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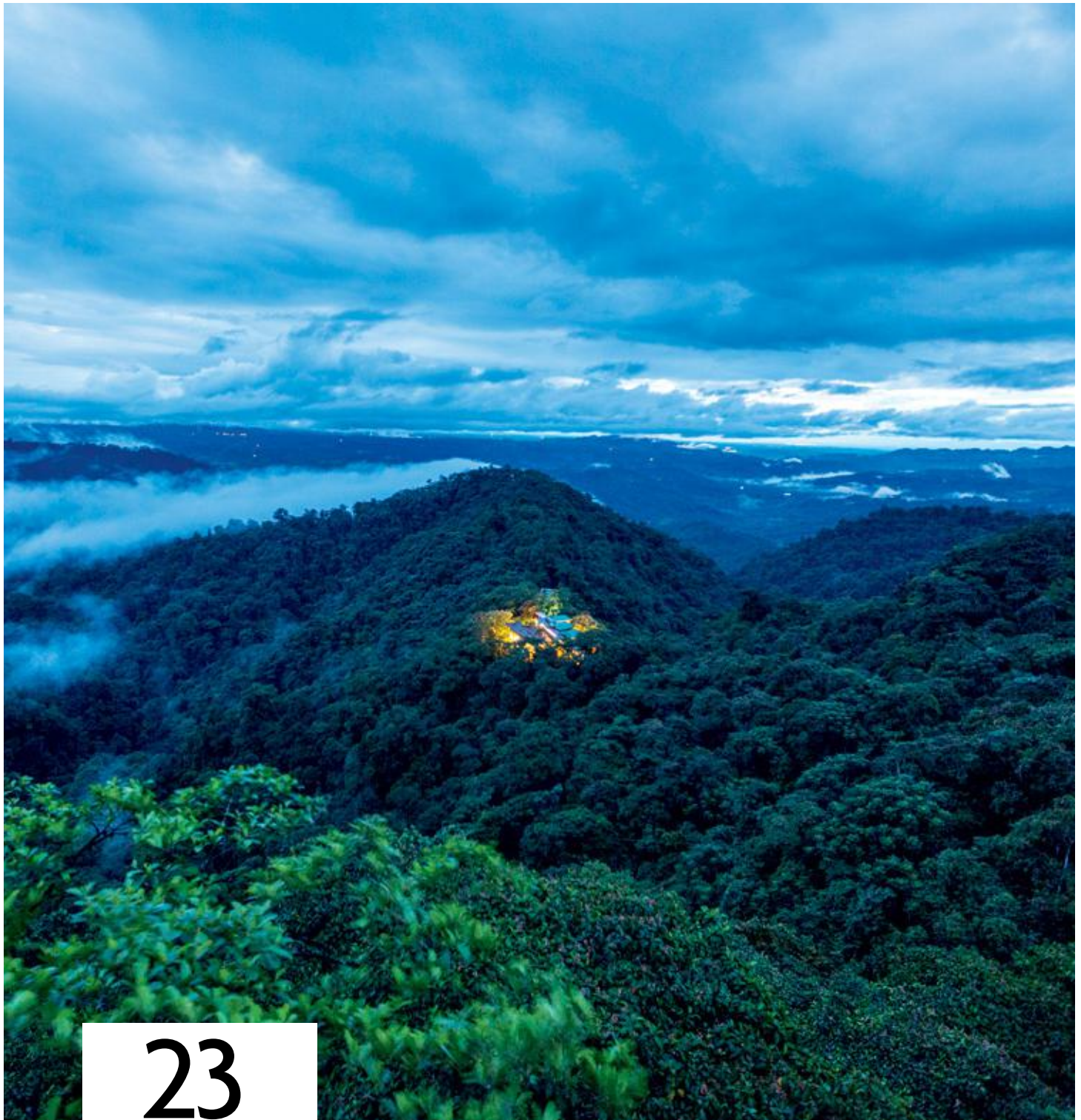
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A WELLNESS JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER

FRAMED BY THE MOUNTAINS and the icy expanse of Svartisen glacier, Svart Spa, Health and Wellness Clinic will become one of the world's most remote wellness escapes when it opens deep in Norway's northern wilderness in 2022.

As well as giving guests access to some of the most spectacular scenery in Norway – an arctic landscape of mountains, fjords and glaciers – the hotel will take guests on an outcome-focused wellness journey tailored to address the specific demands put on them by the outdoor adventures available in this remote corner of Norway.

Following a consultation, bespoke wellness programmes will be designed to 'Climatise,

Condition and Evolve' guests' physical and mental fitness, with massages and facials using locally-grown natural products and a selection of holistic treatments including sound-healing, reflexology, cryotherapy and health and nutrition coaching. Individual treatment rooms in the 1,000sqm spa will have outdoor bathing tubs, and the venue will feature a relaxation lounge, swimming pool, steam rooms and yoga and sound-healing studios.

The 99-room escape, designed by Norwegian architectural firm Snøhetta, will evoke the style of a traditional *fiskehjell* – a wooden structure used for drying fish – and appear to float on the waters of Holandsfjorden Fjord thanks to a low-

impact underwater platform. Svart will also be home to four restaurants, an education centre and a design laboratory, all set within a striking circular wooden building offering 360-degree views of the landscape.

Guests heeding the call of the wild can embark on outdoor activities throughout their stay, including hiking on Svartisen glacier and the surrounding mountains, midnight yoga under the perpetual summer sun or wildlife-spotting, diving and fishing excursions. Conceived from the ground up with sustainability at its core, Svart expects to become energy positive – producing more energy than it consumes – within five years of opening. www.svart.no



RAISE A GLASS FOR A SPANISH ICON

THE SPANISH CAPITAL'S HOTEL RITZ will once again ring with the clinking of champagne glasses when it reopens as Mandarin Oriental Ritz, Madrid this year, breathing new life into the 110-year old icon and jump-starting the revival of Madrid's tourism economy.

