing for general health screening, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, or heavy metal intoxication within the body.

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Turkish delight

Boasting more routes than any other airline in the known galaxy, **Turkish Airlines** has also bolstered its Business Class offering with one of the best lounges in the world – so how does the onboard experience stack up? Steven Bond crossed the Atlantic with the Turkish flag carrier and found out for himself

LOUNGING IN STYLE

If you had to design the world's best Business Class lounge, what would it look like? Aside from a bouncy castle, ball pool and wave machine, chances are it would look something like the Turkish Airlines CIP Lounge at Istanbul Atatürk Airport. The vast two-storey lounge complex comprises copious amounts of gourmet dining stations, luggage lock ups, plush sofas, round-the-clock TV news feeds and sweeping views over the outside of the airport. Sample Turkish dishes, take a shower, unwind with a massage or simply relax, the lounge has an abundance of options. Expect to find video games, snooker tables, golf simulator, a Scalextric track that's modelled on Istanbul itself, and a cinema to keep you occupied. It's essentially a wonderland for work, rest and play. If you need Wi-Fi access (and who doesn't?) it's simply a case of scanning your card and printing off a unique password. Hey presto, you're online and able to catch up on emails, YouTube, Netflix and more.

SEATED AND SATIATED

On board there's plenty of room, despite the daunting 2x3x2 seating configuration. In fact, I found myself dead centre in the three-seater configuration, but since I was anticipating a long and deep sleep, I wasn't particularly phased. SeatGuru has the seats listed as 22-inches wide and the experience was soft and comfortable, with privacy dividers available to blinker the



"A NICE TOUCH IS THE TURKISH AIRLINES BUSINESS CLASS OTTOMAN STORAGE, WHICH PROVIDES AMPLE SPACE TO STASH SHOES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS IN YOUR FOOT REST"

experience if you're adjacent to strangers (or friends and family you're happy to zone out from for a while). WiFi is provided free of charge for Business Class passengers with ultra-easy access but at speeds that don't afford you a typical online experience – but literally no airline is quite there yet. However, it's sufficient for WhatsApping and Instagram browsing, or even some work if you're really that dedicated.

A nice touch is the Turkish Airlines Business Class ottoman storage, which provides ample space to stash shoes and other essentials in your foot rest, de-cluttering your seating area and saving constant access to your overhead storage. The cuisine is another highlight with a "candle-lit" dining experience (expect battery-powered flickering candles), which provides warm breads and oils while you wait for your generous portions of on-board cuisine. For those who eat red meat, the lamb chops are unlike anything you'll have ever tasted on a flight, but fear not, there are numerous options that include seafood, white meats and veggie pastas, along with dishes for specialist dietary requirements, provided you've pre-booked.

SKY-HIGH CINEMA

Since you're cosy enough to nap away the flight, you might even bypass the entertainment options, but you'd be missing out. The airline has enhanced the selection of media available on its inflight entertainment system by adding the latest



media content. There is something for all tastes and you will find yourself enjoying the journey even more with the best in entertaining films, music, games, and other new media content. Turkish Airlines has also partnered with Universal Music Group to create a special inflight music platform, My Music Planet. The music collection features over 750,000 songs from over 3,500 musicians as well as live concerts and backstage footage. Aside from featuring a number of cinematic releases straight out of the cinema, the entertainment system is also suitable for kids, with a range of films, TV shows, and games, specially chosen for young passengers, thanks to other partnerships with Disney and other film companies. ✂

The important bit

WHAT: Turkish Airlines Business Class

ROUTE: Istanbul to Miami

AIRCRAFT: Boeing 777-300ER

DURATION: 12 hours, 55 minutes

www.turkishairlines.com



Top left and centre: sleep easy aboard Turkish Airline's long-haul flights.
Top right: get ready for "Istanbul New Airport" – which is exactly what the name suggests. All operations will eventually move from Atatürk International when the epic new facility opens this March.
Above and right: Turkish Airlines has unveiled its elegant new cabin crew uniforms, following the red and grey colour scheme.

JANUARY Essentials

Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas? Even if you were spoiled over the festive season, these extraordinary items are potential treats for 2019

