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HAUTE-COUTURE HOSPITALITY



MADINAT JUMEIRAH'S MOST INTIMATE HOTEL HAS REOPENED doors to its seven exclusive Malakiya Villas following a year-long refurbishment. Traversing the scenic waterways of Madinat Jumeirah, a picturesque journey via traditional wooden abra boats, lands guests at the reimagined villas which are a couture-inspired oasis of timeless elegance. Designed by Dubai-based Sahar Alyaseer, the striking villa aesthetic is a nod to the resort's nostalgic arabesque design which exudes romanticism. Large windows that frame the picturesque leafy waterways outside, bathe the rooms in natural light complemented by tranquil neutral furnishings which are offset by pops of colour, resulting in a warm homelike ambiance. The two- and three-bedroom configuration villas come with a plunge pool, expansive private terrace, kitchen, and access to Madinat Jumeirah's private beach, exclusive pools and hotel facilities. Guest experience is paramount at the Malakiya Villas, where a dedicated team of private butlers fulfil guests' every whim by crafting out-of-the-ordinary experiences, from private yoga sessions in the garden, bespoke spa treatments in the privacy of each villa with Talise Spa's expert therapists, to exceptional gastronomic dining experiences by the resort's renowned chefs. For guests keen to explore the wonders of Dubai, Malakiya Villas' dedicated concierge also offers curated itineraries featuring private and one-of-a-kind experiences. www.jumeirah.com



CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATIONS

THE ROYAL COMMISSION FOR ALULA (RCU) has signed an agreement with leading French cultural institution, the Centre Pompidou, that will significantly enrich AlUla as a leading global destination for cultural and natural heritage. Under the agreement Centre Pompidou will be RCU's key partner in developing a contemporary art museum at AlUla as a world centre for regional and global 21st-century art. Designed as an archipelago of pavilions interspersed with a mosaic of artists' gardens, this architectural landmark will symbolise AlUla's living legacy as a cross-cultural beacon, which continues to attract global collaborations. The AlUla contemporary museum will offer a collection of Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian 21st-century art, with artists from the Arab

world in dialogue with global art. The galleries will be a pioneer in museum architecture, housing a dynamic programme of collection displays, exhibitions, commissions and artists' gardens. With each side bringing something unique to the partnership. The RCU-Pompidou partnership will span fields across the cultural, arts, and creative spaces, including training and education, curatorial expertise, museum management, and events and exhibitions. The reciprocal relationship will be built on collections, including collection display and a special relationship for museum loans, curatorial partnerships, shared museological expertise; and audience development.

www.rcu.gov.sa



ROSEWOOD'S RED SEA RETREAT

ROSEWOOD AMAALA IS SET TO MAKE A 2024 DEBUT in the Red Sea Region of Saudi Arabia. The resort will sit in Red Sea Global's Amaala destination – an integrated wellness haven. In line with Red Sea Global's commitment to protect the environment and enhance the natural ecosystems, the resort will focus on the well-being of its guests, the community, and the

native flora and fauna, recognising the integral connections between the three. Sustainability will be at the cornerstone of the property's entire design, which is being led by ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel and fosters an environment of wellness and tranquillity. The entire destination will be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy, aims to have a

zero-carbon footprint, and will make every effort during construction to protect the endangered Hawksbill and Green Turtles that have nesting sites around the Rosewood Amaala beaches. There's an array of culinary experiences, from fine dining to beach-inspired club lounges. To protect the precious coral reefs that wrap around the resort, it will also feature two rock pools. The

focal point of the resort's wellness offering is Asaya Spa, hidden away amongst the rolling landscape, providing a sanctuary for meditation and peace. Families can enjoy the resort's Rosewood Explorer's Club which aims to curate meaningful child-friendly experiences with the hopes of inspiring the next generation of conscious travellers. www.rosewoodhotels.com