Paris-based design duo Gilles & Boissier have reimaged the interior spaces, balancing original architectural features and antique furniture with more contemporary touches in the 153 guestrooms.

Two signature suites will occupy the hotel's iconic turrets, with private balconies looking out over The Prado Museum. Chef Quique Dacosta, whose cuisine has been awarded three Michelin stars at his eponymous restaurant in Denia, Alicante, and two Michelin stars at El Poblet in Valencia, has overseen the creation of five restaurants and bars at the hotel, which will feature a signature Quique Dacosta restaurant, Ritz Bar and a Champagne Bar. www.mandarinoriental.com



A SCOTTISH CASTLE FIT FOR A KING

IF LOCKDOWN HAS LEFT YOU YEARNING FOR WIDE OPEN SPACES, Glenapp Castle might be the tonic you need. Set in a 110-acre estate on Scotland's Ayrshire coast surrounded by manicured gardens, the 19th-century castle is well-positioned for guests to make the most of the wild countryside and coastline.

Once the home of shipping magnate James Lyle Mackay, known among peers as the First Earl of Inchcape and chairman of the Peninsula and Orient Steam Navigation Company (P&O), the baronial style castle has retained its stately figure and adapted to meet the needs of contemporary visitors, with 17 individually designed guestrooms and a fine dining restaurant specialising in local produce, much of which is grown on the estate.

This summer, Glenapp will unveil The Endeavour, a sprawling four-bedroom abode occupying the entire top floor of the castle. Interiors of this exclusive apartment feature a blend of old and new, with a collection of artworks and artefacts that celebrate the maritime history of the region. Mackay's former snooker room has been transformed into The Endeavour's master bedroom, which is linked to the drawing room by a spiral staircase. In addition to the four bedrooms, the suite boasts a kitchen dining room, library, games room, sauna and wellness room for in-suite massages.

The prized perk for residents of The Endeavour is access to the castle's roof and ramparts, which command spectacular views across the Firth of Clyde towards local hotspots such as the Isle of Arran, the fabled Mull of Kintyre and Ailsa Craig, which juts out from the chilly waters.

This summer, the castle will be offering al fresco dining at various locations across the estate including the Victorian Glasshouse, to allow guests to maintain social distancing. Prices for The Endeavour start from £4,500 (US \$5,512) per night. www.glenappcastle.com



SUITE ELEVEN AT MONTE-CARLO BAY HOTEL & RESORT



A SHORT DRIVE FROM MONTE-CARLO'S main attractions but every bit as much of a scene, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort is a popular haunt among well-heeled visitors to the Côte d'Azur. Set on its own private peninsula on the edge of the Med and surrounded by four hectares of gardens and pools, the lush escape is home to Michelin dining courtesy of chef Marcel Ravin, a Cinq Mondes Spa, and some of the best ocean views in Monaco.

This summer, the hotel is launching Suite Eleven, a gorgeous new two-bedroom abode suspended above the sea on the 11th floor of the resort. Fitted out by designer Olivier Antoine, the suite is furnished in natural

wood and stone, with furnishings and décor bathed in Mediterranean hues. In addition to a spacious private terrace that affords 180-degree views of the ocean and two elegant bedrooms, the suite has a large lounge and dining area for up to 10 guests and the option to connect to a neighbouring Deluxe Suite.

Suite Eleven guests have guaranteed access to a private Cocoon Bed on the edge of the resort's sandy lagoon, and a cabana at Sea Bay, where bathers have direct access to the protected waters of Larvotto Marine Reserve.

www.montecarlosbm.com

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



CHENOT PALACE WEGGIS Weggis, Switzerland

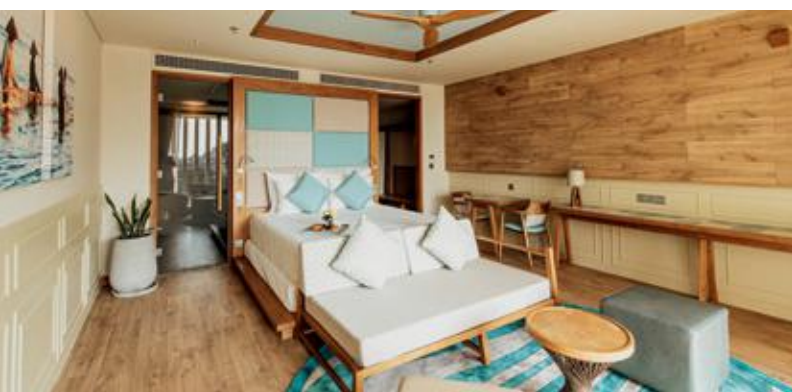
The combination of natural setting, fresh mountain air and state-of-the-art science will make Chenot Palace Weggis one of the most sought-after wellness escapes in Europe when it opens this month. Situated on the shore of Lake Lucerne at the gateway to the Swiss Alps, the 97 lake-view rooms will provide an understated base for guests undertaking one of the resort's seven-day wellness retreats – Advanced Detox, Recover and Energise and Prevention and Aging Well – which combine spa treatments, detox, energy channel activation, physiological exercise and a tailored nutrition plan. The 5,000 sqm spa and fitness centre will offer a mixture of holistic wellness and high-tech diagnostics and medical screening, with specialist therapies including altitude hypoxie-therapy and anti-gravity exercise training, as well as traditional treatments such as massage, Chinese cupping and hydro-aromatherapy. The resort is connected to a stretch of private beach on the shore of Lake Lucerne, accessed through the spa via an underground tunnel, affording guests the chance to plunge into the natural beauty of the Swiss landscape before and after treatments.

