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MAKING A DREAM JOB A REALITY

Imagine a job where you can drive supercars, travel first class all over the world, stay in the most luxurious hotels, attend VIP events and galas and get paid to enjoy a couple glasses of Margaritas on a superyacht. There is no application for this job, you have to create it yourself. This is a 24/7, 365 days job. There are no weekends, no regular time schedule and sometimes you won't even know where in the world you will be in the next 24 hours. What do you think?

This is the reality and dream job of one of the most known luxury lifestyle influencers on social media - Davide Cesaro. If you are a fan of supercars, yachts and luxury you might have heard of him. Cesaro established himself in Monaco, Monte-Carlo and is local to Italy when he is working with the famous Italian brands. He has amassed a huge following on social media over the last couple of years allowing him to represent some of the most exclusive luxuries in the world. Davide's social media channels reach more than 4

million people weekly, featuring photos of himself driving supercars, exploring some of the finest hotels and destinations and promoting some of the most incredible superyachts.

Davide stands out for his resourcefulness from a very young age: his nature has always pushed him to desire and work for a life out of the ordinary, which allows him to live totally adventurous every day, avoiding the routine and everyday life that they would lead to a monotonous existence due to his dynamic personality.

Davide Cesaro is born in Padua, just outside Venice. He is born into a family far from luxury lifestyle, supercars and yachts but it has been his biggest interest since he was very young. At the age of 18, this interest grew and he wanted to implement his passion for supercars into his real life. When Davide was studying law at Bologna University, he knew that life was more than working a 9-5 job,



waiting to enjoy a weekend and potentially a 2 week vacation in the summer. 7 years ago, Davide created his Instagram account @dadocesaro for fun and started to share his highlights and moments and night outs with friends. At that time when Davide started to post content on his social media, luxury bloggers were not as common as fashion bloggers. Davide was following some famous accounts on the app and seeing these accounts sharing their passion with a much bigger audience than his made him curious about doing the same thing.

Summer of 2011 Davide starts saving up for a trip somewhere far from his hometown and reality. He wanted to explore something new that could inspire him to develop his luxury lifestyle account. Luxury was not a very popular topic in Padua, therefore Davide searched for a place where it was. This idea took him to Monaco, Monte-Carlo. Davide describes being in Monaco for the first time as a kid inside a candy shop. He spent one full day, walking more than 15 km in total to take photos and create contents of his favourite supercars, yachts docked around the Monaco Yacht Club, the famous Cafe de Paris where he spent three times his flight ticket for fruit salad and an espresso. When he started posting photos from this trip he noticed that his post did not only get attention from his Padua audience but it started to get viral internationally. His trip to Monaco became his starting point and he soon became a luxury lifestyle icon of many men. This allowed him to start working with many leader brands like Ferrari, Michelin, Alfa Romeo, FIA Formula E, GFG by Giugiaro, Armani Hotel, Manifattura Automobili Torino, ATS, Philips, Pininfarina Automobili and more. He has also worked with several projects on national and international television such as RAI and DISCOVERY Channel.

Davide is now a highly requested key opinion leader and influencer in the Italian luxury industry who takes part to exclusive events worldwide.

With his story Davide wants to inspire and motivate people all over the world, to just believe that it is possible to change your reality in to something you love, without coming from a wealthy family and without investing a lot of money. He advises people to jump in and

pursue your dreams and goals: no matter how far the goal seems at first or how far you will have to go, what you need to sacrifice etc. Trust the process and the results will arrive over time. Davide's goals is to also make other people passionate and enthusiastic about luxury and push them to believe in their goals by achieving his own.

To succeed with his purpose of making people passionate about luxury Davide puts a lot of effort behind each photo. He means that the world of luxury is viewed negatively by the public. It tends to be that way when other influencers or people in the show business show their audience some sort of fairy world that is unreachable, unreliable and far from our own reality, created in order to cause envy and annoyance and hate. Therefore, Davide is carefully creating his content not focusing only on the object but the emotions felt through the luxury. He wants to create content that is relatable and real and inspires people, rather than a photo looking like a commercial and far from reality. Davide wants to stimulate a real interest in the brand from the public, tell his passion and sell an experience and feeling.

Davide is also always striving to be not a character on social media, but an authentic person with values and passion. That he is just like anyone else.

Davide Cesaro is not only an influencer. Together with his partner, Seyma Yigit, Davide has created a platform to connect HNWI-UHNWI's with luxury lifestyle and the brands he is working with. His website provides the highest standard of both personal and corporate services such as Luxury Lifestyle Management, Marketing and Communication, High-End Branding and Events. They offer their clients access to the most exclusive brands and luxuries in the market, from private jets, real estates in exclusive locations, yacht charters and sales, supercars and hypercars to managing personal and corporate experiences.

Dadocesaro.com helps Davide to connect his clients with the brands he truly believes in when it comes to quality and high-end service. This makes him different from other influencers that we see on social media.

As part of his business, Davide also offers one-on-one video calls with his followers and business professionals, to inspire them with his story and consult them in how to get started today, how to grow their social media presence and/or how to take one step closer to freedom and their ideal lifestyle.

Davide's goals is to continue what he does. Working with his partner Seyma, they are stronger now and aim very high for the coming year. This month (September) they are both working with one of the most important event in Monaco - The Monaco Yacht Show.

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HEALTH TRAVEL REVEALS LUXURY CARIBBEAN HIDEAWAY

Some destinations are almost far too beautiful to share. Luxury wellness holiday provider, Health Travel, taps into the hidden corners of the globe to uncover the Caribbean's best kept secret.

Jet set to the pristine island of Dominica for a luxury wellness break among the dramatic rainforest hillsides and powder-white beaches.

Perched above the cliffside, Secret Bay is an intimate boutique hideaway with undisrupted views across the Caribbean Sea. The 10 private cliff-top villas boast indoor-outdoor living spaces, refreshing plunge pools and a dedicated villa host. While each villa presents its own unique charm, the Zabuco Honeymoon Villa's showstopping oceanfront setting is simply unbeatable.



As a member of the world-renowned Relais & Châteaux, tastebuds will be tingling with the fresh dishes lovingly prepared at the open-air restaurant. Meanwhile, the treehouse-style Gommier Spa awaits for soul-soothing treatments with a killer view.

Beautifully secluded among the island's thriving rainforest, hiking trails and waterfalls for wild swimming are in abundance. Wander down to Secret Bay's two secluded beaches for moonlight strolls and dive under the shallows for adventures among kaleidoscopic reefs.

Welcome in a new day with yoga at the riverside open-air pavilion, then set off with a local guide to hidden trails for wildlife spotting. Uncover the enchanting geothermal lakes and raise the pulse with canyoning along sweeping gorges. Venture deep into the heart of Dominica on a private speedboat, as you meander along the river with a local guide.





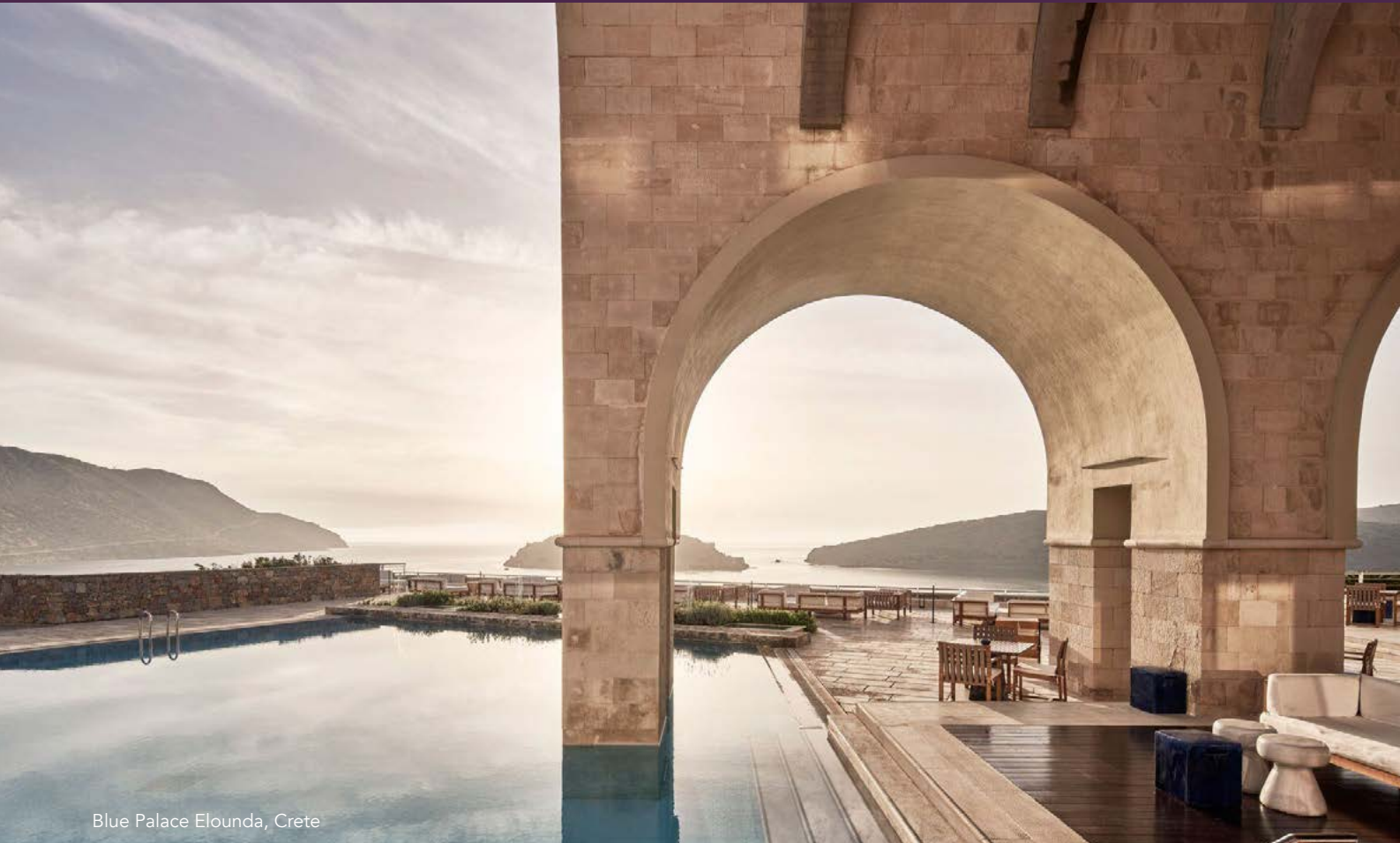
For the a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience, you can even swim with sperm whales along Dominica's coastline. The island sees around 300 sperm whales coming in to feed throughout the year, making it one of the only destinations in the world to see these marine creatures year-round. Licenses are limited and hard to come by, so plan ahead with Health Travel's dedicated concierge service to secure this bucket list moment.

London-based wellness holiday provider, Health Travel, partners with the world's leading hotels to create tailor-made wellness holidays and luxury retreats. From designing bespoke wellness programmes to sourcing expert private guides and transportation, Health Travel's concierge service elevates getaways with stress-free journeys that reach beyond the guidebook.

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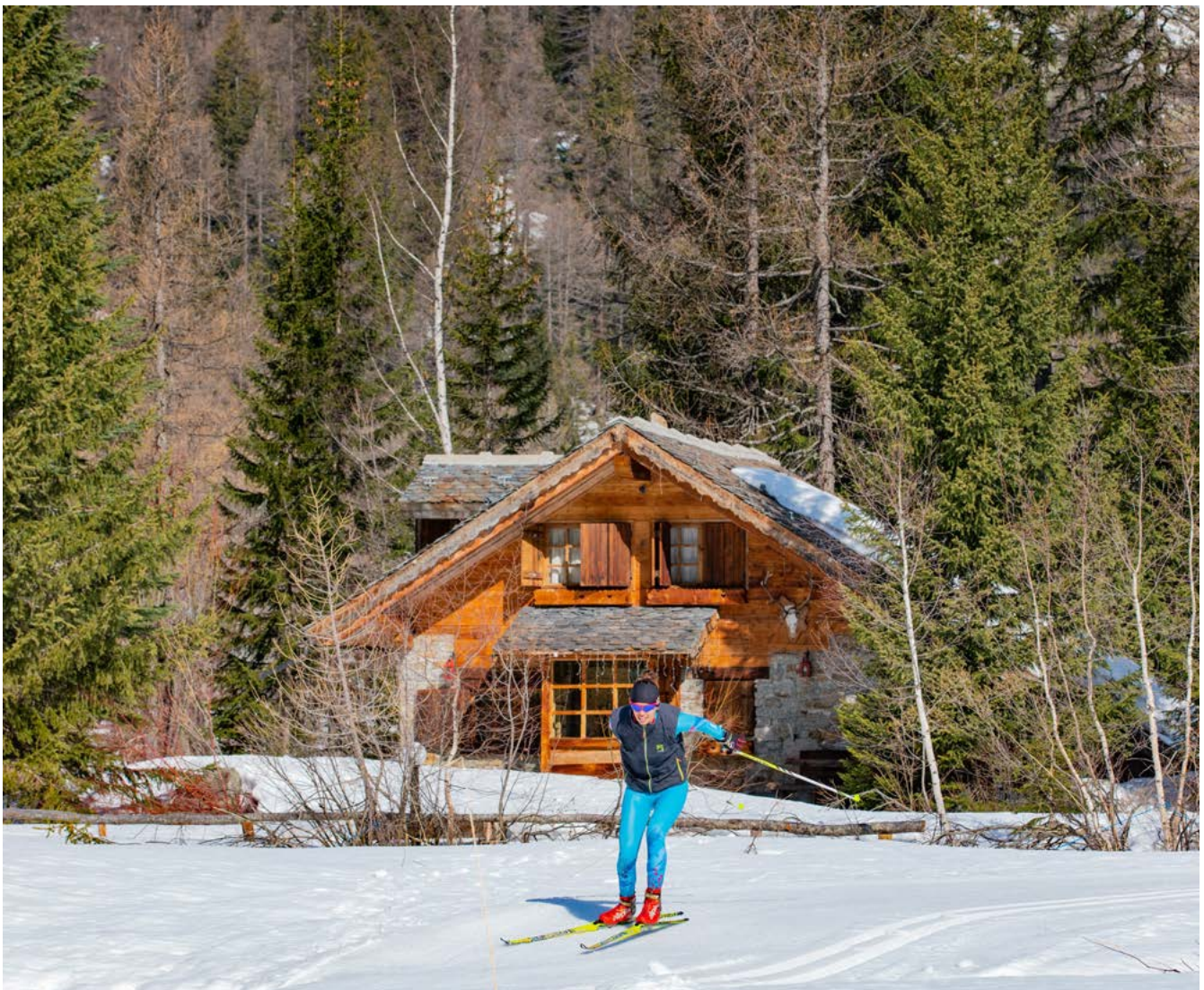
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COURMAYEUR MONT BLANC - A SNOW-COVERED PARADISE IN THE ITALIAN ALPS



Courmayeur Mont Blanc, situated on the Italian side of Mont Blanc, is a traditional yet sophisticated resort surrounded by spectacular scenery and full of history and charm. Renowned for its warm Italian welcome and fabulous winter sports scene, the resort is ideal for families, friends, skiers, and non-skiers looking to spend time outside in the fresh mountain air. December through to all the gloomier

months in the UK, makes the renowned ski resort a vibrantly tempting destination filled with fresh-powered slopes, unspoilt trails, and peaceful views from the highest of peaks. Ideal for any mountain enthusiast, Courmayeur offers superb heliskiing, off-piste and cross-country skiing, as well as joy skating, fat biking, hiking, snow shoeing, climbing, cycling and much more.



From adaptive skiing with trained, specialist ski instructors and ground-breaking disabled snow sports equipment to wheel-chair curling, high altitude wine tasting or simply basking in the beauty of the Alps, Courmayeur Mont Blanc is a fully accessible ski resort, all year round.

Situated on the Italian side of Mont Blanc (the sunnier side!), Courmayeur Mont Blanc is a traditional yet sophisticated resort, full of history and charm and surrounded by spectacular scenery.

There is a dedicated team of fantastic specialist, adaptive ski instructors in Courmayeur, ready to welcome everyone on to the slopes with a smile. These highly trained professionals are happy to help anyone who, without the instructor's assistance, would not be able to enjoy the thrill and ecstasy that can be found from zipping down the slopes.

The resort's slopes and ski lifts are easily accessible and the ski schools in the area, Courmayeur Ski & Snowboard School and the





Mont Blanc Ski School, offer customised options for those with disabilities. These include mono and bi-ski wheelchairs, ‘trotty ski’ and special audio tools for people with visual impairments. The Courmayeur Ski and Snowboard School also offers a dedicated team of five ski instructors and two snowboard instructors, who are all specially qualified to teach people with disabilities.