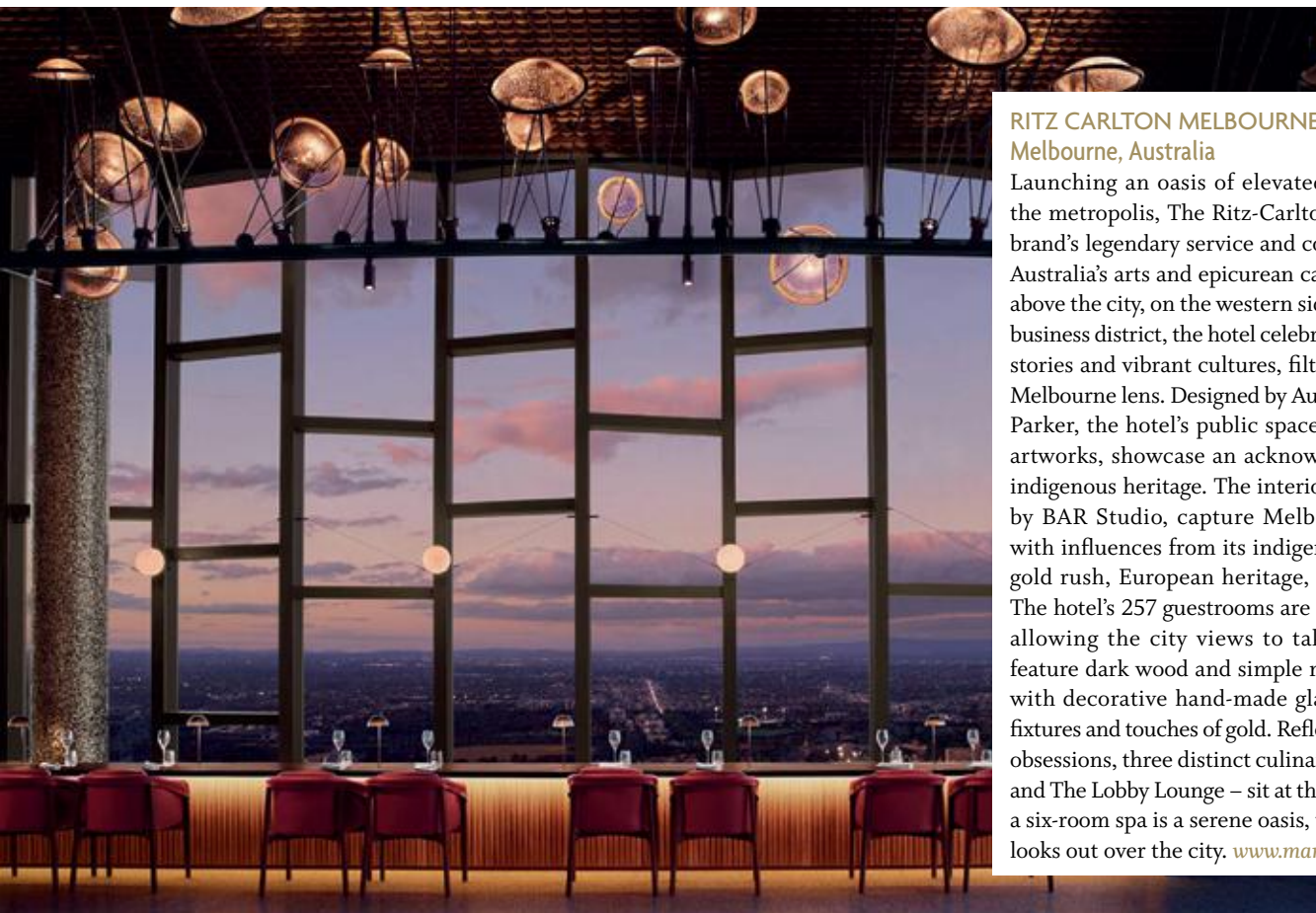
MONDRIAN IS ABU DHABI BOUND

ENNISMORE HAS ANNOUNCED THE PLANNED OPENING OF MONDRIAN ABU DHABI, the brand's first project in the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with Al Hazoom Group. Opening in 2024 and located in the capital's bustling downtown area alongside the Abu Dhabi canal, Mondrian Abu Dhabi will offer waterfront views overlooking both Reem Island and Maryah Island and direct views of the city skyline. 221 rooms and 80 serviced apartments are being designed by award-winning interior architect Tristan du Plessis, who will expertly capture the clean and contemporary aesthetic of the Middle East while seamlessly integrating the warmth and comfort embedded in the DNA of all Mondrian properties. Alongside six unique food and beverage venues, four meeting rooms, a ballroom, spa, swimming pool, kids club, retail area and fitness area, the hotel will also feature a crystal-clear lagoon. The lagoon will boast vast ocean views and an infinity pool design, lounges, and daybeds surrounding the water's edge. Located a short distance from the city's most popular destinations, including The Corniche, Abu Dhabi Mall, The Galleria, and the Sorbonne University, the property will be surrounded by many leisure and cultural attractions, making it an idyllic destination for every type of tourist. www.ennismore.com



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RITZ CARLTON MELBOURNE
Melbourne, Australia

Launching an oasis of elevated luxury in the heart of the metropolis, The Ritz-Carlton Melbourne brings the brand's legendary service and contemporary aesthetic to Australia's arts and epicurean capital. Soaring 80 storeys above the city, on the western side of Melbourne's central business district, the hotel celebrates the country's ancient stories and vibrant cultures, filtered through a distinctly Melbourne lens. Designed by Australian architects Cottee Parker, the hotel's public spaces, adorned with curated artworks, showcase an acknowledgement of place and indigenous heritage. The interiors of the hotel, designed by BAR Studio, capture Melbourne's unique identity with influences from its indigenous story, Victorian-era gold rush, European heritage, and fabled laneway life. The hotel's 257 guestrooms are understated and elegant, allowing the city views to take centre stage. Rooms feature dark wood and simple natural stone punctuated with decorative hand-made glass panels, custom light fixtures and touches of gold. Reflecting the city's epicurean obsessions, three distinct culinary venues – Atria, Cameo and The Lobby Lounge – sit at the heart of the hotel, while a six-room spa is a serene oasis, with an infinity pool that looks out over the city. www.marriott.com