www.chenotpalaceweggis.com

FUSION SUITES VUNG TAU Vung Tau, Vietnam

Locals looking to escape the urban sprawl of Ho Chi Minh City usually head south to Vung Tau, a picturesque seaside town surrounded by ocean on three sides. It's here that homegrown Fusion Hotel Group has opened its latest escape, Fusion Suites Vung Tau. From the rooftop infinity pool and its two sunken cabanas, guests can survey the historic city and soak in spectacular sunsets, before retreating to one of 171 guestrooms and suites, designed in a blend of sea greens and ocean blues complemented by natural wooden floors and accents including stylish wooden ceiling fans. Inspired by the ocean and Vung Tau's maritime history, Maia Spa utilises sea salts across its signature therapies, including a Himalayan salt stone massage, gentle salt facial and sea salt body scrub, as well as a selection of traditional massages, wraps, scrubs and reflexology. Guests can enjoy one free spa treatment for every night of their stay.

www.vungtau.fusion-suites.com





ULTIMA CORFU Corfu, Greece

Etched into the side of a cliff that rises out from the deep blue Ionian Sea, Ultima Corfu is just that: the ultimate Grecian hideaway, with space for the entire family. The sprawling estate spills down the hillside in a series of terraces, pools and gardens that afford uninterrupted views of the coast and direct access to the sea, crowned by a two-level villa with seven elegant en-suite bedrooms and 1,000sqm of gorgeous indoor/outdoor living space. A breezy living room is the focal point for social life in the villa, with a grand piano, ship-prop ceiling fans and panoramic windows giving way to an enormous terrace overlooking the villa's two-tiered infinity pools, and there's a wellness space, hammam and fitness room for pampering and exercise. Staying at Ultima Corfu comes with a range of perks including daily breakfast and afternoon tea, 24-hour concierge and access to spa and wellness therapists, as well as the services of a captain and steward aboard Ultima Beach, a 24-metre yacht waiting to whisk guests to private coves or the picturesque villages along the Corfu coast. www.ultimacorfu.com



FAIRMONT EL SAN JUAN HOTEL San Juan, Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico's iconic El San Juan Hotel has been a celebrity in its own right since it first opened in 1958, flaunting a cutting-edge design by legendary Miami Beach architect Morris Lapidus. Since then, the 388-guestroom hotel has welcomed a who's who of international clientele to its spectacular beachfront setting, nestled on the shore of the Caribbean between downtown San Juan and Isla Verde Beach. Reopening as Fairmont El San Juan Hotel earlier this year, the hotel retains its old world charm in its collection of bars and entertainment venues, including the Art Deco speakeasy style Chico Cabaret, the mahogany-clad Wine Bar and the dazzling Chandelier Bar. The hotel's nightclub BRAVA remains one of the hottest on the island after a recent redesign by Mark Lehmkul, and the collection of four swimming pools with comfy cabanas and three outdoor bars give guests and visitors somewhere to cool off and freshen up after a night of revelry. www.fairmont.com

THE MARVELLOUS MARCEL RAVIN

Pouring magic into his Monaco restaurant, Blue Bay, Michelin-star chef **Marcel Ravin's** fantastical culinary creativity is the true epitome of both style and substance

WORDS: Emily Baxter-Priest

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST TASTES AND MEMORIES OF FOOD?

My grandmother used to cook in her small hut and the meals were taken to the courtyard where the scents of her cooking lingered in the air... Spices with which she knew how to create highly sought-after blends for meat or fish. My tastebuds have been nurtured by Caribbean flavours, a culinary melting pot stewed in the cultures of the world. From the time of slavery, plus cheap labour provided by immigrant Indians, and immigrants from China, Lebanon and Europe seeking a new life. I became an apprentice of all these differences to create my own cuisine.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE OF COOKING...

Creolity (Creole cuisine whose geographical area of influence extends from the Caribbean to Louisiana), jazzy, delicate and an indulgence of all the five senses.

WHO OR WHAT HAS INSPIRED YOU MOST THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER?

My grandmother.

HOW DO YOU INCORPORATE ELEMENTS OF MARTINIQUE FOOD INTO YOUR DISHES?

To be honest, I don't really prepare Martinique cuisine, but thanks to my DNA and background, I understood from the very start that one of my strengths was to incorporate a multitude of influences and surprising flavours into each dish that I create.

WHAT MAKES YOU PROUDEST TO BE MARTINIQUE?

The cultural mix of all our islands.

DO YOU HAVE A PHILOSOPHY THAT YOU COOK BY?

"You can be a good chef if you bring what is in your heart to the plate."

TALKING RESTAURANTS, WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU WANT TO IMPART THROUGH YOUR COOKING AT BLUE BAY?

My aim is to always take my guests on a sensory journey to new and unfamiliar places. I re-invent all the time, without succumbing to trends, and I think my guests are pleased with those 'wow' moments.

THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING FOR THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY. HOW DID YOU CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR GUESTS AND FOLLOWERS?

I continued to share my passion for cooking with others on social networks and I actually have learned so much from it, as the comments from my darling followers made me rethink how to integrate new flavours and techniques in the dishes that I create.

WHAT POSITIVE LEARNINGS HAVE YOU TAKEN AWAY FROM YOUR COVID-19 EXPERIENCE?

In any misfortune, one must be able to find something positive, remain brave and be resilient.