Andrea Borney’s ‘BASS’ – Borney Adapted Snowboard System
 Andrea Borney, snowboard instructor at Courmayeur and Technical Director for ‘Antenne Handicap ONLUS’ has also been breaking down barriers for those with disabilities who wish to snowboard. Andrea created ‘BASS’ (Borney Adapted Snowboard System) – an apparatus that allows the snowboarder to be attached to their instructor, who guides them down the slopes to help them enjoy snowboarding as naturally as possible. This special system is exclusively available at Courmayeur Mont Blanc.

Accessibility on Courmayeur’s new SkyWay Monte Bianco
 When building the resort’s magnificent new SkyWay Monte Bianco cable car, the dedicated SkyWay team worked hard to ensure that every experience on offer is fully inclusive and accessible for everyone. Not only does SkyWay have 360-degree views whilst ascending from the village to the peak between Courmayeur and Chamonix, but it has easy, step-free access for the entire journey.

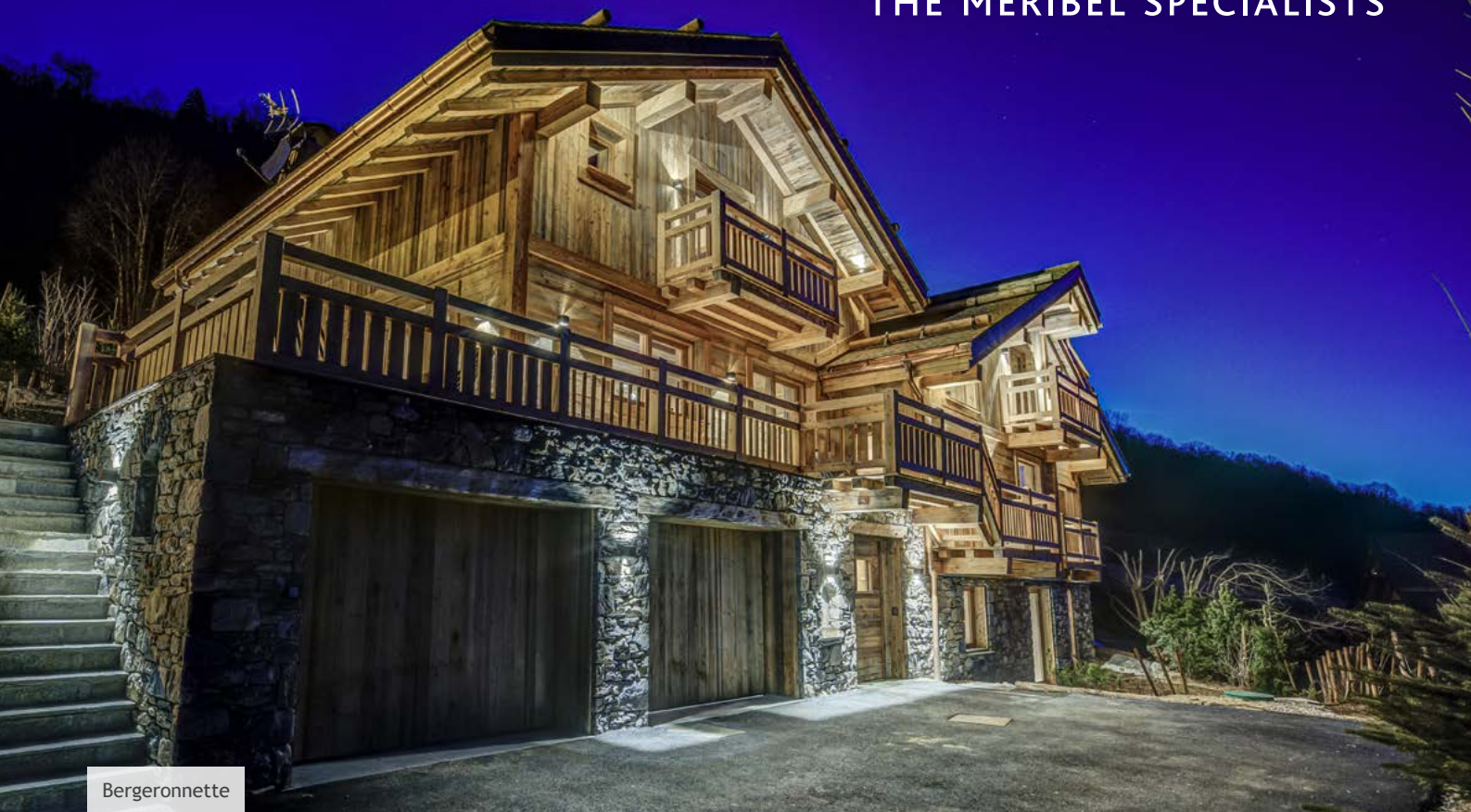
Accessible Accommodation
 The 5* Gran Baita, part of Alpissima Hotels at Courmayeur is a truly wonderful hotel and provides wheelchair accessibility. It is worth noting that the Sales and Marketing Director for Alpissima Hotels has some family members with Multiple Sclerosis, making her more understanding of the needs of those who may need some assistance or help during their stay. Mountains 4 All and The Gran Baita are working closely together to try to ensure that the needs of future guests are met in order for everyone to have an inclusive and accessible stay.

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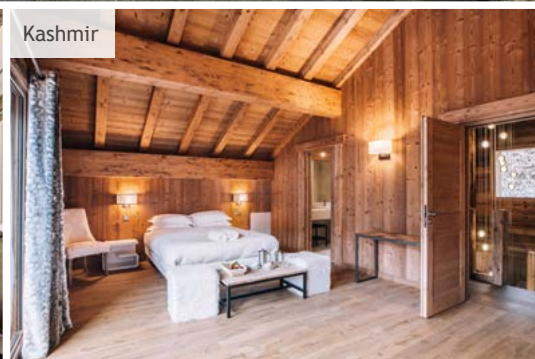
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LEPOGO LODGES UNVEILS NEW FAMILY VILLA AT NOKA CAMP, SOUTH AFRICA

Lepogo Lodges' Noka Camp, one of Africa's few entirely not-for-profit safari lodges, is delighted to unveil a brand new, two bedroom family villa for 2021. The luxurious safari camp, set within the 50,000-hectare, malaria-free Lapalala Wilderness Reserve and home to the 'big five', offers an exciting array of child-friendly activities to ensure families have an unforgettable South African wilderness experience.

Set over 385m² and sleeping up to five people, the sprawling new family villa perches atop a 100ft cliff overlooking the winding

Palala River and the endless bush ahead, all without compromising on privacy.

The luxurious residence comprises of a master and a children's suite - each with its own en-suite bathroom - separated by a large family living area, providing privacy, peace and tranquility for parents.

Three outdoor decking areas and a large infinity pool complete the villa, providing ample opportunity for children to splash around and spot elephants basking in the river below while Mum and Dad enjoy a sundowner or two.

Noka Camp consists of five stilted villas, with the entire property built on small concrete pads, ensuring that no scars are left on the land. Each villa is complete with heated plunge pool, unique 'sky bed' with glass floor over the ravine, sunken bathtub and underfloor heating.

The villas are joined by a main lodge comprised of dining room, bar, lounge area and sprawling outdoor terrace, all of which enjoy unspoilt wilderness views. The camp is entirely off-grid, with all energy self-generated by a bespoke, 250m solar walkway.

Guests have full access to a private butler, chef and safari vehicle, offering the opportunity to create a bespoke safari holiday and experience unparalleled luxury throughout the entirety of their stay.



Family Activities at Noka Camp

Children and young teenagers are kept endlessly entertained at Noka Camp as they embark on fun-filled treasure hunts around the lodge, whip up a culinary storm with bush baking, and unleash their creative flair with mindful pottery making, trinket crafting, bush painting and jewellery making.

Come evening, families can wonder at the magical African night-sky and learn about the stars under the expert guidance of the in-house astrologer. The beautiful waters of the Palala River can also be enjoyed by guests of all ages with activities including boating, fishing, frogging and river swimming.

Home to more than 60 mammal species, Lepogo Lodges' private game drives mean families are able to observe an abundance of spectacular wildlife at a time that suits them.

Lead by an in-house expert ranger, guests can expect to spot rhino, lion, cheetah, buffalo, elephant and more, as well as some of the 300 different bird species inhabiting the reserve.



Tours of the nearby Iron Age site atop Melora mountain and the remarkable rock art of the Bushman paintings allow those seeking a more cultural experience to step back in time and uncover the area's ancient history and traditions.

Parents looking to unwind after a full day of exploring can opt for a rejuvenating spa treatment in the privacy of their own villa. Families who wish to find equilibrium together can delight in a restorative open-air yoga or gym session upon the tree top yoga and gym deck, whilst meditating over the jaw-dropping views of the bush and beyond.

Lepogo Lodges will consist of two lodges, with a second property, Melote House, set to open in 2022. Ideal for multi-generational family travel, Melote House will be an exclusive-use property sleeping up to 16 guests.

Nightly rates for the Family Clifftop Villa at Lepogo Lodges' Noka Camp start from R60,000 per night, based on four guests staying on an all-inclusive board basis. Lepogo Lodges' Noka Camp cannot accommodate children under 10 years old unless the camp is exclusively booked.

For more information or to make a reservation visit www.lepogolodges.com or email info@lepogolodges.com.

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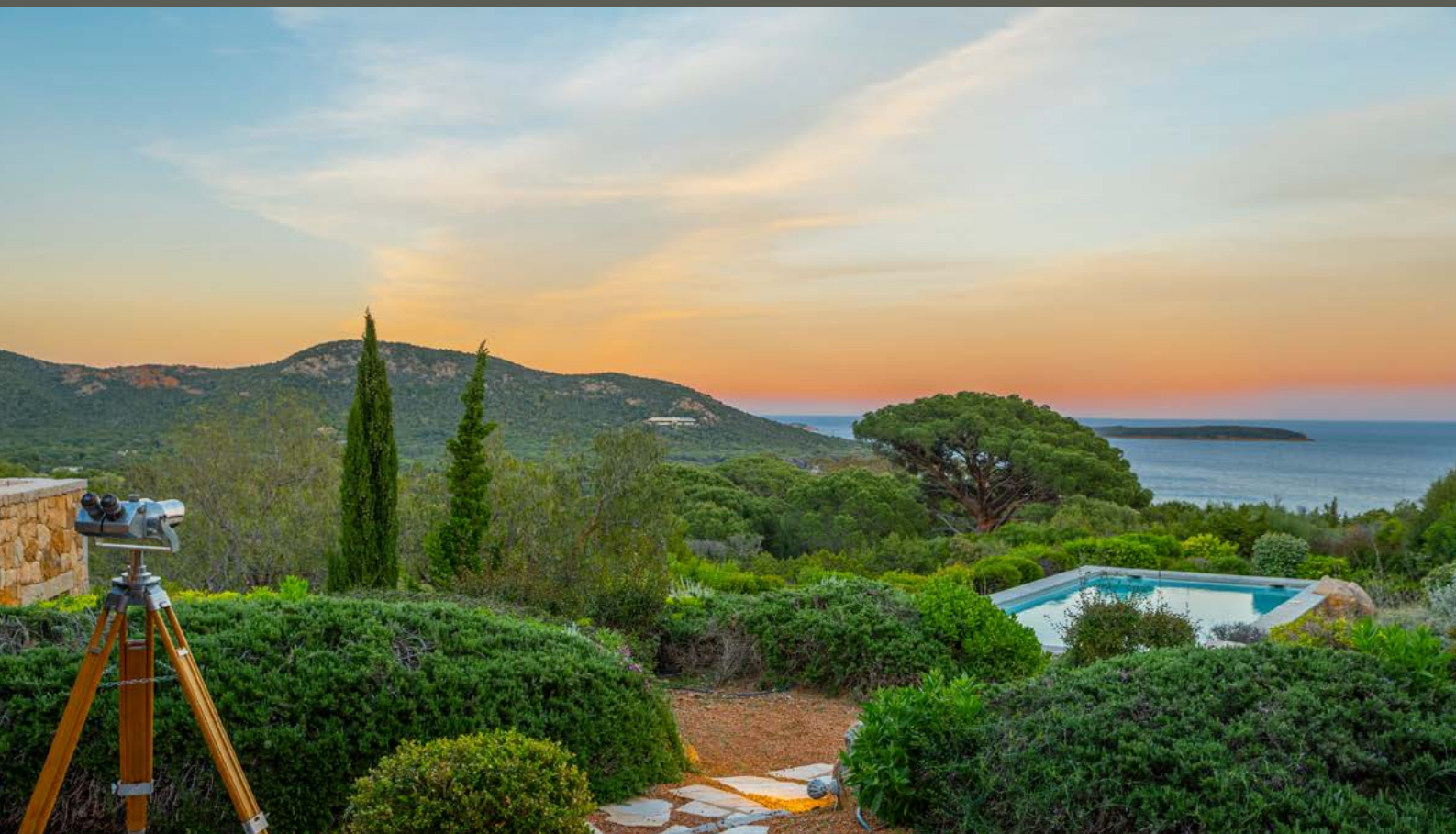
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Velaa Private Island



COMO Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos

PLAN YOUR TROPICAL ESCAPE

Summer 2021 might have left a holiday-shaped hole in many traveller's lives, and as the days get shorter and temperatures lower, planning a tropical escape to someplace warmer than the UK has never been more tempting.

From the celebrities' favourite retreat in Turks & Caicos to the world's only exclusive-use private island in East Africa, here's our pick of the top trips for some overdue winter sun.



Best For: Dynamic Activities
At Velaa Private Island, Maldives

Nestled within the constellation of islands that form the Noonu Atoll in the Maldives, Velaa Private Island is arguably one of the most private and luxury islands in the world.

Famed for its ultra-luxe, high-tech, bond-worthy water gadgets such as an aquatic hoverboard with a top speed of 16 miles per hour, and an aquatic jetpack that uses immense water pressure to send riders 30 feet up into the air. Velaa Private Island has added a brand new padel tennis court, the ultimate KRASH Predator jet-ski and a limited-edition watercraft for 2021. Adding to its already stellar offering of some of the newest water sport toys and equipment in the world, Velaa Private Island's new additions are set to confirm its place as a luxury playground for discerning, adventurous travellers.



Open since June 2021, the full panoramic court is the best, high-performance padel tennis court in the world. Without structural elements in the glass areas, the court at Velaa Private Island boasts a spectacular interior and exterior design, both for players and onlooking spectators, and has been specially adapted for all environments. Guests will have the chance to enjoy friendly games on this new court or perfect their serve with the help of Velaa's tennis coach professionals, on hand to offer one-to-one lessons for adults and children alike.

Rates start from £2,200 per night in a beach pool villa, minimum of 5 nights.

For more information, please visit: www.velaaprivateisland.com





Best For: Reconnecting with Family
At COMO Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos

Positioned on one of the Caribbean's finest private islands, what once was a deserted isle is now a shimmering wellness sanctuary home to COMO Parrot Cay. The luxury oasis promises copious sun and pristine undisturbed beaches year-round, as well as privacy and seclusion in its spacious ocean-facing villas - the ideal setting for families to reconnect and spend quality time together.

Young travellers are spoilt for choice with the Play by COMO family experiences. From a Catch & Release fishing programme to tours of the island's bananas plantation, they'll find a host of activities designed to educate the next generation of conscious travellers on the local culture and surrounding environment. While the kids play, the adults can indulge in world-class wellbeing at the island's COMO Shambhala Retreat or toast their escape with a creative cocktail at the luxurious COMO Beach Club, with views over the glistening ocean.

Rates start from £595 per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis.

For more information, please visit:
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Best For: Complete Seclusion
At Thanda Island Private Marine Reserve

Nestled within Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve off the coast of Tanzania, the remote and rustic Thanda Island is the world's only exclusive-use protected marine reserve.

Deemed to be the best season for whale shark sighting, during winter guests will be delighted to join the resident marine biologist and take part in the Whale Shark Citizen Science Programme which offers guests the chance to collect identification data on whale sharks, the iconic species living in the waters of Mafia's archipelago. GoPros in hand and decked-out in eco-friendly diving gear (rash vests are made from recycled plastic), guests can swim in the undisturbed waters of Thanda Island, rubbing shoulders with a circus of tropical species.

Accommodating up to 18 guests in the solar-powered five-bedroom beach villa and two authentic beach chalets, this island retreat promises the ultimate winter escape, while also doing good for the environment and the community thanks to a host of educational programmes and community upliftment projects on Mafia island and mainland Tanzania.

A stay at Thanda Island is £33,000 per night, minimum of five nights.

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Feel Luxury Holidays is a luxury platform that offers exceptional villas that are sure to meet – and exceed- all expectations. Partnered with the best concierge services, they have built a reputation on creating unforgettable experiences for their guests. We spoke with one of the company’s Managers, Sybille Cabalé, to find out more about how their commitment to excellence has helped forge an enviable position on the luxury market.