HYATT CENTRIC VILLE-MARIE MONTRÉAL
Montréal, Canada

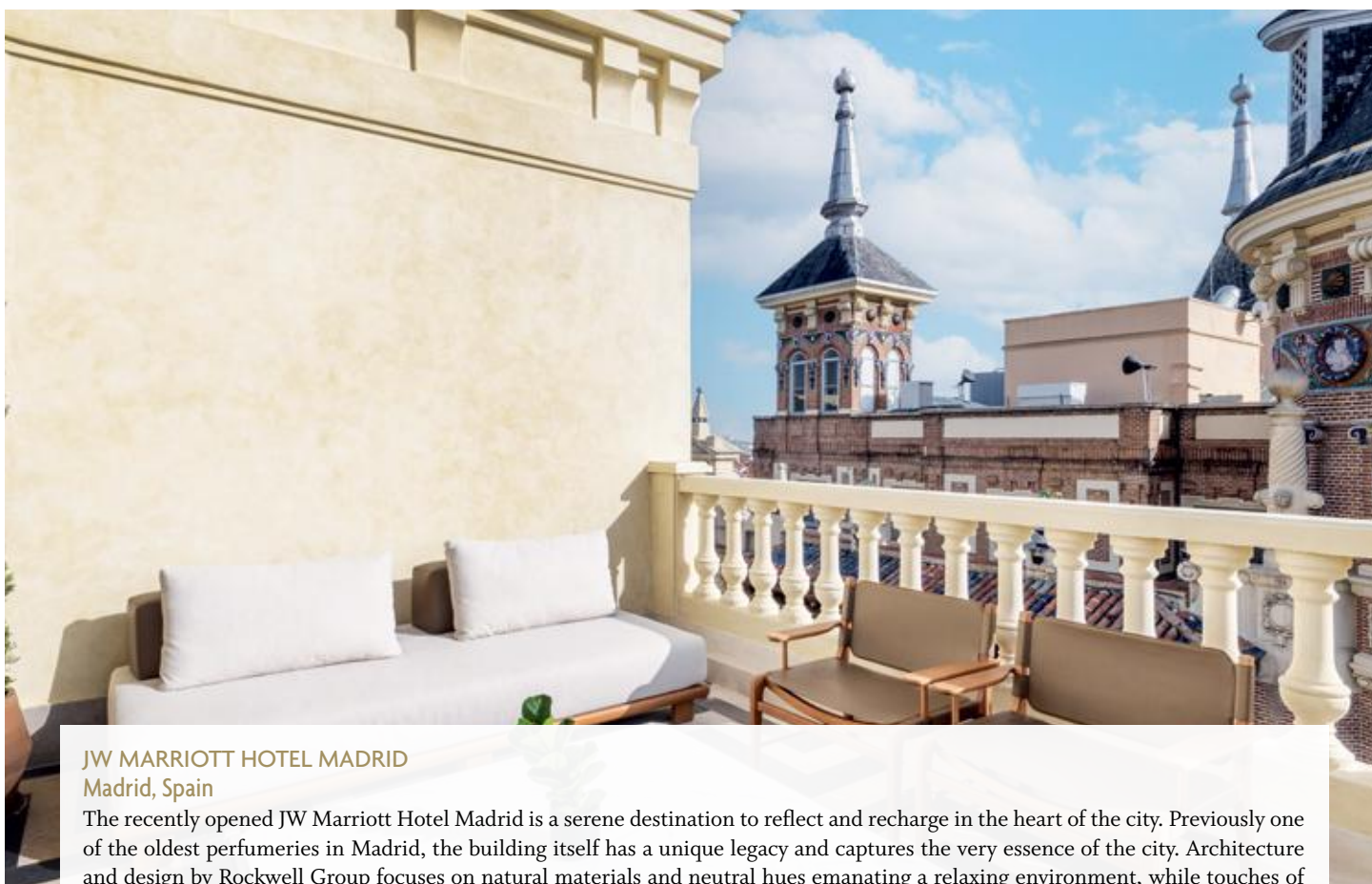
Canada's first Hyatt Centric hotel, Hyatt Centric Ville-Marie Montréal, is now open. Built adjacent to the turn-of-the-century site of the first railway station in Canada, this sophisticated hotel sits at the crossroads of old and new in the charming Parisian-style quarter of Old Montréal. The walk-friendly locale puts guests' steps away from a bustling waterfront, Place Jacques-Cartier, lauded dining and shopping, a thriving nightlife scene, cultural destinations, and a short walk to downtown Montréal. Vibrant and modern designs by local Montréal designers and architects, such as Ivy Studio and Provencher Roy, showcase the property's local inspirations, iconography and culture. The building façade – comprised of Normand brick, white polished concrete, and zinc metal – is influenced by the neighbouring château, historic church roofs in the area and the iconographic clock tower on the waterfront. Boasting 177 modern guestrooms, the hotel also features a rooftop pool (slated to open in summer 2023), and lively on-site restaurant Cartier Arms, which serves Québec-British fusion food with handcrafted cocktails, embodying the turn-of-the-century golden age of the railroad. www.hyatt.com