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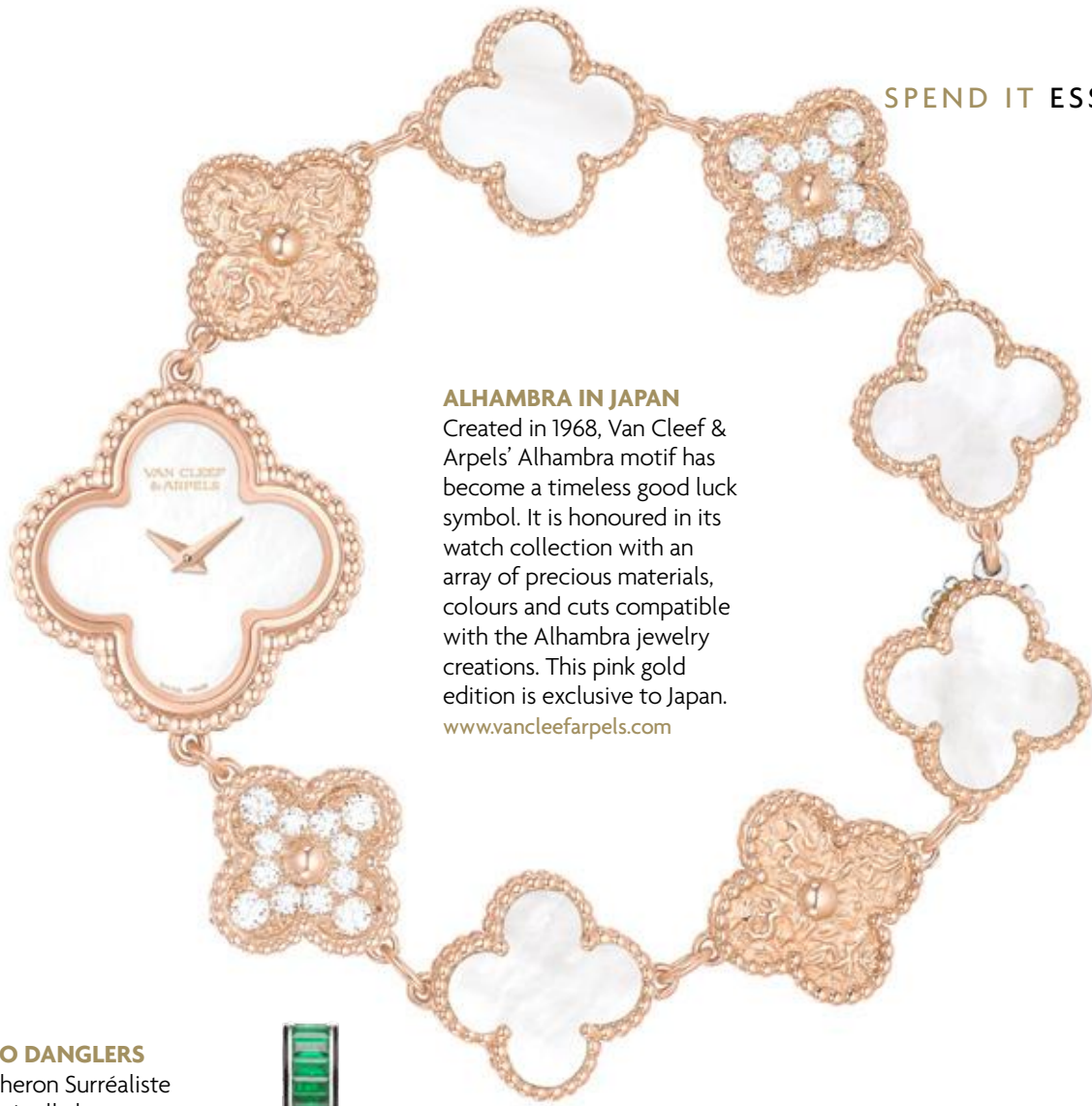
GILDED CROCODILE

Made of crocodile skin and pure 24kt gold, the new High Jewellery Serpenti bag is the most precious bag Bvlgari has ever created, and the ultimate link between the worlds of high jewellery and accessories. Adorned with the maison's most iconic motif, Serpenti, it is a singular objet – only one will be produced – and the pinnacle expression of the Italian jeweller. www.bulgari.com



WRIST REPTILE

Inspired by the cultural revolution and the creative excitement of the roaring '80s, the Serpenti Misteriosi Pallini boasts the seductive charms of the serpent with powerful design and the highest craftsmanship. The golden snake slithers around the wrist with a body made of mobile spheres. www.bulgari.com



ALHAMBRA IN JAPAN

Created in 1968, Van Cleef & Arpels' Alhambra motif has become a timeless good luck symbol. It is honoured in its watch collection with an array of precious materials, colours and cuts compatible with the Alhambra jewelry creations. This pink gold edition is exclusive to Japan. www.vancleefarpels.com

ART DECO DANGLERS

The Boucheron Surréaliste collection is all about freedom, typified by exquisite items like these Pluie Art Deco pendant earrings. The items are set with two pear diamonds, emeralds and onyx, paved with diamonds, on white gold. www.boucheron.com



BREAKING THE CODE

Boucheron Surréaliste evokes the freedom to express strength of character and a instinctive, rebellious nature. The collection is free to go from naturalism to a hypnotic extrapolation of the flora, fauna and minerals. This Damier Cabochon watch is paved with diamonds and onyx, on white gold. www.boucheron.com



SERPENTI FOREVER

A brand new introduction hits the Serpenti Forever family for the new season: the trendy bucket. This versatile bag comes in crystal rose metallic karung skin with a crystal rose nappa internal lining. The hardware is light gold plated brass and snakehead closure in black and glitter rose gold enamel, with eyes in black onyx. www.bulgari.com





ONE OF A KIND

ON FRIDAY THE 18TH OF JANUARY YOU'LL HAVE the unique opportunity to pick up a one of a kind Rolls-Royce. Long Island artisan Niko Sokol's remarkable craftsmanship has won him numerous clients and collectors who adore his custom convertibles and touring cars, all based on Rolls-Royce and Mercedes-Benz models. Having recently completed his last coachbuilt automobile, Sokol has retired and is now devoting his time to exquisite sculptures inspired by automotive design and materials.