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As Sybille explains, Feel Luxury Holidays is all about allowing guests to feel special and unique, ensuring that all needs are realised and met. “On top of offering unforgettable experiences for your holidays, we also organise company seminars and special events such as engagements, weddings, birthdays and bar mitzvahs. Feel Luxury Holidays take pride in being a true local contact, meticulously and regularly checking and verifying each holiday home and constantly making improvements if necessary. Our expertise is extremely selective and, ultimately, refinement is a term that we work hard to ensure retains its full meaning.”

“Our staff are experts and attentive to customer, offering the most beautiful properties and the best experiences to compose and transform extraordinary stays into truly unforgettable ones.

As a result, the Feel Luxury Holidays team shares the same dreams as its clients and pays total attention to them. The team is united, proactive and dialogue is omnipresent.”

It’s no surprise then, all things considered, that Feel Luxury Holidays has experienced the growth that it has, expanding its network to include new collaborators and opportunities for their burgeoning client base. “We are in full growth and are looking for new external collaborators every day to become more present on the online landscape. Ultimately, we want to be the first company the customer thinks of when they think of true luxury holidays. So, as such, we are facing new challenges.”

Sybillie continues, exploring how the company is choosing to tackle these challenges. “The response times and deadlines of our external collaborators are sometimes too long. The fact that we are in full growth forces us to work faster. At the same time, we are not really affected by external factors as we are proactive in finding workable, real-world solutions internally.”

The conversation soon turns to sector trends and how Feel Luxury Holidays works to integrate transient industry elements into their day to day work. “We notice that customers are booking more and more at the last minute, or they are totally the opposite and book far in advance (12 months before the date).



A similar pattern emerges when you consider the price of villas, with customers booking cheap or very expensive. There’s no longer than distinct middle ground. As a result, we are trying to accommodate these preferences and offer luxury options at a low price, and ‘ultra’ luxury at high prices.”

Finally, Sybillie concludes on a hopeful note, acknowledging that the future is a promising one indeed. “We hope that the future holds some nice surprises for us because we are always happy to have new challenges and contracts.”

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TIMELESS BY DESIGN

Kuda Villingili Resort Maldives Redefines the Tropical Space



One of the most anticipated new openings in the Indian Ocean, the design-led Kuda Villingili Resort Maldives encapsulates timeless elegance while paying homage to the rich local culture and seamlessly blending with the natural surroundings. Home to 95 beautifully appointed villas, nine outstanding dining venues, a remarkable 150-metre pool encircled by stylish cabanas, and a tranquil ocean-front Spa with eight self-contained treatment bungalows, Kuda Villingili is every style-seeker's dream.

With interiors curated to enhance the ocean and vibrant flora that frames the resort, this tropical jewel is conceptualised by the Maldivian architecture firm GX Associates and the Singapore-based interior design company URBNarc. Each of the spacious 36 Water Villas and 59 Beach Villas blends classic Maldivian architecture with contemporary features that draw from the Asian style.



Spacious and airy – with extensive living rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms envisioned as one open space – the resort’s villas surprise guests with eclectic décor and furnishings such as colourful cushions and tapestries adorned with traditional motifs, and Maldivian art pieces scattered throughout.

UrbanARC comments on this project: “For Kuda Villingili Resort Maldives, we wanted to really place the nature at the heart of the guest’s experience, whether they are in the villa, in the restaurants or in other common areas. This is why we used plenty of glass and a calming colour palette inspired by the changing hues of the ocean, the nuances of the sunset and the island’s vegetation. Timber feature walls and customised screens contribute to a sense of understated luxury, which is the hotel’s design leitmotif.”

Built on an ethos of positive environmental impact, Kuda Villingili is a plastic-free resort where eco-friendly materials such as reclaimed wood, glass, recycled and biodegradable plastic are extensively used for custom furniture, bespoke rugs, placemats and the bathrooms’ beauty amenities.



Recreational spaces are designed to encourage socialisation, from the showstopping 150-metre pool that takes pride of place in the central piazza on the island, to dining concepts such as The Hawkers – a flavoursome and upscale three-armed open kitchen that sits poolside and serves up mezze-style dishes – encouraging sharing and a sense of conviviality. A rare find in the Maldives, Kuda Villingili’s Cigar Lounge is a warm, cosy space, designed to imbue a sense of

old-world charm while retaining the resort’s signature timeless elegance. The leather décor, darker brown tones and rustic textures create a sophisticated atmosphere, perfect for sipping a dry whiskey with a cigar in one hand and a good book in the other.

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GOLFERS EYE UP THE MANOR HOUSE AS CASTLE COMBE IS NAMED THE PRETTIEST VILLAGE IN THE UK

Golfers have even more reason to be attracted to The Manor House, Wiltshire, after the village it is situated in, Castle Combe, has been crowned the prettiest village in the UK.

A Welsh cottage company, FBM Holidays, conducted research looking at more than 160 places across the UK to collect data to determine the prettiest towns and villages in the country.

Each town and village was scored on multiple ranking factors, including how many awards it has and the number of Instagram hashtags.

How many times it featured in articles about the UK's prettiest places, towns or villages was also taken into consideration, as was its local National Trust sites and how many Google images of it were available.

The data was then ranked to reveal the overall top 10 prettiest places to visit in the UK, with Castle Combe topping the charts.

Already boasting an enviable reputation among avid golfers, the delightful 18-hole championship course, immersed in the enchanting surroundings of the Cotswolds with 365 acres of

breathtaking rolling countryside as a backdrop, offers some of the most idyllic scenery which can be seen on an English golf course.

Designed by Peter Alliss and Clive Clark, the mature oak and beech trees that line the carefully manicured fairways, together with the immaculate greens and the River Bybrook meandering through the middle, bring both drama and beauty to the 6,500-yard parkland course, which is rightly considered one of the best in the South West.

Golf Club Manager, Andrew Ryan, said: “We always knew that we were lucky enough to be located in one of the most beautiful parts of the country – but to be named number one is something quite extraordinary.

“We’re incredibly proud of our surroundings and location, but we want to make sure that the product we offer is just as good.





Our hotel and golf course are exceptional and blend seamlessly with the scenery to offer a special experience in the Cotswolds.

“Our greenkeepers work tirelessly to make sure that the course is just as impressive as the village it is situated in. And with exceptional course conditions all year round, particularly at the moment where it’s looking immaculate, they deserve so much credit.”



In addition to the golf course, The Manor House estate also encompasses the luxury 14th-century stately hotel, home to a Michelin starred restaurant, al-fresco dining terraces and a dedicated gin bar, as well as the cosy 12th-century country pub which sits in the heart of the village.

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GLOBAL JET LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE



Global Jet has continuously been proactive during the worldwide pandemic and would like to share some background on their activities, bring you up to speed on developments, and provide a preview of things to come.

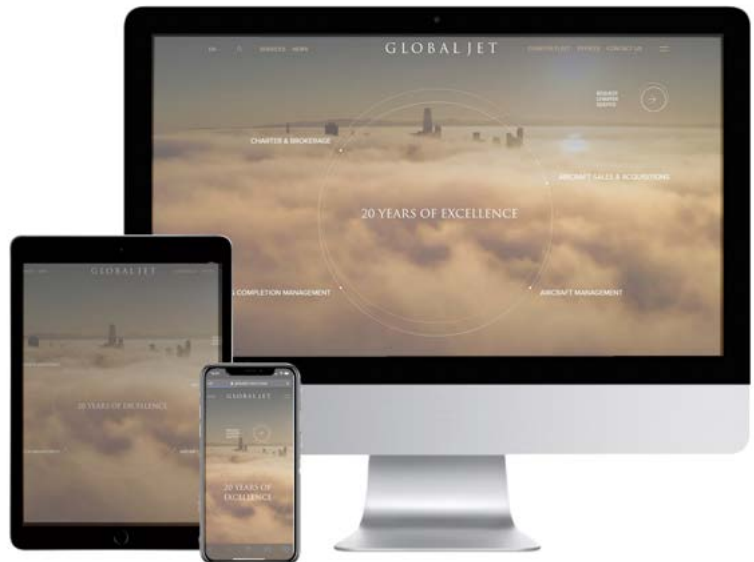
Global Jet started the summer 2021 by launching a brand-new website in 5 languages. It has been designed with a modern and new look with more functionalities and with more interactivities.

All Global Jet services are highlighted in an intuitive way where the end user can easily understand their philosophy, high standards and activities.

The Charter & Brokerage side of the company has been highlighted through the website and gives the users the opportunity to request directly charter quotes online. From very light, light, mid-size and long-range jets, right through to VIP airliners, all aircraft are listed and are available for rent. Their dedicated brokers will find precisely what you are looking for at the best price available.

Users will discover Global Jet's touch by seeing professional photos of aircraft's, 3D virtual tours, videos, floorplans, range maps and other new functionalities.

The Aircraft Sales & Acquisitions page will allow a better search of the aircraft thanks to the new filter functionalities (Year, Price, Manufacturer). Moreover, the Aircraft Sale Process and Aircraft Acquisition Process are highlighted in order to bring full transparency towards their clients.



Furthermore, Global Jet has been very active in the development and implementation of their new brand identity.

Global Jet continues to expand, 2021 is filled with new and interesting projects that will be shared during the upcoming year. Stay tuned for more...

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Ocean Paradise

Going one step beyond charter to yacht purchase is the ultimate lifestyle choice, with ownership delivering the greatest of rewards and providing the freedom to create unique memories with loved ones. It can certainly be hard to decide which is the perfect yacht when viewing the variety on offer – for some choosing between motor or sail can be straightforward, for others it is a more difficult decision.

Synonymous with speed and power, motor yachts are frequently what first comes to mind for many when visualising a superyacht. Sleek and stylish, without the restriction of sails and rigging, motor

yachts often offer spacious living accommodation. Depending on the size, motor yachts also have the capacity to house a large range of extensive amenities such as beach clubs, gyms and elevators. A great option for welcoming friends and family on board, motor yachts offer roomy staterooms with flexible layouts plus a selection of deck areas. Due to their elevated level from the water, motor yachts often deliver a drier sailing experience, with a smoothness aided by stabilizers. Able to explore locations within a quicker timeframe without reliance on wind, there is also the added to store tenders and water toys. For unlimited world cruising, and those seeking adventure, motor yachts certainly fit the bill.

Iduna



Roma



Liberating and invigorating, with the wind in your hair and salt spray on your face, the romance and exhilaration of sailing yachts is magical. Many sailing yachts today offer surprisingly expansive accommodation and open plan layouts plus the general lack of engine noise makes for the ultimate sense of peace and privacy. Reliance on wind power can sometimes bring logistical challenges, which is where advanced planning for all voyages is recommended. Sailing yachts generally offer good, if slightly more practical, amenities and water toys, whilst certainly featuring, tend to be less extensive than on a motor yacht due to storage limitations. Handling rigging and sails can be physically demanding and time consuming, so sailing yachts often require a more specialised crew. Many feature a shallow draft, allowing access into more remote bays for an enhanced up-close experience. One big draw of buying a sailing yacht is being part of the sailing “family” to experience regattas and other traditional yachting events.

Flying Dagger



Falling somewhere in between the motor sailer is the perfect combination for some – effectively 100% sailing and 100% motor yacht, able to perform to uncompromising standards for either purpose. Offering the sheer fun of sailing with the efficiency of motor propulsion plus often the bonus of roll reduction for a smoother ride, motor sailers are a highly attractive option for some. Enjoy the simplicity and silence of using sails with the peace of mind that essential mechanical assistance is always available if the wind is not in your favour. Many of these yachts also feature great outdoor space, large indoor areas and state-of-the-art amenities that could rival any motor yacht of a similar size.

Representing a diverse fleet of yachts currently available for sale, the team of experienced yacht brokers at Ocean Independence offer extraordinary expertise and industry knowledge.

From survey results to sea trials, negotiations to legalities, they assist every step of the way to deliver a stress-free process resulting in a successful transaction. With a variety of berths across luxury marinas in the Mediterranean and beyond, both for sale and rent, they can also source the ideal home for your new pride and joy.

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TOM CLAEREN IS TAKING US TO THE FUTURE OF YACHTING WITH VITA YACHTS

Summer 21 has been full of discoveries. Tom Claeren, always seeking new luxury toys, found the top-level electric yacht brand currently available on the market. VITA YACHTS is a British-born start-up that began its activity in 2017 to produce the first all-electric boat inspired by a classy and traditional design. Their baseline is “Inspired by Tradition, Powered by Electricity.”

Since then, they have developed two brand extensions called VITA Power, which offers a unique propulsion solution for other shipyards interested in clean electrical constructions, and VITA Superpower for charging stations.

Today, VITA YACHTS’ mission is to reduce the impact of boating on the marine environment by developing an all-electric and integrated ecosystem of marine superchargers, high-performance electric powertrains, and fully electric yachts.

Indeed, stricken by the level of CO2 gas emission of a classical integrated combustion engine boat of 10 meters, with 480 liters of diesel in its tank, generating approximately 1290kg of CO2 on a typical day out, is comparable to the CO2 emission rate of an ICE car over three months. It was essential to start building a better version of luxury yachts.

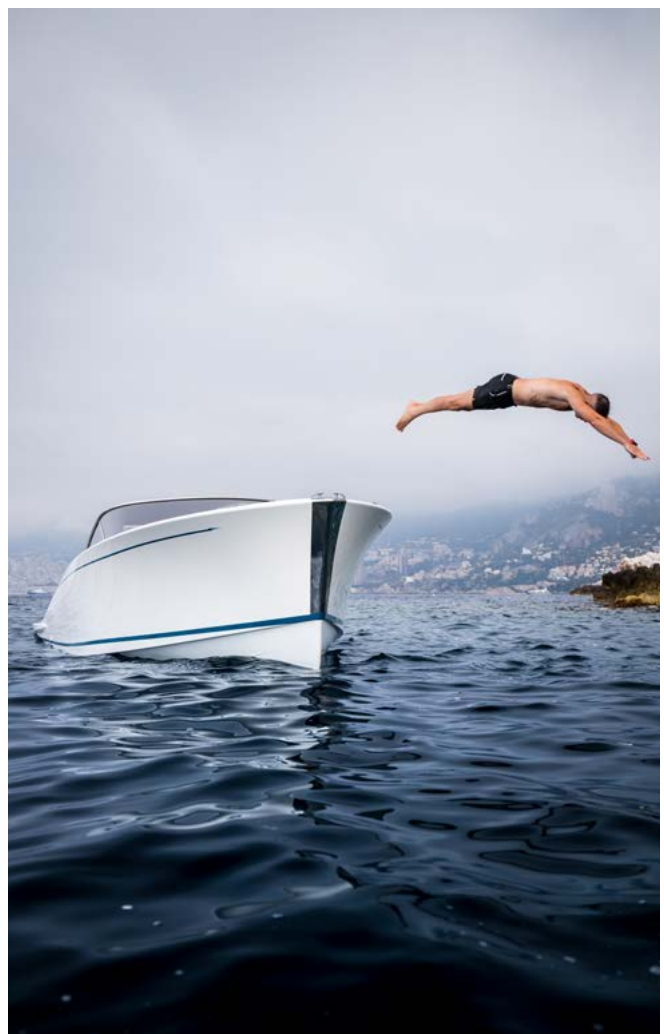
That's why VITA Yachts started to design their first electric boat, VITA IV launched in 2018, followed by VITA X in 2019, and then the VITA Lion launched earlier this year.

Tom Claeren had the chance to experience a day onboard the very last creation of VITA YACHTS on the French Riviera coastlines. The Lion is the most potent electric powerboat on the market, all-electric with a V4 propulsion system from VITA Power. The VITA Lion is the only electric boat with supercharging capability, in only 40 minutes DC charge time, allowing you to recharge while having a drink or a lunch at the beach. He had an excellent glimpse of this 10,5-meter-boat with a cruising speed of 25 knots with an exquisite design and clean lines. As Tom Claeren is always attracted by great sensation and speed, he could not resist testing the maximum speed of this powerful boat, going to 35 knots at its top speed.

In addition, this boat has been designed to be very practical and spacious, leaving enough room to bask in the rear sunbath while admiring the sunset over Monaco.



In conclusion, the VITA LION is your perfect ally for a getaway along the coastlines of the French Riviera with your friends or family. You'll have a pleasant time at sea, peaceful, with zero CO2 emissions, no noise nuisance to the fauna and flora but also your own comfort and obviously without any hint of gasoline.



Moreover, you will easily find a charging dock as VITA Power equipped the French Riviera with three charging points in Monaco, Cannes, and St. Tropez. You can leave at sea onboard the VITA Lion in complete serenity.