**RADISSON COLLECTION HOTEL,
SANTA SOFIA MILAN**
Milan, Italy

Radisson Hotel Group's fifth Italian property, Radisson Collection Hotel, Santa Sofia Milan, commands a strategic location halfway between Piazza del Duomo and the famous Navigli canal district. The surrounding vibrant neighbourhood offers entertainment venues, lively squares, shopping streets and easy access to all the city's attractions. Over a four-year period, architects Studio Marco Piva have transformed the original 1960's headquarters of Allianz Italia into this luxury hotel. The original roof with its characteristic oxidized-copper pitches marks the building's architectural significance in the Milanese cityscape. 159 rooms are designed as small urban lofts with a rich navy, brown and black colour palette and a mix of wood, leather, glass and metals, creating an atmosphere reflecting the character of Milan. Occupying a space in the former courtyard of the building, Sofia Kitchen & Bar offers a selection of Mediterranean dishes, as well as international favourites, each made from fresh, flavorful ingredients. At ISSEI Rooftop, accompanied by sprawling views of Milan, guests can indulge in Nikkei cuisine, a fusion of Japanese and Peruvian cuisines with a menu that draws inspiration from both land and sea. www.radisson.com

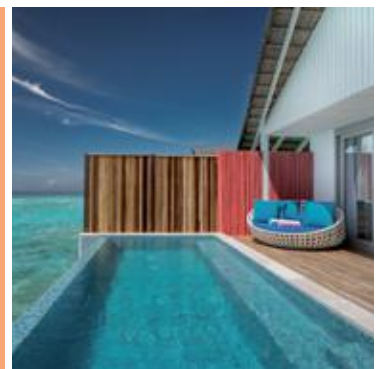
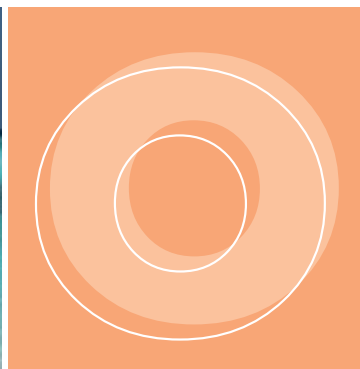


JW MARRIOTT HOTEL MADRID
Madrid, Spain

The recently opened JW Marriott Hotel Madrid is a serene destination to reflect and recharge in the heart of the city. Previously one of the oldest perfumeries in Madrid, the building itself has a unique legacy and captures the very essence of the city. Architecture and design by Rockwell Group focuses on natural materials and neutral hues emanating a relaxing environment, while touches of the building's historic past remain visible through the preservation of certain elements. The hotel has collaborated with the Spanish Academy of Perfume, paying homage to the building's heritage to create a holistic wellness experience that stimulates the senses. Upon arrival guests choose one of five artisanal scents, which is then placed in their wardrobe. Books, an exhibition featuring antique perfume bottles and essences, and olfactory workshops are all exclusive opportunities for guests to learn more about the city and their scent preferences. Partnering with renowned Michelin-star chef Mario Sandoval, the property has crafted a dining and cocktail concept that reinvents local flavour. Using ingredients grown in the JW Garden and sourced from local providers, QU offers refined Spanish flavours. Served on dishes inspired by the beauty of perfume containers, each meal engages all five senses to create an unforgettable dining experience that captures the essence of Madrid. www.marriott.com

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— THE GREAT — ESCAPE

Emily Baxter-Priest hops from New York's cacophonous sidewalks to Turks & Caicos' coconut-strewn beaches, for a juxtaposing weekend away

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PUSHING THE LIMITS

Celebrating 30 years of the Royal Oak Offshore, Audemars Piguet has unveiled a reinterpretation of its 1993 model, designed entirely in black ceramic, for the very first time. The new 42mm timepiece offers a monochrome aesthetic enhanced by a black Petite Tapisserie dial with white gold hands and hour markers. A sleek silhouette for sharp dressing.

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SUSPENDED IN TIME

Statement necklaces have the power to impact an outfit with just the closing of clasp, dressing up a simple outfit in seconds. Take this Tip-Top necklace in 18-carat gold by Marli New York, peppered with diamonds and Lapis Lazuli – elegant, uncomplicated yet dazzling in all the right places.