Marcel RAUIN

An aerial photograph of a tropical resort in the Maldives. In the foreground, a white superyacht is moving across the deep blue ocean, leaving a white wake. The middle ground shows several overwater villas with brown roofs and white walls, connected by a wooden walkway. In the background, a lush green island with palm trees and more resort buildings is visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

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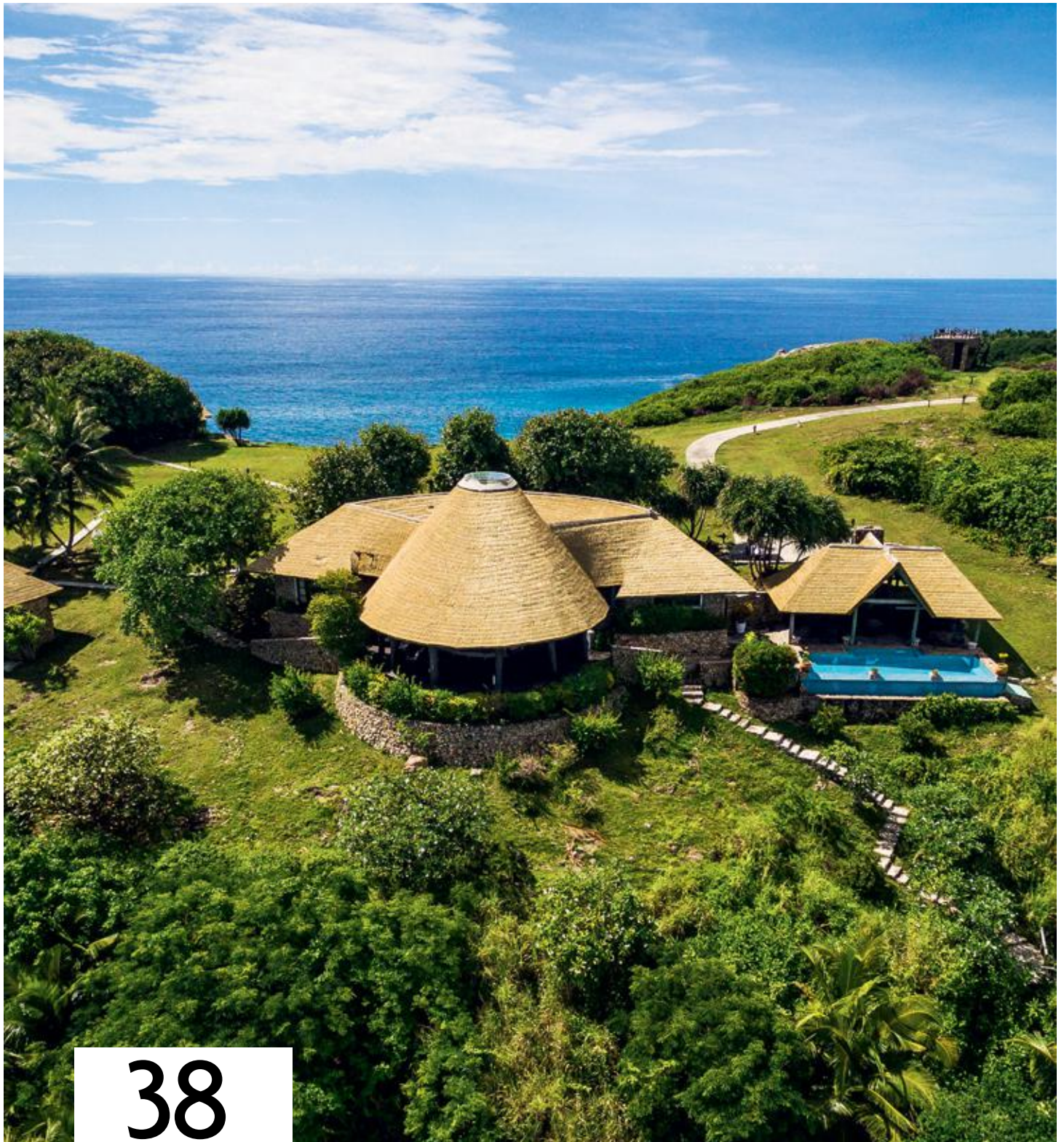
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THE WORLD'S MOST DESIRABLE LOCATIONS



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SEYCHELLOIS EXCELLENCE

A helicopter arrival, an inland harbour, free-roaming Giant Aldabra Tortoises, myriad private beaches, and a 1,100sqm Banyan Tree Estate to call your home.... Yes, Fregate Island Private will do rather nicely, thank you.

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In our *Best of the Indian Ocean*, we bring you 18 of the best hotels, retreats and private islands peppered across the Maldives, Mauritius, the Seychelles and Sri Lanka. For those seeking all-out serenity to a more rock-star escape on your own hilltop, enjoy these world-class hideaway



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From private islands to secluded coves and seriously stunning scenery, let these Indian Ocean retreats be your reward for staying at home. Book now and be reminded of what this wonderful world has to offer...

WORDS: Emily Baxter-Priest



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TAJ MALDIVES

With a legacy spanning 116 years and over 200 properties around the world, the Indian Hotel Company Limited (IHCL) has earned a stellar reputation built around its values of trust, awareness and joy. Known as ‘Tajness’, it is a hallmark of excellence and is exemplified in the brand’s world-renowned hospitality. In the wake of Covid-19, IHCL is restrengthening this Tajness commitment with an added comfort of prioritising safety, hygiene and physical distancing throughout its properties, inviting guests to stay with peace of mind. For example, technology will be used for seamless yet personalised check-ins and check-outs alongside digital payments and non-invasive thermal screening, allowing physical touch to be replaced by a touch of safety.

So, as we enter into this ‘new normal world’ with IHCL, the question is, where to stay? Two jewels in IHCL’s crown have to be Taj Exotica Resort & Spa and Taj Coral Reef Resort & Spa in the Maldives, two stunning island retreats that double-down on that marooned in paradise feeling. Laying claim to its own lagoon, Taj Exotica Resort & Spa spreads itself across the Emboodhu Finolhu Island (known as Three Coconut Isle), and is just a 15-minute boat

ride from Malé. With a world-class butler on hand, an award-winning 500sqm Presidential Suite beckoning and Jiva Spa ensuring serenity for mind, body and soul, time truly stands still here.