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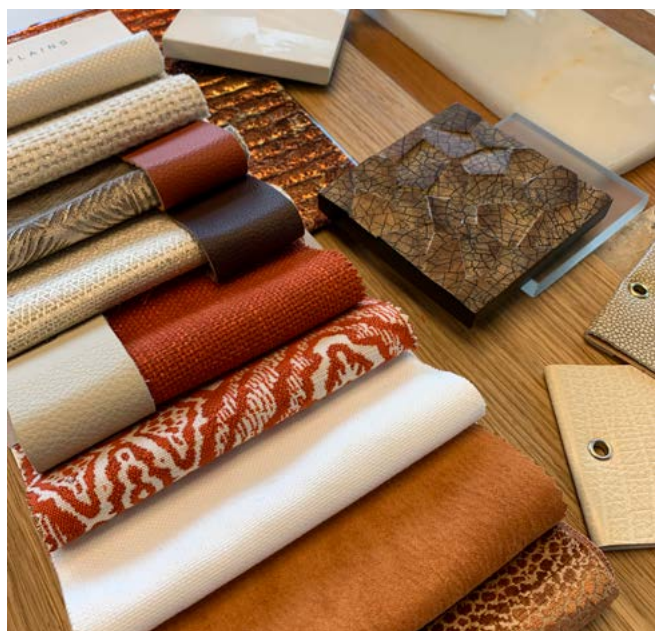
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The two-day combined high-end lifestyle show will take place on September 17th and 18th September 2021 at Wycombe Air Park.

The Elite Events - London showcases 6 key lifestyle areas, namely 'The Luxury Brand Show', 'Private Flyer Show', 'Supercar Showcase', 'British Golf Show', 'Marine Showcase' and 'The Home & Property Show'. All of these areas are co-located at the same time, same place, as part of the long-running The Elite Events - London offering.

There is total access to all showcased areas, which is open to all visitors. Furthermore, there will be plenty to see and do during the 2 days. Onsite experiences are available across the different lifestyle sectors, from Runway Test Drives to Clay Pigeon Shooting, Race Simulators, Wine Tasting, Golf Simulators, Outdoor Driving Range, Seminars, Beauty & Wellness treatments, Demo Products and much more.

"We intend to make this a truly wonderful day out for all involved. Enjoy the best of what our very own personal lifestyle choices have to offer, all at one setting, whilst also mixing life's other pleasures at the same time. We are focussed on making this a fantastic event, given its 2-year absence due to the worldwide pandemic said Alex Ayling, Managing Director of The Elite Luxury Events.

Tickets are still available and are priced at £15.00 per person (if pre-booked online, saving 25%)

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The luxury eponymous brand Marina Raphael was created by the heiress of the Swarovski family in 2018. Born to a Swiss-Austrian mother and a Greek father, the designer naturally takes over the Greek islands to set up her headquarter. Traveling across the world, Marina Raphael falls in love with the beauty that surrounding her. Architecture, art, and a variety of cultures influence and helped her to gain a global vision with a strong understanding of the international audience that enables her to design luxury handbags that please the most cutting-edge fashion connoisseurs.



Victoria Cellun: What was your intention when creating your eponymous brand?

Marina Raphael: From the beginning of Marina Raphael, our goal was to set the groundwork for an inclusive, sustainable luxury handbag brand. We wanted to create more than just a product. In this vast creative market, we needed to create something unique and extraordinary that at the same time caters to its consumers. It is a piece of art that stands for quality and practicality. It can be worn to uplift and elevate, magnifying confidence and empowering every individual to express their true self.

VC: Where do you draw your inspiration?

MR: I consider myself a people person, as I cherish the simple moments and things, a heart-to-heart conversation, a shared laugh, an individual's beaming personality, all stimuli that spark my imaginative nature towards creation. Nature has always been of great significance to me. It is my own personal sanctuary where I can genuinely be myself, take a moment to relax, and observe and appreciate the raw beauty around me. Growing up, I was drawn to visual culture, from fine art to design, because it helped me interpret and see the world in my own eyes. To this day, I seek inspiration from architecture, sculpture, and interior design, as I admire the clean lines, geometric patterns, and sculpted silhouettes that bring any artifact to life. Through this collection, I wanted to capture today's undeniable need for practicality and visual intrigue. More than ever now, when social gatherings are limited, I wished to create a collection of handbags to impress for even the simplest of outings.

VC: What do you like the most when creating a new collection?

MR: I am constantly fascinated by innovative materials and the wide range of traditional techniques combined with contemporary media that incarnate any idea. I am highly passionate about researching new sustainable processes, whether weaving, knitting, quilting, or embroidery and hand-dyeing, so I strive to incorporate them into my designs to create unique bags that retain a timeless aesthetic. Each collection is an opportunity to broaden our brand's creative spectrum by introducing modern materials yet adhere to the future of sustainable fashion.

VC: Where do you produce your handbags collections?

MR: All our manufacturing takes place in Florence, Italy, the heart of the famous luxury leather goods district. Made by the skillful hands of local artisans, we strive for the highest quality craftsmanship. With attention to detail, every seam and stitch on all Marina Raphael bags are crafted to perfection.



VC: What does Swarovski mean to you? Will we find them again in the following collections?

MR: Swarovski is and will always be part of my heritage. Hence, I am always proud to include an element of it in each and every collection because I wish to honor and pay homage to my ancestors and their legacy. Whether in a captivating starry pattern or a discreet yet distinctive crystal detail, my vision is to offer a dose of sparkle that will give great confidence to any person wearing it. In this FW21 Collection, you will find crystals incorporated in unique geometric motifs and embellishments.

VC: Will you introduce your new collection at a fashion show?

MR: Even though we currently don't participate in fashion shows, we always love to organize special events and host small dinners where clients, international press, influencers, models, etc., have a chance to view the collection and get the first glimpse! However, due to the pandemic restrictions, we opt for using social media to promote our products and get in touch with our customers.

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VC: What is your favorite piece from the Marina Raphael FW21 collection?

MR: My favorite piece from this FW21 collection has to be the Quilted Micro Riviera because it combines our signature Riviera shape, which encapsulates the idea of a “modern classic,” but with a unique twist! This statement bag can be worn with any modern and contemporary look and make any individual feel strong and empowered.



VC: Do you have a showroom where we can visit you?

MR: Our bags are currently available to see at our headquarters in Greece, where we have a showroom and present our collection to clients and buyers. We also collaborate with various showrooms in Paris, London, New York, and Copenhagen during fashion weeks.

VC: Where can we find your collection?

MR: You can shop our collection directly from our website www.marinaphael.com or at any retailers such as LuisaViaRoma Sustainable, HAMAC Beach Boutique in Dubai, and Abu Dhabi, Høyer in Norway, One&Only Resort in the Maldives, as well as in many other countries.

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SELLIER KNIGHTSBRIDGE TO OPEN EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS

Sellier Knightsbridge is pleased to announce the opening of its European Headquarters in Monaco this September 2021.

The space will serve as a retail showroom-head office hybrid, allowing Sellier to meet international demand for pre-loved luxury across Europe, reducing disruption to buyers and sellers caused by Brexit restrictions.



With a focus on sustainability and pre-loved luxury at its heart, Sellier Knightsbridge is pioneering the luxury consignment market by bringing together trusted re-sellers with a discerning customer base.

Sellier Knightsbridge carefully curates the most exquisite luxury pieces from around the world, from sought after Hermes bags, Yves Saint Laurent dresses and Alexander McQueen sunglasses to Stella McCartney tailored suits, sourcing product from trusted re-sellers

including the likes of Millie Mackintosh, Georgia Toffollo and Nicola Hughes.

With the aim to offer luxury product at a more affordable price and the best possible experience for both the buyer and seller, Sellier Knightsbridge understands the impact fast fashion consumption is having on the planet and wants to encourage their consumers to invest in timeless pre-loved pieces that become part of their everyday wardrobe.



Dinara Ibrahimova & Hanushka Toni Sellier - Knightsbridge Founders

'We decided to create a platform which would transform the experience for both buyers and sellers. Giving sellers a quick and seamless service where their items sell almost instantly; and giving buyers a tightly edited selection of carefully curated luxury items, they would want to buy - sifting out anything that's not desirable, worn to death or overpriced.'



Founded by mother and daughter duo Hanushka Toni and Dina Ibrahimova, the culmination of the founder's backgrounds - Hanushka's in luxury fashion marketing and Toni's in luxury re-sale - made them the perfect business partners. A lightbulb moment led them to launch Sellier Knightsbridge, the modern-day sustainable shopping experience for pre-loved luxury fashion products.





With their recent tactical pivot of launching an online platform, Sellier Knightsbridge is now reaching a global community, honing in on their loyal social following and creating thought-provoking and consistent social content which has enabled them to become one of the key players in the secondary market.

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 - Flora Harrison was created in 2012 •
- Samples began in Italy, where they are currently still produced •



- 2013 Exhibition at Olympia - 2014 Exhibition at Olympia - 2015 Open to Export finalist -
- 2016 Exhibition at MICAM, Milan - 2017 Move into Ecommerce with the launch of Ecommerce shop -
- 2018 Finalist amongst 10 brands on Friends Footwear - 2020 working in collaboration with Showcase.co -

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HUGO BOSS OPENS FIRST FLAGSHIP STORE IN GINZA

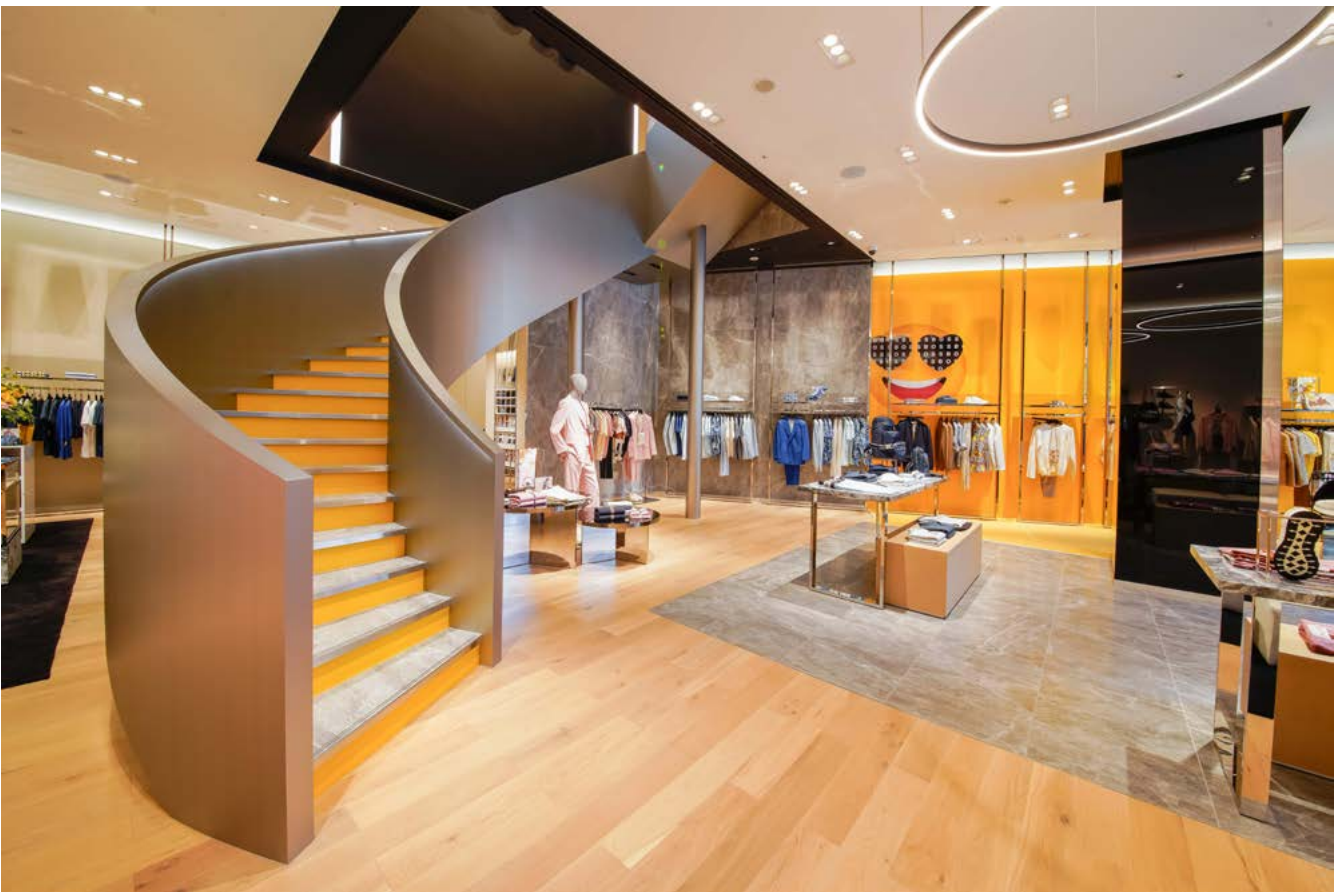
Earlier this year HUGO BOSS opened its first BOSS flagship store in Japan at Ginza, Tokyo's famous shopping district and most exclusive high-fashion hub.

Spanning two floors and a total retail space of 480 square meters, the store features the brand's latest interior concept and presents the full-line up of BOSS products and collections – from womenswear and menswear to the exclusive BOSS Made To Measure tailoring offer, for which a dedicated space was designed,

providing for exceptional customized service and an exclusive shopping experience.

Innovative and welcoming: the store concept

The signature elements of the store's interior concept are the white suspended back wall panels which give the impression of a "floating" wall. These were first introduced in the Soho, NY, store in 2020, and create the ideal backdrop for presenting product.



Freestanding furniture with cubic and solid shapes perfectly contrasts with the floating background. The combination of marble, wood and polished chrome materials adds to the modern and welcoming atmosphere.

Additional color elements in white, beige and black – mainly featured in textiles and wall treatments – radiate a warm and homely feel. This is emphasized by the open floor plan, the generous, inviting seating and subtle warm skylights throughout the store. In terms of digital innovation, customers can get inspired by the integrated digital media walls on the façade and in the store which show branded content as well as the latest videos and campaign footage, aiming to enrich the brand experience and the customer journey.

Marking the flagship store opening, a dedicated capsule collection featuring a unique print will be available exclusively in Japan, and will include hoodies, shirts, shorts and slides available for a limited time only. BOSS offers sophisticated, modern collections focused on quality and design to create an impeccable look – be it business, casual or athleisure. The menswear and womenswear line is also supplemented with shoes and accessories as well as eyewear, watches and fragrances.

BOSS Store Ginza

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The robust Mauron Musy Timepieces is a little piece of Switzerland. Rooted in an age-old tradition yet resolutely looking to the future, this “Swiss Crafted” certified Brand embodies the very essence of the land of watches. An object far more precious than its mere market value.

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This intrinsically noble watch houses an exclusive Manufacture movement. The ARMURE Collection is undoubtedly the first watch with a maintenance-free five-year guarantee.

Design and creation: Swiss Crafted

On the front side, the in-house dial features a sandwich structure composed of two superposed metal plates. The upper part features a finely microblasted surface finish and a curved snailed pattern in the center and on the small seconds counter. In the same spirit as the movement bridges, the hour-markers and cartouches on the lower dial are machined using the champlévé technique, highlighting the polished script appearing in relief. As for the case, its angles have been softened and its surfaces satin-brushed. The all MM collections are delivered with two rubber and leather straps featuring a tool-free change system.

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BVLGARI PRESENTS ICONIC TIMEPIECES AT WATCHES OF SWITZERLAND BROADGATE POP-UP

From August through to the end of November 2021, Bvlgari is proud to present timepieces from its iconic Octo and Serpenti collections at a pop-up in Watches of Switzerland Broadgate.



BVLGARI IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Present at Watches of Switzerland for the very first time, the Bvlgari pop-up will offer clients unrivalled access to a curated selection of luxury timepieces at the impressive new 530m² Broadgate location. Finding its home across the two floors of the showroom, the pop-up serves as the latest location to discover and purchase watches from Bvlgari's most iconic collections, Octo and Serpenti.

An array of exceptional timepieces that highlight the unrivalled Bvlgari haute horlogerie savoir faire and master craftsmanship will be displayed to welcome guests as they enter the latest sumptuous Watches of Switzerland store at 100 Liverpool Street, including world record-breaking Octo Finissimo complications and high-end Serpenti jewellery watches which will be displayed for the duration of the pop-up.

SERPENTI: THE ETERNAL BVLGARI MOTIF

Among the pieces presented, and making its debut in retail, is the brand-new Serpenti Tubogas watch in steel with black lacquered dial. Inspired by the woven metal covering historically designed to protect gas pipes, Bvlgari transformed this daily element into a design statement and, having mastered the technique in the 1940s, has since crafted the Tubogas bracelet in its Valenza workshop in every possible variation: steel, blackened steel or a combination of gold and steel. Merging two of the most iconic emblems of Bvlgari design, the Serpenti Tubogas watch coils the sinuosity of the snake with the contemporary soul of Tubogas. Crafted with a flexible and tubular litheness, the timepiece evokes both the seductive power of the serpent and the fluid shape of its wrapping body, representing a spellbinding encounter between irresistible glamour and distinctive jewellery design.