IN THE BALANCE

Embrace golden hour whatever the hour,
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that give us so much more than the moody blues



1. Happy Diamonds 'Planet' necklace, Chopard x Mariah Carey
2. Majestic Escapes earrings, Harry Winston
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4. 'Anna' bracelet, Dolce & Gabbana
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6. Love M earrings, Mouawad
7. Infinia pearl earrings, Garrard
8. Ring, Boghossian
9. Together ring, Pomellato
10. Magnolia ring, Mahallati
11. Beyond the Light choker, Messika
12. Serpent Bohème Solarité, Boucheron



AN EVOLUTION OF THE MCLAREN F1

GORDON MURRAY AUTOMOTIVE HAS UNVEILED ITS T.50 SUPERCAR in full for the first time, showing the finished exterior and interior design and confirming its ground-breaking technical specifications. The T.50 has been engineered to be the purest, lightest, most driver-centric supercar ever. Improving on his acclaimed McLaren F1 “in every conceivable way”, Professor Gordon Murray CBE is leading the team that will begin building customer versions of the 986kg supercar in January 2022. Justifying its £2.36m (before taxes) price tag, the T.50 promises to deliver an unsurpassed driving experience. It is powered by a 100 per cent bespoke 3.9-litre, 663PS V12 engine that revs to a record-breaking 12,100rpm, and features the most advanced and effective aerodynamics ever seen on a road car. “Just 100 customers will share my vision, a car created to improve on the F1 formula in every conceivable way,” says Murray. “With 30 years of technological and systems advancement, now the time is right to design the greatest analogue driver’s car. I believe no other company could deliver what we will bring to market in 2023, producing this British supercar will be my proudest moment.” www.gordonmurrayautomotive.com



THE FUTURE HOONIGANS

AUDI MIDDLE EAST HAS ANNOUNCED the first-ever arrival of the brand’s unique and iconic S1 e-tron quattro Hoonitron to the Middle East, at the Museum of the Future. Inspired by the iconic 1987 Audi Sport quattro S1 Pikes Peak car, the S1 Hoonitron combines Audi’s electric drivetrains from large-scale production and motorsport, reflecting the vision of the brand’s electrification strategy and sustainability efforts. Carsten Bender, Managing Director of Audi Middle East, says of the car: “We are excited to bring the Audi S1 Hoonitron to the Middle East for the first time and to showcase it in partnership with the Museum of the Future. As fans already know the car from the legendary video of Ken Block showcasing the prototype to its limits in Las Vegas, we anticipate there will be a lot of people keen to see it. The S1 Hoonitron is also an impressive example of Audi’s commitment to innovation and electrification, and we look forward to sharing it with car enthusiasts and Audi fans in the region.” www.audi.com



GENESIS CONCEPT MAKES ITS DEBUT

GENESIS HAS UNVEILED THE GV80 COUPE CONCEPT at an exclusive event at Genesis House New York. The four-passenger GV80 Coupe Concept adds a new facet to the Genesis brand. “It emphasises the duality of the Genesis brand by showcasing the antagonistic character that lives within the Athletic and Elegance parameters of Genesis’ design philosophy,” says Luc Donckerwolke,

Group Chief Creative Officer. Inspired by the X Speedium Coupe Concept unveiled in New York last year, the GV80 Coupe Concept combines the practicality of a lifestyle-oriented SUV with the dynamism of a sports car. The GV80 Coupe Concept confirms Genesis’ commitment and ambitions to deliver innovative luxury products with bold, emotional resonance. www.genesis.com



THE NEW RED LABEL

JUST A FEW MONTHS after production got underway of the new BMW XM, BMW M GmbH presents the flagship version of its first-ever high-performance car with an electrified drive system. The BMW XM Label Red brings together an M HYBRID system with extra power and bespoke design accents that showcase its standout performance attributes to unmistakable effect. With a system output of 748 hp (generated by the combination of a V8 combustion engine with up to 585 hp and an electric motor integrated into the eight-speed M Steptronic transmission producing up to 197 hp), the BMW XM Label Red is the most powerful BMW M model ever made.