Just 50 minutes by boat from Malé, you’ll find Taj Coral Reef Resort & Spa plumped beautifully in the middle of a coral reef. A diver’s dream, the aquatic life here is second-to-none with an original shipwreck around Hembadhu Island waiting to be explored. Contemporary in its interior design, the resort offers beach villas, overwater villas and the incredible duplex Nirvana Presidential Suite, with its own plunge pool. Laid-back luxury at its best.

If a stay in paradise isn’t enough, both properties are offering guests special offers throughout the summer, further fuelling any far-flung fantasies. Guests staying more than three nights at Taj Exotica Resort & Spa can avail 40 per cent off, as well as complimentary airport transfer, and an upgrade from either bed & breakfast to half-board, or half-board to full-board. Those making Taj Coral Reef Resort & Spa their home can dive into a 15 per cent summer saving, with complimentary shared speed boat transfers, and the same meal plan upgrades. Travel that is safe for your wallet and your wellness. www.tajhotels.com





SONEVA FUSHI

Eco-chic has never been, well, chicer than at Soneva Fushi, the original desert island hideaway. With the resort's villas dotted around the island, either on the sunrise or sunset side, each is masterfully hidden by lush foliage, immersing guests in immediate nature and privacy. For those seeking ultimate seclusion, choose the sunrise side, perfect for early risers who want to make the most of a Maldivian morning's tranquility. The sunset side offers three house reef access points, where dolphins often swim in the channel, making it perfect for those after unrivalled aquatic adventures. For those travelling en masse, the Private Reserve on the sunrise side offers a truly unique home-away-from home, where its nine bedrooms allow for up to 18 adults, three children and a nanny. Sitting at 5,540sqm spread across three floors, the space features a spa, steam room, gym, sauna, massage room, lounge, study, kitchen and multiple sun decks, swimming pools and water slide. If you've ever wanted to experience a Robinson Crusoe moment, but with all the trappings of five-star rustic luxury, this is it. Few places on earth are quite as exquisite as here. www.soneva.com

CHEVAL BLANC RANDHELI

The hushed haven of Cheval Blanc Randheli whispers refinement from every crevice of its white-washed walls. Step off the resort's private plane and sink into the island's calmness as its contemporary design serenades with serenity, and oak wood tones contrast against crisp whites and sunburst yellows. Fringed by exotic gardens and flanked by the aquamarine Indian Ocean, nature is stamped across every view. Here, privacy is everything, and days can be spent interacting with nobody other than your private Majordome, who will help you curate and live out even your wildest island fantasies. The calming Lagoon Garden Villas have room to breathe for a stay between land and ocean, whilst the 1,000sqm Cheval Blanc Randheli Private Island is the purest expression of exclusive privacy. www.chevalblanc.com



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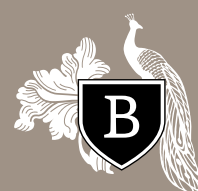


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SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY

In whichever hotel you lay your hat, make sure the views are as beautiful as this. These sprawling vistas come courtesy of the villas at COMO Point Yamu in Phuket, which presides over Phang Nga Bay. Find out what else this cool and contemporary property has to offer on page 52.

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PHUKET'S HILLTOP HAVEN

Cutting a contemporary silhouette overlooking Phang Nga Bay,
COMO Point Yamu is a true breath of fresh air

WORDS: Emily Baxter-Priest



Picture this... Your eyes slowly open to the sight of white chiffon curtains billowing in the breeze, golden sunshine streams in and bounces off your room's crisp white tiles, while the cerulean Andaman Sea unfurls before you. There's a knock at the door; a waiter arrives with a breakfast tray filled with exotic fruits so colourful they look like they've been kissed by a rainbow. You retire to your terrace, claim your sun-lounger and watch as yachts stitch trails across the UNESCO-protected Phang Nga Bay below you. And breathe...

Every day starts this way at COMO Point Yamu, the beautiful contemporary hilltop retreat on the

private peninsula of Cape Yamu, Phuket. The vision of Jean-Michel Gathy, with interiors by renowned Italian designer Paola Navone, COMO Point Yamu deftly marries the worlds of Thai culture and modern design with refined luxury, and casts a striking silhouette on its bucolic hilltop. COMO's signature clean lines and pared-back elegance sit alongside a chromatic spectrum of aquamarine and burnt orange, and by using local materials and artisanal Thai techniques in the build, it feels authentic to Thailand's beautiful landscape and culture.

My home for three days is a Bay Suite, 100sqm of light-filled space, with each room flowing seamlessly into one another, only separated by

sliding doors. The colour scheme is reminiscent of Mykonos or Santorini – all blinding whites and brilliant blues – and immediately evokes a sense of calm.

The suite has everything you need and nothing more – it's minimalist with no tech distractions save for a TV and music system. A fridge is fully stocked with drinks, nuts and nibbles, all replenished daily, with a dining table the perfect size for in-room dining à deux. A single-bed is neatly set up in the corner for our daughter, and a welcome pack from Play – COMO's world-renowned kids' club – waiting, with a water bottle, crayons, colouring book and beach bag. It's a sweet touch. There's plenty of room for three

– the sofa in the living room is huge, and the free-standing round bathtub could fit a family. The bathroom is really something else: with walls lined floor-to-ceiling with royal blue tiles, it gives a sensation of being cocooned by the sea. The bathtub sits in the middle of the room, flanked by Jack 'n' Jill sinks and separate loo and rain shower cubicles. Beauty lights around the mirror, wooden ladders to hold your towels and a light-fixture that hangs half-way to the floor like illuminated jellyfish tentacles create a relaxed ambience. As for the bedroom... There's little more than a king-size bed, two bed-side tables and a huge mirror. Yet it feels anything but empty. Instead, it feels like it's been



masterly designed to let the outside in and the view take centre-stage.