Alongside the Tubogas models will be a special display dedicated to a high-jewellery full pavé Serpenti-Scaglie. With a sophisticated double-spiral bracelet timepiece in white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, and a white mother-of-pearl dial, the timepiece perfectly captures the mastery of craftsmanship belonging to the Roman of Jeweller of Time.

OCTO: THE MODERN DAY WATCHMAKING ICON

For men, the focus of the pop-up shifts to Bvlgari watches creative director, Fabrizio Buonamassa's modern day icon, the Octo Finissimo and Octo Roma. Meaning 'eight' in Latin, Octo was born of the intersection between the square, earthly symbol of life, and the circle, symbol of eternity. It offers an architectural design with octagonal case inspired by a motif cutting across Rome's ancient architectural landmarks.



Since its debut in 2014, the ultra-thin version of Octo, Octo Finissimo, has made history as a feat of engineering, breaking world records in thinness for seven years running, epitomising not only the finesse of Italian design but also the precision of Swiss mechanics. Alongside novelties such as the Octo Finissimo S GMT and the Octo Finissimo Black Titanium, a selection of the most important Grands Complications for men such as the Octo Finissimo Tourbillon Squelette will be present, exquisitely embodying the idea of complex simplicity.



On display at the pop-up, and having joined the Octo Finissimo collection in 2021, will be three new pieces; a 42mm Octo Finissimo Chronograph GMT in titanium, a 40mm Octo Finissimo S Steel with a silvered dial, and a 43mm Octo Finissimo S Chrono GMT Steel with a stunning blue dial.

For the duration of the pop-up, Bvlgari's timepieces can also be found on the Watches of Switzerland, Mappin & Webb and Goldsmiths websites.

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THE ART OF WATCHMAKING

Watchmaking, the art which combines aesthetics and mechanics. On one hand, the aesthetics on the dial of the timepiece, and on the other hand the mechanic which is the heart of the timepiece. An exquisite combination of both creates a luxury watch. The new series that is represented by Antonio Boggati is inspired by the eclipse phenomenon.

An eclipse is an astronomical event that occurs when one celestial body is temporarily obscured, bypassing into the shadow of another body or by having another body pass between it and the viewer.

The term eclipse is used to describe a solar or a lunar eclipse which is either total or partial. In this case, the designer Antonio Boggati immortalizes a partial solar eclipse during which the moon covers a part of the sun in an annulus creating a luminous ring. How beautiful

and unique, one of the most impressive phenomena of space to be depicted on a watch dial that inhales art and exhales luxury.

“The Eclipse Series” is a series that combines exaggeration, elegance, and luxury. It is a series based on the first series of the brand, “Couple La Paris Series”, maintaining the asymmetrical and modern design that is the identity of the Antonio Boggati brand. The series “The Eclipse Series”, is a limited edition, with a Swiss movement, sapphire crystal, premium leather, and 316L high-quality steel. All the details inside the watch are embossed with special patterns to create the feeling of space. In order of making it much more stunning, the brand designer added a touch of a pair of two asymmetrical Swarovski elliptical curves to the watch case, creating a work of art.

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BLANCPAIN

ANNOUNCES ITS COLLABORATION WITH MICHAËL MICHAELIDIS, THREE-TIME MICHELIN-STARRED CHEF FOR JOËL ROBUCHON RESTAURANT TOKYO

Blancpain is delighted to welcome the three-Michelin-star chef Michaël Michaelidis into its circle of culinary friends. After having joined the Joël Robuchon family in 2011, whose ties with Blancpain have endured since the 1980s, chef Michaelidis has demonstrated outstanding skills throughout many countries ahead of his designation as Executive Chef for Joël Robuchon Restaurant Tokyo in 2017. Since then, he has consecutively acquired three Michelin stars.

In addition to its roles as partner of the Michelin Guide, official timekeeper of renowned culinary contests, and as reviewer of the world's finest restaurants in its magazine *Lettres du Brassus*, Blancpain timepieces have adorned the wrists of famous chefs for more than three decades. Today, the Maison is thrilled to collaborate with chef Michaël Michaelidis, whose three Michelin stars join the ranks of the Brand's award-winning circle of culinary friends.



Haute horlogerie and haute cuisine share a similarly rigorous discipline: the quality of a Blancpain timepiece and of a gourmet dish both rely on precise adjustments along with a subtle blend of tradition and creativity. The Maison's watchmakers, as well as chef Michaël Michaelidis demonstrate a fascinating ability to assemble a wealth of components and ingredients to create masterpieces. Time, moreover, plays a crucial role in the preparation of a refined delicacy. As a faithful curator of time since 1735, Blancpain will set the tempo in Joël Robuchon Restaurant Tokyo's kitchen, with dishes crafted to the pace of the Fifty Fathoms flyback chronograph from now on.

Chef Michaël Michaelidis

Born in 1982 in Cannes, Michaël Michaelidis' passion for cooking was ignited by his aunt, who owned a fine dining restaurant in The Netherlands. During his summer holidays, the young Michaël worked as an apprentice alongside her in the restaurant. Even at that tender age, his talent, diligence and meticulousness were evident.

Over the years, chef Michaelidis has been working with some of the most celebrated restaurants around the world. These include the two-Michelin-star Palme d'Or at Grand Hyatt Cannes Hôtel Martinez, three-Michelin-star Le Louis XV-Alain Ducasse in Monte Carlo, and Spoon By Alain Ducasse in Hong Kong, where he contributed to the award of the restaurant's second Michelin star.

Chef Michaelidis joined the Joël Robuchon family in 2011, as chef de cuisine of L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon in Hong Kong, which owns three Michelin stars. He particularly enjoyed the open kitchen concept, which allowed him to interact with guests, and prepare his best dishes before their eyes.

After two years in Hong Kong, he moved down south to Singapore to take up a new challenge as Executive Chef of Joël Robuchon Restaurant at Resorts World Sentosa.

Chef Michaelidis received great recognition for his achievements from Joël Robuchon himself, and numerous awards from the Michelin Guide and The Forbes Travel Guide. In 2017, he was assigned as Executive Chef of Joël Robuchon Restaurant Tokyo, and has already acquired three Michelin stars.





Blancpain and the Art of Living

The encounter between the world of haute horlogerie and haute cuisine, between Blancpain and the Art of Living is entirely self-evident, whether in terms of their common attachment to fine craftsmanship, the importance placed on product quality, or the respect for terroir and traditions. These shared values also encompass the same quest for excellence, expertise, a sure touch and true passion.

Blancpain cultivates special ties with the greatest award-winning chefs, encompassing more than 100 Michelin stars among its circle of friends, past and present.

It all began in 1986, well before the current craze for haute cuisine, when the brand offered its friend Frédy Girardet a specially engraved watch upon winning the “World’s Best Chef” award. Three years later, Blancpain reiterated its commitment when the latter, along with Paul Bocuse and Joël Robuchon, were named “Chefs of the Century”. The Manufacture honoured them at the time by giving each of them an engraved watch commemorating the occasion. Since then, Blancpain’s circle of friends has continued to grow and now includes new names on the international gastronomy scene, including the Spanish chef Martín Berasategui, Edgard Bovier of Switzerland and Julien Royer from the Auvergne region of France, all of whom have been awarded stars in the Michelin Guide.

In 2020, Blancpain expressed its close connection with the famous Michelin Guide through a three-year global partnership. By way of this new collaboration, the Manufacture and the Michelin Guide intend to work together in promoting their touchstones of excellence, passion and expertise.

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THE MACALLAN AND BENTLEY MOTORS JOIN FORCES IN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY TOWARDS THE FUTURE



The Macallan single malt Scotch whisky and luxury British automotive manufacturer Bentley Motors have revealed a unique partnership that will build on their rich heritage to develop distinctive collaborations and further their vision of a more sustainable future.

United by a dedication to mastery, craftsmanship, creativity, and innovation, the two world-leading brands will share learnings from their respective industries, while pursuing the uncompromised excellence for which they are renowned.

By bringing together The Macallan's mastery of whisky-making with Bentley Motors' expertise in the world of luxury cars, the collaboration will create immersive experiences and inspirational products that deliver timeless luxury balanced with a commitment to a more progressive world.

The global brand partnership was unveiled today at The Macallan Estate in the Speyside region of Scotland, alongside the launch of a new Hybrid Bentley – the next step in Bentley's journey to become the world's leading sustainable luxury mobility company as part of its Beyond100 strategy.

Igor Boyadjian, Managing Director for The Macallan, said: “The Macallan and Bentley Motors each have a rich heritage, and shared values of mastery, craftsmanship, creativity and innovation. Our collaboration presents a remarkable opportunity to compare our time-earned knowledge and learn from each other. We will generate fresh and contemporary thinking around our consumer engagement, our exceptional experiences, and ultimately our products.

“A key focus of the partnership will be our commitment to a more sustainable future. The breath-taking natural landscape at The Macallan Estate provides the perfect platform for us to embark together on this exciting and extraordinary journey.”

Bentley’s Chairman and Chief Executive, Adrian Hallmark, said: “Transforming Bentley into the world’s most sustainable luxury car company is an exciting journey, and I’m delighted to be working with The Macallan with one common goal – to both lead our fields as we work towards a more sustainable future.

“We will learn from each other in the coming months and years to advance our programmes together, and on the way work on some truly extraordinary experiences, projects and products. Our brands are two that share the same ethos - the passion for exceptional quality, a respect for artisanal handcraftsmanship, and now a drive towards genuine, world-leading sustainability. I’m looking forward to the adventure together.”

Established by Alexander Reid on a plateau above the River Spey in north-east Scotland in 1824, The Macallan is renowned across the globe for its extraordinary single malt whiskies. Nurtured by nature for almost 200 years, sustainability is a constant guiding principle for the brand. Its wide-reaching sustainability strategy incorporates a

range of elements including giving back to communities; nurturing The Macallan Estate; progressive packaging; and partnering with sustainable suppliers.

Key goals are achieving carbon neutrality on The Macallan Estate by 2030, promoting responsible sourcing and cultivating a global community of artisans. It is also committed to having a fully electric passenger vehicle fleet on The Macallan Estate by 2025. Following the partnership announcement with Bentley Motors, the brand will take delivery of two hybrid Bentleys this year.

Bentley Motors was founded in London in 1919 and quickly rose to fame in the world of motorsports, before carving out an unmatched position as the pinnacle of the automotive sector, able to combine luxury and performance in a unique and unrivalled way. The world’s most sought-after luxury car brand, Bentley Motors is now undergoing the biggest transformation in its 102-year history with the introduction of its ambitious Bentley 100 sustainability strategy.

The partnership will initially focus on a selection of core areas, including the brands’ shared journey to carbon neutrality, innovative research into the sourcing of sustainable materials, and teamwork on finding and sharing sustainable, local suppliers.

It will additionally deliver a wide range of projects over the coming years, including jointly-developed products from both The Macallan and Bentley, curated customer experiences and collaborative events.

For further information visit www.themacallan.com and www.bentleymotors.com

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INTRODUCING ORMER MAYFAIR BY SOFIAN



Ormer Mayfair by Sofian is destined to be one of the most exciting reopenings of 2021 and is the first solo project by exciting young chef, Sofian Msetfi. With a Michelin-starred kitchen brigade and brand-new tasting menus, this is refined, elegant dining at its best. No gimmicks, no try-too-hard food, just impeccable ingredients, treated with respect and perfectly plated.

Sofian has created three tasting menus – five-courses (£50 lunch only) plus seven (£70) and nine-courses (£90), including vegetarian options. Menus reflect his Michelin-starred training (Adare Manor, The Hand and Flowers, Midsummer House), devotion to his craft, uncompromising standards and passion for British ingredients. The talent in the kitchen shines through the menus with Sofian supported by new Senior Sous Chef, Chris Hopkins (previously of the two Michelin-starred Dinner by Heston) and current Senior Sous Chef Shaun Rankin-trained Thomas Moore.

Signature dishes include warm Ibérico ham with Parmesan, Bramley apple and nasturtium; English asparagus, morels and Vin Jaune; poached native lobster, Isle of Wight tomatoes, pine nuts and basil; roast rack of Dorset lamb, confit of lamb breast, cucumber and dill; and Abinao and tapioca tart with Pedro Ximénez sherry and salted milk sorbet. Vegetarian tasting plates include pearl barley risotto with garlic, Parmesan and puffed barley; and a shallot tarte fine with confit garlic, chicory and sherry butter sauce.

A wine pairing menu is also available with bins expertly chosen to complement Sofian's food by Sommelier Zareh Mesrobyan. Diners can finish their tasting experience by selecting a plate of British cheeses from the new dedicated trolley.



The quintessentially British, 1930's-inspired restaurant, designed by Tony Filmer, is awash with understated glamour and now boasts its own private entrance on Clarges Street. Exuding subtle sophistication, the dining room is lined with aged oak wood panelling, Carrara and Nero Marquina geometrical, monochrome marble floors and forest green velvet banquettes threaded with gold and British racing green. From hidden alcoves behind bronze and cast glass screens to long banquettes, tables are discretely distanced for comfort whilst those in search of complete privacy can book one of the three private dining rooms, seating from six to 22, or take the affectionately known 'naughty table' concealed behind a heavy red velvet curtain.

Expertly made cocktails come from the adjoining Manetta's bar. Reviving the name of the original hang-out at Flemings back in the 1930s, the stylish lounge bar recaptures the surreptitious spirit of a place where spies used to swap secrets and clandestine trysts took place.

Sofian and Chris join the existing team, every member handpicked by General Manager Henrik Muehle, and all committed to delivering a superlative experience, directed by the charming Food & Beverage Manager, Agnieszka Josko (previously of The Greenhouse).

The restaurant is open for dinner only on Wednesday and lunch and dinner Thursday to Saturday.

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SMOKED AND MARINATED AUTUMN BEETS WITH BURRATA, HAZELNUT DUKKAH AND DANDELION **BY TOM KERRIDGE**

Recipe is as follows:

Serves 4 as a starter or double the portion for a main course

- Cook the beetroot in salted water until they are tender (you will need separate pans so the red do not stain the golden). It should take around 1 hour or until a blunt knife can easily penetrate to the centre. Remove from the water and allow to cool to room temperature. Peel the skin from the beetroot and place on a cooling rack that fits into a lidded metal cake tin or metal food container.
- Next put the smoking chips into a medium saucepan and on to a high heat on a stove top. Keep stirring them until the chips really start to smoulder then empty the chips into the container. Quickly place the beetroot on the cooling rack on top followed by the lid. Cling film the whole thing to seal everything inside and place into a fridge overnight.
- The next day mix all the ingredients for the marinade and remove the beetroot from the tin and submerge in the marinade. These are ready after a further 24 hours and will keep for up to a week.
- For the Dukkah mix all the ingredients uniformly and store in an air tight container until ready to use. This will keep for up to one month in a lidded container.
- To assemble pull the Burrata and Beetroot out of the fridge for a couple of hours before plating.
- Slice the stale bread as thinly as possible and bake between 2 flat trays with a little olive and salt on 160C for 10 minutes or until crispy.
- Slice the Burrata in half and place in the centre of the plate. Season with a pinch of flaky sea salt.
- Cut the Beetroot into wedges and put a couple of each colour on each plate. Dress the Dandelion and Chicory with some of the Beetroot Marinade and place a couple of leaves on each plate.
- Sprinkle with a generous spoon of the Dukkah, a couple of shards of the crispy bread and a final drizzle of the marinade.