www.bmwgroup.com



THE RR BLACK ARROW

RECENTLY ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR Cars presented Black Badge Wraith Black Arrow Collection. This new collection are the last V12 coupé the marque will ever build ahead of its all-electric future. “Wraith is one of the most significant and influential cars we have ever made at Goodwood. Its extraordinary power, performance and presence opened the Rolls-Royce brand to an entirely new group of clients. It created its own following within contemporary culture and then expanded that further in its alternative Black Badge guise,” Torsten Müller-Ötvös, Chief Executive Officer, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

“As the last examples of this landmark motor car get ready to leave Goodwood, we commemorate Wraith’s status as the last series V12 coupé we will ever make. Both Black Badge Wraith Black Arrow and its inspiration, the V12-powered land speed record-holding Thunderbolt of the thirties, represent the culmination of many long years of achievement, and the end of their respective eras. This magnificent final V12 coupé Collection captures both the significance and spirit of Wraith through the marque’s hallmark and peerless Bespoke capabilities. A fitting finale for this transformative motor car.” www.rolls-roycemotorcars.com



THE REVUELTO: A NEW HYBRID LAMBORGHINI

IN THE MARQUE’S 60TH anniversary year, Automobili Lamborghini presents Revuelto, the first super sports V12 hybrid plug-in HPEV (High Performance Electrified Vehicle). Lamborghini has been synonymous with V12 engines since the company was founded. The very first Lamborghini model to sport this characteristic engine was the iconic 350GT launched in 1963. The first time that an electric motor was matched to a 12-cylinder internal combustion engine in a Lamborghini was in

2019 with the Sián, which used a 25 kW electric engine to support the previous generation of V12, storing the electrical energy in a supercapacitor. The Revuelto introduces an unprecedented hybrid architecture and a new generation of V12. The car is launched as the very first High Performance Electrified Vehicle – HPEV: a plug-in hybrid super sports car equipped with a lightweight high-power lithium ion battery “It is an unique and innovative car but at the same time faithful to our DNA: the V12 is an

iconic symbol of our super sports heritage and history,” says Stephan Winkelmann, Lamborghini Chairman and CEO. “Revuelto was born to break the mould, combining a new 12-cylinder engine with hybrid technology, creating the perfect balance between delivering the emotion that our clients want with the necessity to reduce emissions. The new Revuelto is a milestone in the history of Lamborghini, and an important pillar in our Direzione Cor Tauri electrification strategy.” www.lamborghini.com

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Now, Bentley Motors is taking driving holiday to the next level with the launch of its 'Extraordinary Journeys' – a series of curated experiences that take you to the most inspirational locations around the world and put you in the driving seat of your own once-in-a-lifetime road trip.

The exclusive new travel series has just launched with three destinations ready to book now – Scandinavia, New Mexico and the UK – with more to follow this year. Each journey ranges between three to five days of epic, scenery-centric driving, with overnight stays in truly unique places. Partnering with globally like-minded partners that share its passion for excellence across the fields of motoring, cuisine, design, architecture,

wellness and sustainability, the culture of each destination will be carefully weaved through the itinerary too, allowing for deep-dive immersions and introductions to said locality. For example, the Scandinavian Extraordinary Journey will take in the very best of Copenhagen, as Denmark celebrates its Year of Architecture, involving private dining and wellness experiences, and exclusive access to the BIG architecture and design studio. Then drivers can shift into gear to take in smaller country roads and soak up some of the region's beautiful scenery, with lunch on the edge of Lake Vättern in southern Sweden. To top off your day, you'll stay at a five-star Forest Hotel, in a luxurious treehouse suite nestled in untouched Swedish woodland, combining a full wellness experience with forest dining from a chef who specialises in sustainable Nordic cuisine.

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