The very special edition car was built by Niko-Michael Coachworks and is the only retractable hardtop Rolls-Royce Camargue ever produced, at the behest of a client of Carriage House Motor Cars in New York City. Carriage House supplied a new 75th Anniversary Camargue, the second of the last 12 Camargues produced with numerous special and unique options, which Niko professionally engineered into a convertible.

Originally, the top was manually operated, as the client grew impatient and took delivery before Sokol completed the system. After the Calumet Collection acquired the Camargue, it was taken back to Sokol, who after 25 years completed the car by fitting a remote control-operated electric motor to finally complete the installation. The top is truly fascinating to watch in operation; composed of two panels, precision-fit with very tight tolerances, it is unbuckled from the headliner, then telescopes into a 'stack' that moves under the rear deck through a narrow hatch in the rear package shelf.

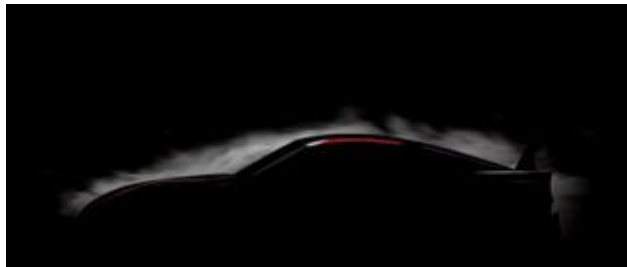
In remarkable original condition with just 927 actual miles at the time of cataloguing, the car is accompanied by its complete original tool set, a crystal cocktail set, a collection of build documentation, and a copy of a documentary produced for the Calumet Collection, covering Niko Sokol's life, engineering, and career.

GAZOO RACING: SHOWCASING NEW MODELS IN JAPAN

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING IS AIMING to develop its products and people with the very simple goal of 'making ever-better' cars. In terms of motorsports, it participates in top category races including the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) and FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), as well as national rallies and races. The technologies and know-how it acquires through these activities are subsequently fed back into the development of new production vehicles.

Exhibition vehicles include the Yaris WRC, the TS050 Hybrid, and the 2019 Lexus LC Nürburgring-spec, all of which will compete in top-level races next year. A Supra vehicle that participated in past domestic races and the GR Supra Super GT Concept will also go on display.

www.toyotagazooracing.com



LAMBORGHINI SC18: THE FIRST 'ONE-OFF' CREATED BY SQUADRA CORSE

LAMBORGHINI SQUADRA CORSE UNVEILS THE SC18, the first one-off in the history of the Sant'Agata Bolognese motorsport division. The unique example, designed in synergy with the customer and Centro Stile Lamborghini, is road approved but designed primarily for use on the track. The SC18 paves the way to further personalised development projects for motorsport customers under the Squadra Corse brand. The powertrain is top-of-the-line Lamborghini, delivering the performance of a true racing car: the aspirated V12 delivers 770 hp. The huge power is combined with reduced weight thanks to the use of ultralight materials and the new carbon fiber body. The exclusiveness of the SC18 is underlined by the colour of the carbon fiber body in the Grigio Daytona (grey), with visible details and red screen-printing to enhance its sportiness. The look is completed by the single nut wheels, 20" on the front and 21" on the rear, with specially developed Pirelli P tyres.



NISSAN GT-R: SPECIAL EDITION NOW AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

NISSAN HAS STARTED TAKING ORDERS for a special-edition Nissan GT-R launched to commemorate the company's partnership with tennis Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka. Nissan plans to build up to 50 of the cars, with tailored specifications based on the Nissan GT-R Premium edition grade. The model will come with three body color options including Midnight Opal, Brilliant White Pearl and Meteor Flake Black Pearl.

Osaka, who joined Nissan as a brand ambassador shortly after becoming the first Japanese tennis player to win a women's singles Grand Slam championship in September, helped match the color schemes for the special-edition GT-R. Three new color schemes have been developed for the commemorative model, and they can be combined with any of the body colours.

The car comes with LED high-mount stop lights on the dry carbon rear spoiler and a golden model-number plate in the engine room. Pricing for the car, to be sold in Japan only, will be announced next month.



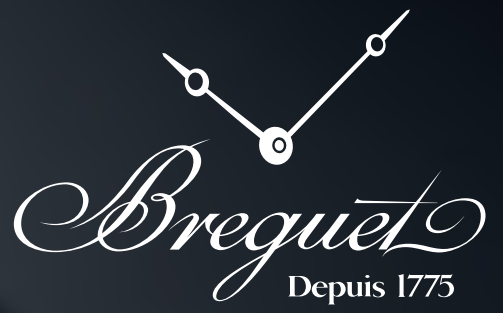
L I V I N G W I T H A **LAMBORGHINI**

To start 2019 we revisit an old friend – The Lamborghini Aventador S.
Kris Karacinski finds out what the latest incarnation of this raging bull has to offer.


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