SMOKED AND MARINATED AUTUMN BEETS WITH BURRATA, HAZELNUT DUKKAH AND DANDELION

INGREDIENTS:

MAKES 4 PORTIONS:

- 2 Red and 2 Golden Beetroot around tennis ball size
- 2 Best Quality Burrata
- Small piece of stale bread
- 1 x small Red Chicory
- 200g of Dandelion
- 250g of Hickory Smoking Chips

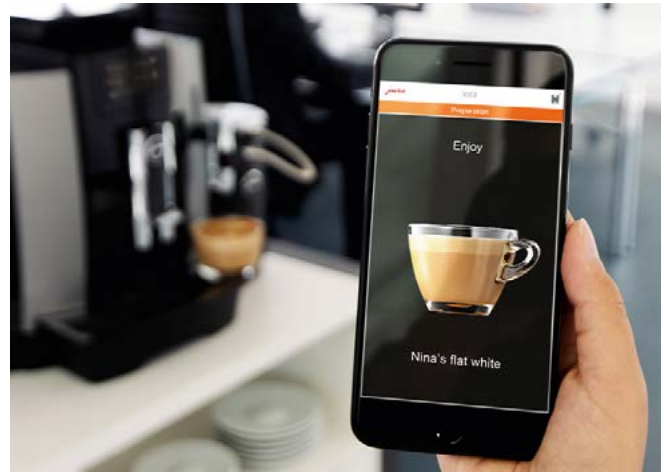
FOR THE DUKKAH:

- Toasted Hazelnuts 40g, Pumpkin Seeds 10g, Sunflower Seeds 10g, Sesame Seeds 5g, Z'ataar 5g, Dried Mint 1g, Dried Parsley 1g, Dried Rose Petals 1g, Turkish Red Pepper Flakes 1g, Salt 2g

FOR THE BEETROOT MARINADE:

- 140g Water
- 60g Red Wine Vinegar
- 50g Cabernet Sauvignon Vinegar
- 40 g Lemon Juice
- 20g Muscovado Sugar
- 10g Honey
- 8g Salt
- 40g Olive Oil

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Carine Roitfeld's 7 Lovers collection is an homage to the former editor-in-chief of Vogue Paris' unforgettable inamoratos in iconic cities around the world, the conquests of her insatiable hunger for romance and passion.

Aurelien

The Aurélien eau de parfum is inspired by her first great love in Paris; it takes on an opposites-attract narrative with its elegant yet sensual combination of jasmine and orange blossom with davana, musk and resins.

Oriental Fragrance;

Top: Davana

Middle: Jasmine, Orange blossom

Base: Benzoin, Musk, Myrrh, Opopanax, Patchouli, Amber

George

The George eau de parfum is inspired by a London affair; straddling tradition and modernity, as the iconic metropole does, it electrifies fresh, floral notes of jasmine, rose and iris with cannabis accords and oakmoss.

Fresh Fragrance;

Top: Galbanum, Violet leaves, Cannabis accord

Middle: Iris, Jasmine, Rose

Base: Oakmoss,

Woody notes,

Earthy accord



Kar-Wai

The Kar-Wai eau de parfum is inspired by an affair in Hong Kong; smoked longjing tea lingers in the air as cardamom, jasmine and musks intensify the mystery and intrigue of its leather notes.

Woody Fragrance;

Top: Bergamot, Tea flower

Middle: Cardamom, Jasmine, Osmanthus, Rose

Base: Saffron, Vetiver, Musks

Lawrence

The Lawrence eau de parfum is inspired by the extravagance of Dubai; aromatic notes of cumin and coriander uplift precious saffron from an irresistible oud base.

Woody Fragrance;

Top: Saffron

Middle: Coriander, Cumin, Jasmine

Base: Musk, Tolu balsam, Oud

Orson

The Orson eau de parfum is inspired by her second home of New York; a scent of unabashed sensuality, it wraps tuberose and ylang ylang in soft sandalwood and tonka bean and scatters it with hawthorn petals.

Oriental Fragrance;

Top: Hawthorn

Middle: Tuberose, Ylang ylang

Base: Opopanax, Sandalwood, Tonka bean, Benzoin

Sebastian

The Sebastian eau de parfum is inspired by the sensual tango halls of Buenos Aires; it encircles energetic immortelle, sending it twirling with the strength of tuberose and culminating in a long, lavish dip of soft sandalwood and creamy vanilla.

Woody Fragrance:

Top: Immortelle

Middle: Tuberose

Base: Sandalwood, Vanilla

Vladimir

The Vladimir eau de parfum is inspired by her Slavic roots and St. Petersburg; two lovers stealing away into the wings of The Mariinsky Theatre, bright grapefruit and bergamot are enveloped by aromatic sage and heady incense, as frankincense contrasts against amber to express rigour and fluidity like dancers warming up to Tchaikovsky on the main stage.


Oriental Fragrance;

Top: Bergamot, Grapefruit, Incense

Middle: Sage, Geranium, Iris

Base: Amber, Cedarwood, Vanilla

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Imagine a wood panelled room, a deep leather armchair, embers glowing in the hearth, whisky in one hand, book in the other. This is Q: intoxicating, enveloping and mysterious.

The inaugural scent from Saunders & Long, the distinguished grooming label by Nick Saunders and Jonny Long, Q is an elegant, sophisticated fougère, masterfully blended by François Robert. Q is inspired by the earthy aromas of unlit tobacco leaves and the layered woods of the humidior.

A fourth generation perfumer, Robert's great grand father pioneered the absolute distillation process in Grasse in 1860. On timely expedition to Havana, Robert made a tour of discovery in the historic factories where cigars have been hand-rolled for centuries. Bringing this experience back to the South Coast of England, Robert began to capture the olfactory signature of the Cuban cigar. "I am fascinated by the mesmerising smell of an unlit cigar and of a cigar box. It is a very complex mixture of different aromas which I understood when I spent time in Cuba with producers," François Robert explains,

"I discovered they bathe the leaves in a mixture of honey with hints of lemon and aromatic herbs. To reproduce the smell of the cigar box involved mixing different varieties of cedar woods without letting the dryness overcome the accord."

An eau de toilette, Q opens with sparkling, fresh top notes including bergamot, mandarin, grapefruit, spicy nutmeg and basil, with a distinctive pink pepper note, obtained by cold extraction process to preserve the full character. In the heart, olibanum from the Arabian peninsula, geranium, lavender and cedar wood wrap around the bespoke tobacco accord, which contains a unique seaweed note. The dry down reveals earthy, smoky Haitian vetiver, patchouli, amber and precious woods. Multi-faceted, the accord gives a hint of whisky, the sweetness of tobacco leaf and the mystique of olibanum. Lavender and geranium provide the classic hallmarks of masculine perfumery. "The deep sensual note is absolutely stunning and adding the sparkling whisky and pepper and olibanum touch to lighten the accord beautifully," says Robert.



THE PACKAGING

Designed for stylish global nomads, the meticulously crafted, matt black canister recalls the smooth curve of a cigar tube, with the perfume secretly concealed within, for a covert mission. Nick Saunders comments: “A true gentleman has a love affair with intriguing gadgets. The inspiration came from the cigar and whisky notes that our Master Perfumer had infused into the fragrance. The atomiser is intentionally suggestive of the shape and texture of both the silencer from a vintage spy movie and the cigar tube of an Epicure No. 2.”

The compact, robust aluminium case has a removable base and a tactile grip detail around the cap. It contains a refillable glass atomiser. At 12ml, it complies with airline restrictions for carry-on liquids. Refillable and recyclable to lessen waste, the 125ml aluminium bottle comes with a matching black funnel for decanting and provides up to ten refills.

The full Saunders & Long product portfolio is available to buy on saundersandlong.com

“Q has been a labour of love for the past five years,” says Jonny Long, “it has been a slow, gradual process of iterative improvement, going back and forth with our Master Perfumer, François. From day one on this journey with Saunders & Long, Nick and I agreed we’d never settle on the scent until we were both satisfied. That day finally came. We both smiled, because we knew it was the one: it was formula Q.”

THE FRAGRANCE NOTES

TOP NOTES: Pink Pepper, Bergamot, Basil, Nutmeg, Mandarin, Grapefruit

HEART NOTES: Tobacco Accord, Olibanum, Geranium, Cedar wood, Lavender

BASE NOTES: Haitian Vetiver, Patchouli, Amber, Precious Woods



Q EAU DE TOILETTE, THE SET - £195
(12ml refillable atomiser, 125ml bottle + black funnel)

Q EAU DE TOILETTE REFILL - £105 for 125ml

Q EAU DE TOILETTE TRAVEL CASE - £100

Chopard

GARDENS OF KINGS COLLECTION

A collection of four masculine luxury fragrances showcasing the exceptional. The world's most precious oud – Oud Assafi –, sustainably sourced and flawlessly blended with a superb array of the finest natural ingredients.

After Gardens of the Tropics and Gardens of Paradise, Chopard's new Haute Parfumerie collection for men - Gardens of the Kings - pays tribute to the most precious, noble and mythical natural ingredient in perfume - oud.

With Gardens of the Kings, for the first time, an entire Haute Parfumerie collection showcases the world's purest and most outstanding quality of oud - Oud Assafi™(1) from Jalali Agarwood. More precious than gold, Oud Assafi is ethically and sustainably sourced from the sacred lands of Sylhet – the cradle of Indian oud (Al-Hindi) since time immemorial.

The four fragrances, created by the Master Perfumer Alberto Morillas, take Oud Assafi on an olfactive journey across India, China, the Middle-East and South America, blending it with a superb array of exceptional natural ingredients responsibly sourced from five different continents.

Four perfumes - Agar Royal – Aigle Impérial – Nuit des Rois – Or de Calambac - whose scents and names reveal the mysteries and fascination of oud through time and the world.

AGAR ROYAL - 100ml RRP £260

The radiant splendor of the Maharajahs of India

Agar Royal is a tribute to the Great Kings of the Indies, the palaces of the Maharajahs, and the splendor and shimmering colors of the subcontinent, which makes oud vibrate with all the light and richness of its land of origin.

The Master Perfumer created a noble and charismatic “white” oud by adorning Oud Assafi with other great symbols of India's perfume heritage – sambac jasmine, tuberose, sandalwood and cypriol nagarmotha.

A fragrance whose name evokes its roots: in Sanskrit “agaru” means “wood that does not float” because of its high content of resin. Agar Royal is a perfume of royal lineage worn as an invisible garment embroidered with gold and light.

Top notes: Orange Blossom Absolute

Heart notes: Calabrian Bergamot

Base notes: Copaiba Absolute





AIGLE IMPÉRIAL - 100ml RRP £260
The sophistication and mystery of the Far East

Aigle Impérial pays tribute to the majestic jade-green forests and imperial gardens of the Far-East, treasuring sacred temples and magnificent palaces bathed in the vital energy of nature.

The Master Perfumer has envisioned a natural and airy oud with an intense woody heart and a vegetal breath of fresh, ethereal air, blended with the mysterious notes of dark incense.

Recalling that in its history oud bore the name of Eaglewood, Aigle Impérial captures the heights of a vibrant and rejuvenating freshness, one that accompanies the mystical silence of a Far East undergrowth at dawn.

Top notes: Orange Blossom Absolute
Heart notes: Calabrian Bergamot
Base notes: Copaiba Absolute



NUIT DES ROIS - 100ml RRP £260
The magnificence of the Princes of Arabia

Nuit des Rois is a grandiose tribute to the Arabian princes, masters of sumptuous ceremonies, and to the bewitching spell of starlit desert nights.

The Master Perfumer, Alberto Morillas, conceived the “king of woods, wood of kings” as a powerful nocturnal oud: rich, opulent and glamorous, blended with two other grand naturals of perfumery - Bulgarian rose and Orris. Three exceptional materials that together signify an olfactory wealth, beauty and contemporary immensity as infinite as the horizon of a “night of kings”.

Top notes: Indian Jasmine Absolute
Heart notes: Tuberose Absolute
Base notes: Sandalwood Essential Oil




OR DE CALAMBAC - 100ml RRP £260
The richness of an epicurean oud soaked with the colors of Latin America

With Or de Calambac the Master-Perfumer frees himself from the history of oud by reinventing it and giving it the colors, energy and tastes of lush Latin America and its great seducers. He has imagined an epicurean oud, from whence Oud Assafi radiates all the wealth of the land where spices and noble ingredients are born to fill in the senses.

After envisioning this oud discovering the New World, Alberto Morillas brings it back, redolent with a luxuriance of new smells and tastes.

Top notes: Incense
Heart notes: Provence Honey
Base notes: Indian Ocean Pink Pepper



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CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF HONEST NURTURING AND WELLBEING



GAIA Skincare is an award-winning natural skincare brand that was conceptualised alongside Gaia Spa at Boringdon Hall Hotel in Devon. This year, it celebrates five years of honest nurturing and wellbeing. We meet founder Diane Nettleton to find out more about the journey she and GAIA have been on together.

Tells us about yourself and how you got into skincare.

Prior to launching GAIA Skincare, I worked in hospitality for 30 years, it's how I met my husband. As a family, we developed a group of hotels across the South West, launching the Fistral Spa in 2007.

When my husband passed away in 2013, I felt totally lost. I found throwing myself into my own wellbeing - making sure I was taking care of my mind and my body - really helped me. I wanted to create something that helped other people find that solace and take care of their physical and mental selves. This is how we came to conceptualise GAIA.

After three years of careful development, we launched GAIA Skincare and our flagship Gaia Spa with a curated range of treatments in a space of natural balance and wellbeing. Our handmade skincare extends the Gaia Spa experience of nurturing both physical and mental wellbeing to the home.

How did this translate into the products and the ingredients used? Inspired by the ancient Greek Goddess of the Earth, Gaia, we use only the highest quality natural ingredients, plant actives and essential oils, ensuring our products are certified vegan and cruelty-free. Working closely with expert aromatherapists, we have created three distinct collections:

Awakening: This is our signature blend, with the purpose of uplifting energy and renewing optimism throughout the day. With pure essential oils of tangerine, grapefruit and peppermint. Products within this collection include the Awakening Salt and Oil Body Scrub and Awakening Body Cream.

Balancing: Lemon, ylang ylang and palmarosa oils combine to create a sense of harmony and equilibrium. We use this blend in our Balancing Bath Oil – perfect for adding to a warm bath to restore peace and tranquillity at the end of the day.

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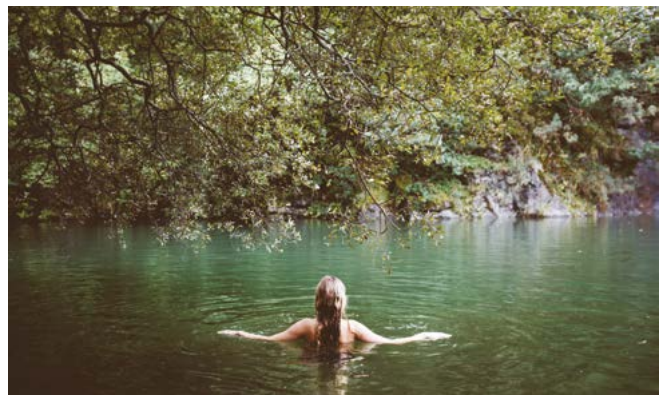
Every one of our products contains a bespoke citrine crystal elixir. Citrine has been used throughout ancient wellness traditions to support a healthy solar plexus chakra and aid in emotional balance and positive intentions.

If you had to choose your favourite product, what would it be?

It's really challenging to narrow it down, but, right now, I find I'm most often reaching for the Crystal Purifying Face Mask. After working on it for over a year, we recently launched this mask as part of a new trio, and we've already had so much positive feedback from customers and our spa partners. It was also a winner at the Pure Beauty Global Awards this year, so I'm incredibly proud of this one.

What's next for GAIA? GAIA was built on a foundation of shared experiences and connections, which has meant our website has naturally become a wellbeing resource. We'll soon be expanding on this by creating a podcast so that people can hear from like-minded individuals and experts, whether they're on the move or taking some time for themselves.

GAIA Skincare products are available to purchase from www.gaiaskincare.com





Natural Living

The roots of GAIA Skincare go back to Greek mythology and their natural approach to medicine. Gaia also known as Mother Nature was the first Greek goddess and considered the very soul of the earth. Mother Nature is always working to achieve and maintain harmony, wholeness and balance within the environment and GAIA Skincare connects deeply with these energies.

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THE STORY:

Meet UBUNA, the fully customisable skincare range that puts you in control of your complexion. Natural AntiBody Technology from Japan combines with high-tech ingredients to create a capsule line-up of power serums that address four major skin concerns. Think skincare at its most advanced.

THE DIFFERENCE:

UBUNA's serums are powered by natural AntiBody Technology, a by-product of medical research by a noted professor at Japan's University of Kyoto. It was discovered that the same antibodies

used to fight off viruses also effectively helped boost ceramide replenishment and neutralise skin-damaging antigens. Caused by external factors like pollution and sun, these antigens can trigger fine lines, wrinkles, and dullness.

During the development of UBUNA, researchers found that the unfertilised egg yolks of the ostrich contain an incredibly high concentration of natural antibodies that help fight the damaging external aggressors that can accelerate the visible signs of aging. Using a 100% humane and sustainable process that doesn't harm the ostrich in any way, the yolks are extracted and processed to reveal the hero active ingredient — antibodies.



THE BENEFITS:

UBUNA's four hero serums were all created to offer the ultimate in anti-aging prevention and protection. Each serum features AntiBody Technology fused with carefully curated active ingredients to target specific skin concerns. Formulas are "7-Free" with no harmful preservatives, color additives, or highly processed chemicals. All serums are suitable for even the most sensitive skin.

THE PRODUCTS:

You can custom-create your optimal skincare regimen.