Beyond the suite the sense of zen continues. The landscaping is elegant, with reclaimed wood everywhere you look, and the walls are artworks in themselves. For sun-seekers, the sun-deck with 100-metre pool stretches for what feels like miles. Divided into three by stepping stones, and each section varying in length, it is perfect for kids dipping in or adults chilling out. Pick a bed on the hotel side to know that your views of Phang Nga Bay are some of the best in Phuket, and recline with a lemongrass ice lolly in hand.

The hotel doesn't have immediate access to a beach, but it does have it's own Beach Club that is just a 10 minute boat ride away. It's a rustic desert-island discovery with a salt-water pool, thatched restaurant, spa treatment salas and on-the-house watersports.

If you have kids, make the most of Play; the kids' club has ample space with tonnes of toys, a games room,

and a truly excellent team who my daughter still talks about today.

Steal some time by yourself in the eternally tranquil COMO Shambhala spa, with Thai-inspired treatments, yoga and Pilates all played out against the bay as a backdrop. Then refuel at La Sirena, the hotel's Italian restaurant. Breakfast here is super fresh and healthy, and there's also wood-fired toast and a honeycomb station. For lunch or dinner, think Italian fare with a twist. Then by night, Nahmyaa's noodle soup, river prawns and grilled whole fish will immerse you in something more typical of southern Thai cuisine.

Then simply retreat to your suite, close your eyes, and get ready to do it all over again.

And breathe...

The important bit

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NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best child-friendly things to do, try and buy this month, such as Gleneagle's five-star nature playground, The Green Planet's new VIP tours and One&Only Resorts' 'at-home' cookery classes



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Gleneagle's new natural Sensory Adventure offers children a unique approach to edutainment with an amazing new line-up of nature-inspired outdoor activities created to engage, inform and educate kids on the beautiful and Scottish landscape. Throughout the year, little guests aged three and above are invited to leave their digital devices behind and explore the hotel's incredible playground. Based in The Trail Yard, children can play in a new laid-back country activities hub, where various trail-based activities will keep kids

outside and occupied with Gleneagle's qualified team of experts. Little outdoor adventurers can gather up tools to make nature paint brushes, or create and decorate picture frames with natural materials foraged from around the 850-acre estate. The best activity on the agenda has to be Journey Mapping, in which children will set off on a woodland expedition, collecting plants, flowers and leaves along the way, joining them up to form a route. Nature's education at its best, this family-friendly programme will let imaginations run wild and free.

www.gleneagles.com



ART WITH SOUL

During lockdown, it's safe to say that kids around the world will have turned their hand to myriad creative activities, resulting in a smorgasbord of artworks, paintings and #stayhome photography pinned to the fridge, wall and every available space. The clever team at online art store, Drawdeck has come up with a fun way to turn these images into framed masterpieces, using its 'draft' e-service that lets customers upload their picture, pick the perfect frame and have their 'art piece' delivered to their door just three-to-five days later. It's a beautiful way to celebrate creative silver linings. www.draftframes.com

LET'S GO GREEN

Dubai's favourite indoor rainforest, The Green Planet, has reopened, and is celebrating with two new experiences. First up is a new edition of Zookeepers for the Day, in which groups of up to six children can enjoy a three-hour guided tour of the ecosystem, along with animal feeding, a behind-the-scenes experience of animal care and up-close interaction with some of The Green Planet's residents. Second, is VIP Tours, where kids can immerse themselves in a private feeding session with an Archerfish and meet-and-greet a lizard or a snake, all on a personal tour just for you. With heightened safety measures too, you can walk on the wild side with peace of mind. www.thegreenplanetdubai.com



CULINARY QUESTS

In need of a little inspiration in the kitchen department when it comes to feeding your kids, let One&Only Resorts help with some culinary creativity courtesy of its 'Art of Food' recipes available on the website's new At Home section. One&Only Palmilla's chef Sandro Falbo has shared a recipe for the perfect Mexican pizza (an easy win for hungry kids!), while One&Only Cape Town's pastry chef, Arno Ralph, will teach them how to make the most beautiful banana loaf. www.oneandonlyresorts.com/at-home



3, 2, 1, JUMP!

With news that hotel pools have reopened, a Privilee membership is the perfect excuse to dive right in. Offering unlimited and exclusive access to the UAE's best beach clubs, pools, kids clubs and more, summer days can be spent at Anantara Dubai The Palm, Jumeirah Zabeel Saray, Sofitel The Palm, The Westin Dubai, Le Meridien and heaps of others. Dip in, dip out and enjoy at leisure. www.privilee.ae

HOW TO SUMMER IN STYLE

With summer well and truly here, so too is a change in pace for our wardrobes, casting aside muted hues in favour of colourful threads and tropical-infused prints to conjure up a little summer spirit. Net-a-Porter's kidswear has a beautiful array of designer pieces for babies to young adults, such as the Sleeper Kids sunset orange dress above. Or, the CK Kids collection is filled with pieces in chromatic colours, from candy-floss pink dresses to zesty lemon yellow hoodies and sky-blue T-shirts. Lastly, Havaianas' neon-coloured Disney flip-flops will let your kids put their most fashionable foot first with Mickey Mouse, or they can embrace magical moments in a rainbow unicorn-print pair. Step into style.