BRIGHTEN

MAXIMUM GLOW SERUM, £180

Natural Melanin AntiBody Complex blended with skin-brightening Alpha Arbutin and derivatized Vitamin C boost skin's luminosity. Dull, lackluster skin will instantly look revitalised with a healthy glow.

DRENCH

INTENSIVE HYDRATION SERUM, £180

Our Ceramide AntiBody Complex is blended with a fusion of triple Hyaluronic Acids and derivatised Amino Acids to provide deep, intensive moisture. Skin will look smoother and plumper and feel intensely hydrated.

RE-GEN

RENEWAL SLEEP SERUM, £180

Our Ceramide AntiBody Complex works in harmony with powerful tri-peptides and elasticity-boosting Proteoglycan. The powerful actives work as a reset button for skin as you sleep.

RESIST

ANTI-POLLUTION SERUM, £180

Our Ceramide AntiBody Complex combines with Actinidia Polyglama Fruit (Silver Vine) extract from Japan to help protect against lipo oxidation caused by external environmental aggressors.

BALANCE

MAXIMUM MOISTURE CREAM, £160

A rich, luxurious yet lightweight moisture cream to help deeply moisturise dry skin. 3D Hyaluronic and Yuzu Ceramide B works in harmony with Eiseniaveil B to boost ceramide production and hydrate the skin.

REFRESH

HYDRATING WATER CREAM, £160

A cooling, oil-free moisturiser formulated with The Japanese Sakura Flower and Japanese Rice Bran Oil to provide incredible moisture and protection.

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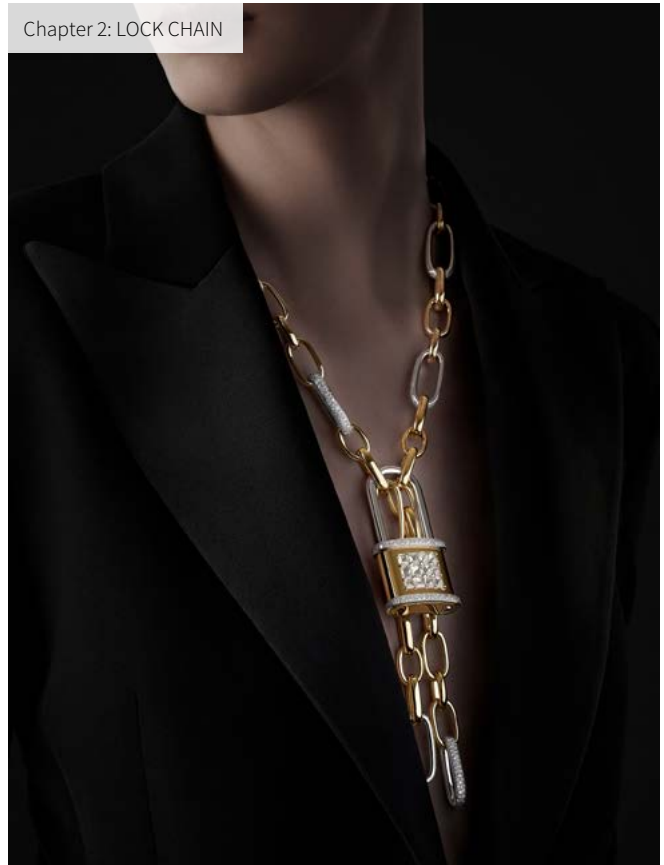
LA GIOIA BY POMELLATO

POMELLATO'S SECOND HIGH JEWELLERY COLLECTION IS A LOVE LETTER TO THE PAST WITH A CONTEMPORARY AND SUSTAINABLE TWIST

Chapter 1: Bavarole MELODY OF CHAINS



Chapter 2: LOCK CHAIN



Pomellato's LA GIOIA brings a breath of fresh air to the world of high jewellery. Divided into two chapters, LA GIOIA unleashes a new creative freedom as it breaks from the constraints of time and puts sustainable practices at the heart of each jewel. In the first chapter, Pomellato creates one-of-a-kind pieces using beloved jewels from its own archive to make exciting new designs with elements of past collections. The second chapter offers a resolutely contemporary, high jewellery take on the house's rich history of iconic chains and sautoirs. In this unprecedented dialogue between the past, present and future, Pomellato rethinks the conventions of high jewellery with these bold, spectacular designs and strong commitment to the future and the Pomellato legacy.

AN UNPRECEDENTED PROCESS

Like falling in love again or re-discovering the joy of a forgotten bracelet or the familiar ripples of a perfectly balanced necklace on the skin, LA GIOIA's dual approach celebrates a return to life of jewels from the past as well as re-working the simple chain into truly innovative high jewellery. The new collection is a first in the history of 21st century jewellery. Never before has a luxury brand dreamed or dared to incorporate original vintage elements and pieces of jewellery from their past into a contemporary collection or re-imagined the chain, a jewellery staple, elevating it to such a striking high jewellery form.



Chapter 1: BAVAROLE TRITTICO

“I am very proud of LA GIOIA!” declares Sabina Belli, Pomellato CEO. “The idea of re-loving and including iconic pieces from our past in LA GIOIA reflects Pomellato’s values and the Kering Group’s commitment to sustainable development. There is continuity in this collection, a desire to bring sustainability to the world of luxury goods that also allows us to reinvent ourselves both as artisans and designers.”

THE SPIRIT OF THE COLLECTION

“Travelling and learning about different cultures has always been a major source of inspiration for our jewellery collections.” says Vincenzo Castaldo, Creative Director at Pomellato. “During this unusual time, for LA GIOIA, I undertook an introspective journey into Pomellato’s history and soul. It was a deeply personal voyage into the treasures of our past. This collection came together in a fun, spontaneous way. It was wonderful to find such a seamless interaction and natural harmony between pieces from Pomellato’s past and present.”

The dramatic, timeless and immediately recognisable LA GIOIA collection is composed of two chapters that epitomise the spirit of Pomellato high jewellery.

In Chapter 1, LA GIOIA continues Pomellato’s commitment to sustainability. Combining vintage jewels from the Pomellato archive, the unique pieces mix and juxtapose classic Pomellato heritage elements resulting in a visionary interpretation of high jewellery. Each piece is a contemporary retelling of cherished Pomellato stories. “The idea of this chapter of LA GIOIA Collection originated in a conversation with American artist and designer Sheva Fruitman” said Vincenzo Castaldo. “We were discussing sustainable

development in the luxury industry, and she suggested using vintage jewellery to create new designs for our new collection. We thought it was a very interesting idea, and that marked the beginning of this chapter in Pomellato’s history, consisting of designing with archive pieces and stones preserved from past collections. I used these elements from our past as fragments of our memory, then anchored them in the present.”

Whether the elements were born in the past and reworked into a new jewel or freshly created in 2021, the LA GIOIA high jewellery collection comes together with surprising coherence.

LA GIOIA not only embodies both Pomellato’s creative spirit but also its commitment to sustainable development. This is confirmed in the use of responsible gold, local production and the innovative recycling and repurposing of existing jewels. Like all Pomellato’s jewels, LA GIOIA was made on site, in the Casa Pomellato ateliers in Milan, where one hundred artisans work to make each and every collection by hand.

LA GIOIA - Chapter I

LA GIOIA starts its journey with eleven one-of-a-kind pieces of jewellery that integrate iconic Pomellato legacy jewels from 1990 to 2014 crafting them into new creations. Pendants, earrings, chains and rings are repurposed to bring new life to high jewellery.

Bavarole TRITTICO

Pomellato’s first crosses date back to 1984, but this is the first time that three iconic designs are integrated into a single neo-baroque necklace. A gold and garnet Byzantine cross from 1993 is flanked by two rose gold and jet crosses from 2003 and 2013, the latter delicately engraved. Gold bracelets from 2004 form the chain from which the 2007 Harem collection gold and rock crystal pendants are suspended adding a joyful energy to this creation.



Chapter 1: CAMEO earrings

Bavarole MELODY OF CHAINS

This remarkable necklace features an array of signature Pomellato gold chains in various forms from different decades (2006, 2011, 2013) and collections. Their skilled assembly reveals the jeweller’s mastery of chains, central to Pomellato’s designs since 1967. The chains overlap one another to spectacular effect. On the left the links are suspended from a gold safety pin from 1994.

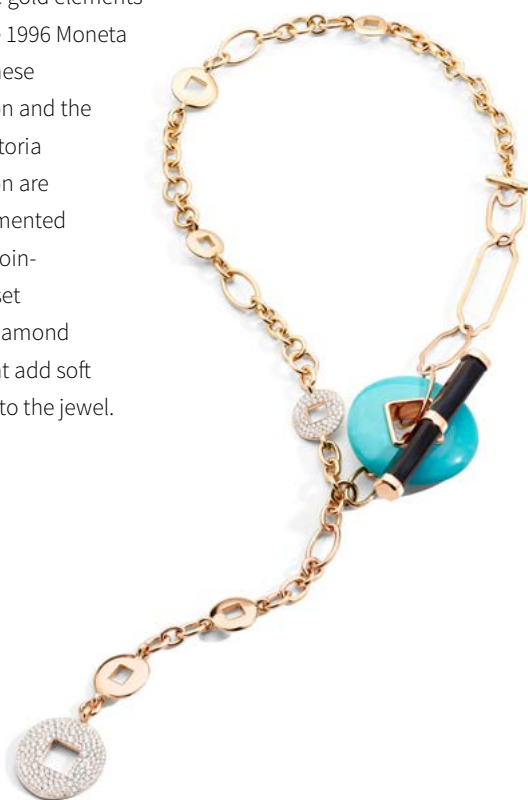
On the right, a contemporary Kintsugi stone made of jet and gold highlights another Pomellato collection about reuse and sustainability. These details mark the singular style of this piece encompassing decades of Pomellato design and heritage.

Sautoir CHINESE SHADOW

Jet beads as black as night, delicate brown diamond charms in rose gold and a dazzling tassel – available in a playful range of colours - are the three unique elements from the early 2000’s that find new life in this long elegant sautoir. In the same spirit, delicately carved jade drops are transformed into sophisticated earrings whose green colour is enhanced by a verdant emerald pavé.

T-Chain HAIKU TURQUOISE

A Japanese coin-shape carved from a vibrant turquoise is at the heart of this stunning piece of jewellery. By transforming the blue gem into an asymmetrical closure, the necklace exudes an ancient power enhanced by the addition of a T-bar clasp in jet. Yellow and rose gold elements from the 1996 Moneta Giapponese collection and the 2008 Victoria collection are complemented by two coin-shapes set with a diamond pavé that add soft warmth to the jewel.



Chapter 1: HAIKU TURQUOISE T-CHAIN

Chapter 1: Bavarole LUCKY STARS



Chapter 1: Bavarole LUCKY STARS - making of



Rivière VENEZIA

Pomellato’s passion for colour is expressed in this design, which offers a unifying harmony of pastel gemstones from the 2009 Arabesque necklace and the Pin Up earrings from 2006. The combination of smoky quartz, prasiolite, amethysts and rock crystal transforms this neoclassical-inspired necklace into a precious, sophisticated jewel.

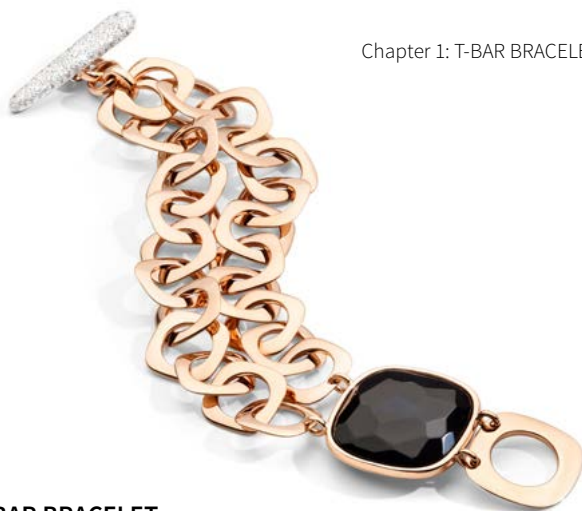
In the same spirit, the 2006 Eva cameo earrings with a snake motif are paired with blue topazes. Their timeless appeal comes from the contrast between opaque, organic material and transparent gems, exquisitely juxtaposed in this design.

Bavarole LUCKY STARS

This bold, glamorous Étoiles [Stars] necklace is a constellation of five jet and diamond stars made in 2014 that shine out from gold Capri chains with black ceramic and blue sapphire details. The clasp set with shimmering white and brown diamonds from the 2005 Echo collection is added into the mix for a sensual touch.

The same star motif, this time in a pavé of moonstones, topaz and baroque pearls from the Sirene collection, appear on earrings sure to light up the red carpet.

Chapter 2: TASSEL TIE CHAIN



Chapter 1: T-BAR BRACELET

T-BAR BRACELET

The flat and rounded-square links of the graphic Pattern Two necklace originally created in 2002 add suppleness to this chunky Double bracelet. The jewel is enhanced by the addition of a large faceted jet cabochon, which in its former life was a pendant from the Victoria collection and now the focal point of this ultra-contemporary design.

Along the same lines, a vintage rose gold gourmette bracelet set with diamonds is transformed into a Victorian brooch, brought up to the moment by a beautifully carved jet ring from a study carried out in Pomellato’s atelier in 2007.

LA GIOIA - CHAPTER II

Since 1967, when Pomellato was founded, chains and links have been one of the house’s signature designs and used in hundreds of ways, a testimony to the jeweller’s passion for the simple gold chain. For the second part of LA GIOIA collection, Pomellato declares its love for the chain in three different designs: Contemporary Links, Princess Chains and Absolute Chains.

CONTEMPORARY LINKS

Pomellato, master of the art of chain making, plays with volumes in the Y-Chain necklace featuring geometrically disparate links. This highly desirable and sophisticated design is sensual with an oversized link set on both sides with white and brown diamonds that sits gracefully against the skin. The Y-chain is an easy-to-wear, versatile jewel that can be worn with a dinner jacket or jeans.

The Tassel Tie Chain, a long open sautoir popular in the Roaring Twenties, is given a contemporary, rock’n’roll update. The chain has weighty oval-shaped links made of white and rose gold that culminate in two tassels of delicate gold chains dotted with white diamonds.

Chapter 2: LOCK CHAIN



This Lock Chain necklace transcends the barriers between genders and generations with a strong, masculine design, made up of fluid, feminine links and a working padlock set with diamonds. This bold design could be seen as a reflection of modern-day love. Randomly alternating links of yellow and white gold held together by a padlock that offers multiple ways to secure the jewel.

The equestrian world has inspired the rose gold links in the sumptuous Fantina Chain sautoir with three chains draped one below the other, all connected to an off-centre, oversized, elongated pear-shaped link set with diamonds. The diamond-covered clasp is echoed in a pair of elliptical earrings: two perfectly proportioned pavé oval links, one with white diamonds and the other with brown diamonds.

PRINCESS CHAINS

When Pomellato combines large, colourful stones with its famous gold chains, the result is a stunning line up of neo-Renaissance necklaces. The Red Tourmaline Chain necklace is composed of rose gold links with a pavé of sparkling brown diamonds, offset by a stunning 58.5-carat raspberry tourmaline pendant. The matching rose gold earrings are supple and flattering. They are adorned with cherry tourmalines in tear-drop shapes.

The white gold Tanzanite Chain is composed of links set with a dazzling pavé of 2,300 white diamonds and a spectacular 48-carat tanzanite pendant in a rare cabochon cut. This necklace gives a regal air to its wearer, who can gaze at her own reflection in the stone's deep blue waters mixed with violet reflections. It took more than 700 hours of work to create this unique piece.

Chapter 2: TANZANITE PRINCESS CHAIN



An eye-catching 76.66-carat red rubellite appears to float in the air at the centre of the Rubellite Chain choker. The design's minimalist lines of two overlapping rose gold chains, showcase the dazzling cabochon-cut stone surrounded by diamonds. This bold piece with a medieval air could have come straight out of an illuminated manuscript.

ABSOLUTE CHAINS

Pomellato's iconic 'gourmette' chains are showered with diamonds in different designs. The famous chain is transformed into a choker and a bracelet in rose gold, the links alternately set with diamonds, giving the pieces a rich, glimmering texture. In the second, the jeweller has used a monochrome colour palette to create a necklace, bracelet and a pair of earrings in white gold set with white diamonds. The streamlined pavé gives the ensemble a modern appeal.



Pomellato, a virtuoso of fine stone settings that give its jewellery texture and personality, has scattered a cloud of diamonds and pink, purple red and lavender spinels across the Pink Gourmette rose gold necklace. The result is a marvellous gradation of colours whose subtle tones illuminate the wearer's face with a glowing radiance. To go with this chain necklace, the house designed a pair of drop earrings with four Padparadscha sapphires and two imperial topazes surrounded by a pavé of pink sapphires that echo the colour palette.