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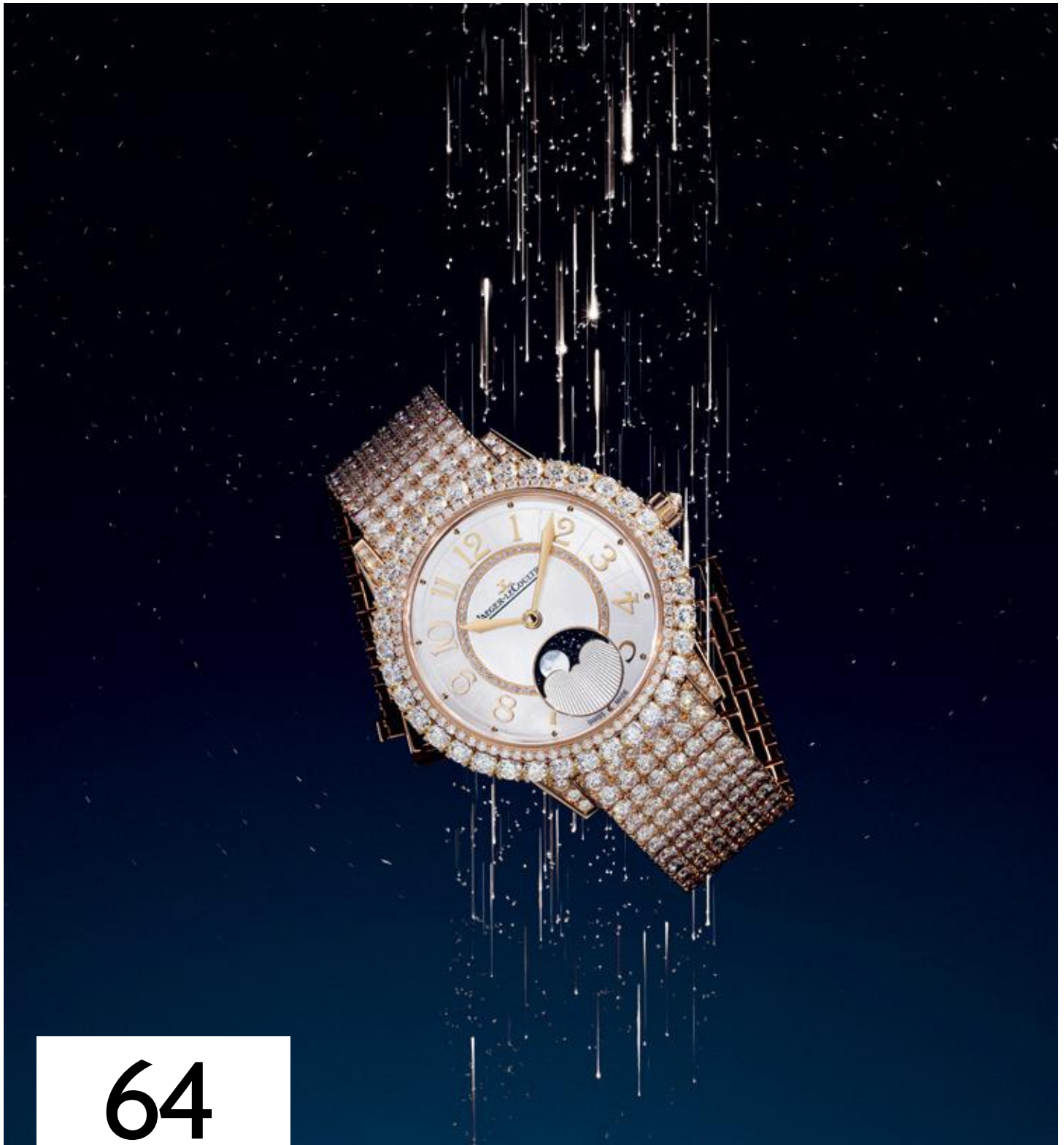
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NACRE GRANDEUR

With pearls the birthstone of June, timepieces pay homage with mother-of-pearl dials to straps adorned with these stunning sea gems. Jaeger-LeCoultre's fully gem-set Dazzling Rendez-Vous Moon watch celebrates feminine strength and beauty, and features a mother-of-pearl dial and a shiny mother-of-pearl moon floating against a starry aventurine night sky.

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SEA SIGNS

An ode to the pearl divers of the Middle East, MKS Jewellery's Sea Signs collection – inspired by the compass – reminds wearers to always follow their dreams.

**PEARLS
OF WISDOM**

Beautiful pearls, the birthstone of June, shine iridescent in summer's most striking pieces



- 1. Earrings Bina Goenka at Gemfields
- 2. Tweed earrings, Chanel
- 3. Ring, Dior
- 4. Happy Heart necklace, Chopard
- 5. Dentelle de Perles earrings, Fabergé
- 6. Feuilles de laurier necklace, Boucheron
- 7. Earrings, Nina Runsdorf
- 8. Ring, MKS Jewellery
- 9. Tiffany T bracelet, Tiffany & Co.
- 10. Ring, Breguet



LUMINOUS IN TIME

Mother-of-pearl presents itself in timeless fashion with these watches, as do those punctuated with incandescent pearls



Omega's latest edition of the diamond-edged De Ville features a stunning white mother-of-pearl dial, embossed with a silk-like pattern, with 38 single-cut diamonds following the curves of the case. www.omega.com



THE QUEEN OF TIMEKEEPING

Inspired by royalty and created for a contemporary woman, Breguet's new Reine de Naples 8918 watch embraces tradition and modernity

A watchmaking brand long admired by royalty since the end of the 18th century, Breguet's timepieces have earned their staying power as a symbol of elegance and technical precision. One of the company's first keen devotees proved to be Queen Marie-Antoinette, who wore some of the watchmaker's most beautiful pieces, such as the self-winding models, from the very start of her reign.

To pay tribute to another devotee, in 1810 Breguet began an unprecedented creation for the Queen of Naples, Caroline Murat (the younger sister of Napoleon Bonaparte), producing a watch designed to be worn on the wrist. It was the very first wristwatch designed especially for this purpose. The oblong-shaped creation with an engine-turned silver dial was very delicate and included several complications: a repeater, a moon-phase indicator and also a thermometer, and featured a wristlet of hair and gold thread that allowed it to be worn on the wrist.

Whilst reigns come and go, the infatuation with Breguet's timepieces endures and today the brand's signature Reine de Naples, inspired

by Caroline Murat, is dawning a new day. With the new Reine de Naples 8918, Breguet highlights, for the very first time, the delicate oval shape of the dial with pure, bright white grand feu enamel, Arabic numerals, steel hands and the signature of the House all in celestial blue shades. The watch's white-gold case with finely fluted sides houses the self-winding manufacture caliber 537/3, which has a power reserve of 45 hours, while a briolette-cut diamond lends a touch of sparkle to the crown at 4 o'clock. The alligator leather strap continues the blue-sky thinking and is fitted with a folding buckle that is set with 28 diamonds, while 117 diamonds pepper the bezel and dial flange.

To ensure one's affiliation with Breguet continues, the House of Breguet can record the owner's name in its archives, the same archives that have been kept since the late 18th century, next to the individual number, engraved on the back of the watch.

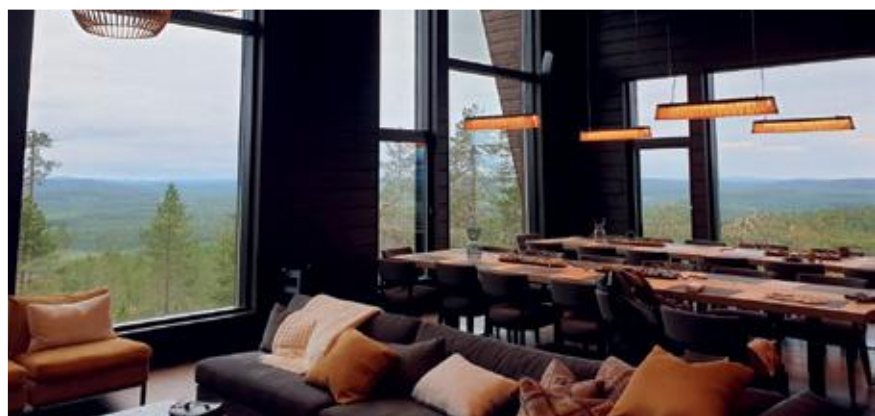
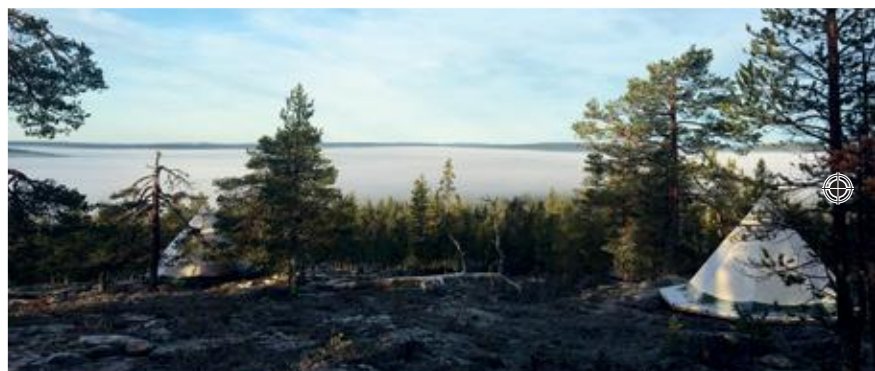
A century's old timepiece inspired by royalty and made contemporary for today's discerning watch collectors, the Reine de Naples 8918 is a timepiece for arbiters of refinement, elegance and style.

www.breguet.com

SPEND IT OUT OF THIS WORLD

IN THE LAP OF LUXURY

Visit Lapland during the summer for a new way to discover Scandinavia's remote and uninterrupted beauty



BETTER KNOWN FOR ITS FESTIVE CONNOTATIONS, with its Northern Lights, snow-kissed landscapes and connection to Father Christmas, Lapland is often overlooked for summertime escapism. But it shouldn't be. In fact, as one of the most beautiful, endless wildernesses in the world, it deserves two trips in order to see it during both seasons.

Right in the heart of Finnish Lapland you'll stumble across Octola Private Wilderness, a luxury lodge neatly settled in 300 hectares of uncultivated beauty, where there's nothing more than trees for as far as the eye can see.

During the summer, between June and August, the sun shines 24 hours a day, giving you plenty of reasons to stay up late and not waste a minute. Safe, clean and socially isolated, the cabin features just 10 ensuite bedrooms, each with floor-to-ceiling windows for sweeping views over your own private wilderness. One can arrive by helicopter, landing on

Octola Wilderness' private helipad, or hop back-on to visit one of Europe's greatest salmon fishing rivers, just a quick 20 minute flight away.

Summer is the best time to see and interact with reindeer calves whilst the rivers and lakes are teeming with fish, and nothing will beat waking up to the dawn chorus and taking yourself off on a sunrise hike. You're guaranteed to be disturbed by nothing more than Mother Nature's soundtrack, as here seclusion and escapism are everything.

It wouldn't be Scandinavia without a Sauna and Octola has probably one of the most exclusive wooden saunas in the world, so named by Prince Albert of Monaco himself, the 'Monaco Sauna'. There is also a private gym, access to all-terrain vehicles, private water springs, a river boat and survival camps for more intrepid travellers to try. Nature at its very best. www.octola.com



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