Gourmette Assoluta, as its name suggests, takes the chain to the next level. The stunning extra-large rose gold links are set with a pavé of brown diamonds that highlight their audacious curves. As a finishing touch, the jeweller has added five electric blue-purple tanzanite cabochons weighing a total of 70 carats.



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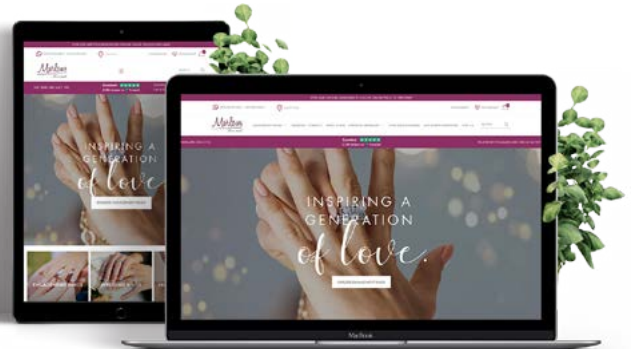
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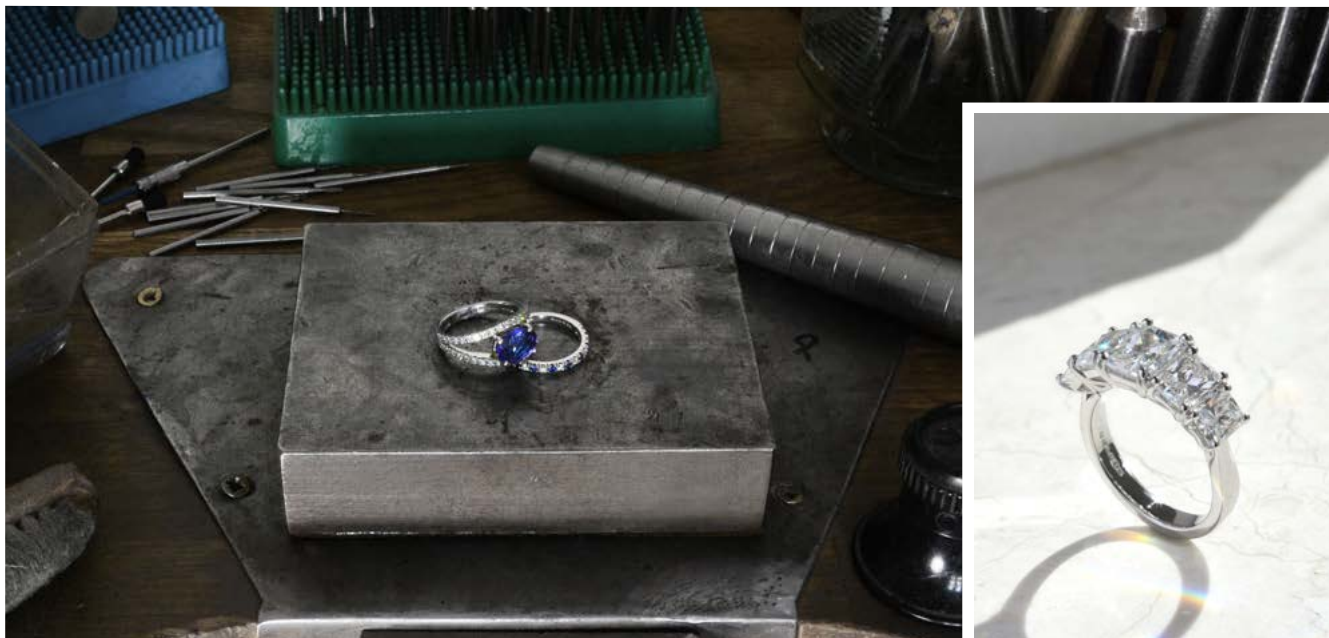
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It's been over two centuries since Beards (then Waite & Son) opened their doors, but the prestigious brand is still independently run by the same family while retaining its passionate dedication to creating breath-taking fine jewellery.

In 2017 Beards brought their passion to London and opened a store in the Royal Arcade on Old Bond Street. Not content with only offering haute horologie brands Parmigiani Fleurier and Arnold & Son, two masters of exquisite design and watchmaking, Beards London offers a convenient space to discuss and explore all aspects of jewellery: one of a kind commissions, engagement rings, the sourcing of diamonds and rare stones and remodelling/refreshing older jewellery—all while offering the same expertise and unique jewellery designed and crafted in-house at their Cheltenham flagship store.

Nestled above their prominent position in Cheltenham's town centre, the beating heart of Beards is the warren of rooms that form the jewellery workshop. Traditional age-old techniques meet with cutting edge technology and design to offer clients limitless possibilities without compromising on quality.

All aspects from design to smithing and gem-setting are completed in-house with exceptional attention to detail.

Dedication to craft, service and personalisation permeates every aspect of the Beards Bespoke experience. Beginning with a detailed consultation and initial sketches, it's a deeply personal and emotional process. The expert team carefully sources the perfect stones, creates intricate 3D digital models and then realises a design in sample form; from this their artisans work tirelessly to ensure the final designs resonate correctly with clients and exceed expectations upon final presentation.

While the characteristics that make Beards what it is have been passed down through over two hundred years of lineage, the brand is far from going stale. Rather it has combined its generations of expertise with a keen eye for the new, exciting and contemporary to create jewellery for future generations to treasure.

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A FRESH JEWELRY STYLE BRAND INSPIRED BY THE BEAUTY OF PROVENCE

By Victoria CELLUN

I recently discovered a new jewelry brand based in the Principality of Monaco. But I have to say two things: first, I am pretty specific with jewels, and then, there are so many jewelry brands that came out every day that I usually don't pay attention to, but AliaSapfira caught my attention for precise reasons. So let's have a look at them.

Valerya Merkouchenko, the founder of AliaSapfira, is a talented Ukrainian young woman who studied as a gemologist, enthusiastic about every natural stone. Before being a jewelry designer, she is a skilled gem expert who loves to share her knowledge to educate people about natural stones. Since last summer, she highlights the beauty of rocks when inserting them into charming pieces.

Valerya explained that she studied gemstones profoundly when she was preparing for her gemologist degree, discovering the universe of gems and how special it is. She found a fascinating world, following the whole adventures of the rocks, from the extraction of rough stones in the deeper of the earth to the beautiful cut of gemstone. She loves to believe that gems become an incentive for a designer to create a masterpiece after all this production process.

Therefore, the jewelry-making process is very long and complex; it is crucial to connect with the selected stones.

Indeed, to Valerya, stones have significant meaning and power:



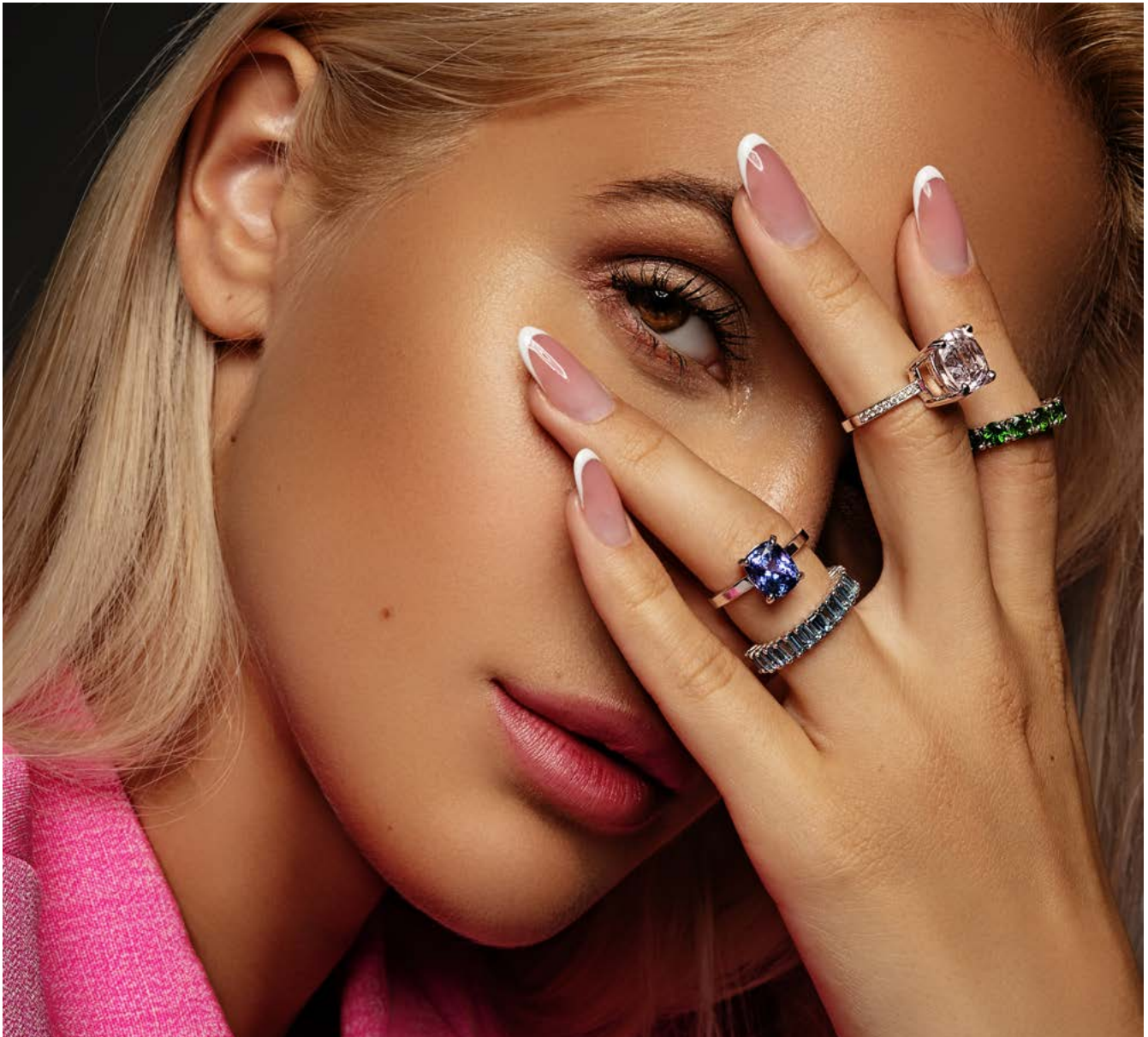
“ I think that each gemstone is unique and has distinct power. For example, not everyone can bear the Ruby; it is an unusual and emotionally challenging stone. But, very often, it can be adopted by people with strong personalities. For others, it could be a gem that takes their energy away; these individuals will probably pick an Emerald as a talisman that will better fit their tempers, with very calm attitudes, measured, and pure souls.”

Moreover, as we used to say, Diamonds are girls’ best friends, but Valerya revealed why this startling stone is her beloved.

This stone is formed under high pressure and high temperature, made of carbon atoms. Consequently, it suggests a story of a flourishing spirit when all the barriers and toughness of your life make you only more powerful.

The founder of AliaSapfira is a creative person since her youngest age. She was a professional ballroom dancer. At any time, she was surrounded by great creative personalities who emerged from the art & fashion world. Valerya always loved to create and draw, no matter the topic, so it was natural for her to imagine all the pieces by herself. She relishes a lot doing all the sketches using gauche or extra artistic tools. Besides, she has learned to appreciate the beauty around her.





After traveling the world and speaking fluently up to 5 languages, Valerya finds her place in the very international scene of Monaco, where she also met her husband and elected Monte-Carlo as her new hometown. But this is by chance that Valerya finally settled in Monaco. Indeed, animated by the beauty of the South-of-France and willing to work closely with local artisans, masters of high-quality craftsmanship, Valerya decided to set up her jewelry brand AliaSapfira in the heart of the French Riviera. Moreover, it was essential for her to preserve the French heritage of the art of jewelry. That's why all her creations are "Made in France."





Regarding the brand's name, Valerya said she used Sapfira as a nickname on social media, and people knew her under this identity, so it has been obvious for her to call the jewelry brand AliaSapfira.

Concerning Aliasapfira's mission, she craves to deliver people the beauty and uniqueness of gemstones. AliaSapfira aspires to offer people not merely jewelry but also introduce them to the divine world of gemstones. So it's not just about standing or notoriety; it's about rareness, beauty, and sensitivity.

Moreover, AliaSapfira strives to be sustainable and balanced in jewelry production. (They are) working with suppliers that respect proper practices and ethical standards.

It is challenging, but as Valerya said, "We live in the 21st century. I guess every luxury brand has to perform in this direction".

Lastly, Valerya aims to continue with the idea of educating her customers and gem lovers, discovering more beautiful gems, and launching a new collection that she has been working on for some time that won't leave anyone indifferent.

aliasapfira.com



INTERVIEW > ADRIENNE EGGER

Adrienne Egger is an American artist based in Austria whose award-winning paintings have garnered international recognition. Egger exhibits regularly in solo and group shows, including Venice, London, and Vienna and her work can be found in corporate and private collections around the world. Though working primarily with oils, Egger has recently begun incorporating patinas, rust, metal leaves, resins and lighting into her art.



What does art mean to you?

Art must move me. I want to see something original, created with knowledge and expertise of workmanship. I want to see an ease of execution, knowing that the beauty lies in how perfectly a skill has been honed to have become natural and seemingly effortless. At the same time, I want to see a daringness to break the rules and freedom to express one's self in new ways. Most of all, though, I want to see and feel beauty. I think that beauty is extremely powerful. It is the physical manifestation of love and good and hope and peace and joy and all that is right in the world. For me, it is the exact point in which heaven touches the Earth. Although an exact measure of beauty is subjective and varies between cultures and subcultures, I have never heard anyone ever say they are bored of the 1000th glorious sunset they've seen, who doesn't light up in response to a laughing baby or is not touched by an elderly couple, tenderly dancing in the moonlight. These experiences and images touch and move us—I may not want to hang them on my wall, but art for me needs to tap into this universal stream of consciousness and manifest as something that will make the world—be that the room in which it hangs and the people who live with it—a better place. Otherwise, I am bored by it.

What art do you most identify with?

Dance, sculpture and painting... fashion, architecture, design... and where would they all be without music? It is hard to say which art I identify with specifically because for me, they are all part of the symphony that creates an experience.

When did you first fall in love with art?

The impact art has on the beholder is what makes me love it. The connection between the creator, the created and the beholder forms a circle of shared experience. Art only lives if it is seen and there is a continuation of joint experience which is why I think it is so important to visit and preserve our museums and bring our children there already at young ages. We connect with our ancestors and our contemporaries there, for human nature never changes even if our cultures and technologies do. So, I suppose I fell in love already as a little girl, visiting museums and drawing and colouring in school. I would take a commissions and sell posters to my classmates for a quarter already in elementary school!

How do you find inspiration before creating each piece?

We live in a highly visual culture where images are created and shared at a mind bending pace. Every now and then, an image—be that an observation of my surroundings, a movie scene, a photo, or a freeze-frame shot from a memory—will grab my attention and I collect it. If the image doesn't leave my mind but calls me back to explore and push and develop, then I know there is something there worth expressing.



When the time comes, I work with it, bending and melding it until I can see the form it can take and which materials are to be used to manifest the feeling that originally sparked my interest.

Do you have one particular creation that really stands out above others?

The “Kill Your Fear” series has been pivotal for me. Apart from the meaning, it marks the begin of a new development in my creation process in which I fuse diverse materials and techniques with figurative imagery. Inspired from a movie scene from the 60's, I had no idea what it was that resonated with me until I had already finished the first one. Only then did I realise its meaning and the name of the series, and it is an image I hold before me when I know I need to overcome my inhibitions and own psychological barriers.



I know you run some workshops, do you enjoy teaching others and inspiring them to create their own art?

I absolutely adore seeing the spark of life that comes into someone's eyes as they start to creatively express themselves. I strongly believe in the power of serious fun for achieving amazing results, in any area of life and business, for neither burnout nor boredom exist for someone living out their creative potential. That is why I have created workshops for individuals dedicated to personal growth through the creative process and collaborate with corporations to boost the creative atmosphere as well as to rediscover serious fun and all that it can achieve in the workplace.

How did it all start?

I have never not made art, but it would never have occurred to me to make art for my career without the encouragement and support of my husband. He is a great motivator and helps me not only break down overwhelming dreams into do-able daily steps, but also helps me to develop speed, stay on time and keep track of the clock!

For more information and inquiries, visit adrienne-egger.com

DUTCH HERITAGE

ELEGANT STILL LIFE PAINTINGS



Dutch fine artist Tanja Mödersheim specialises in oil paintings in 17th century style using the techniques and pigments of this period, the Dutch Golden Age. Based in London, these fine paintings can be purchased directly from the artist.

The artist creates refined and elegant still life paintings - small and large pieces on fine linen, wood, silver and gold. Understanding today's desire for exclusivity, only the finest materials are used. The paintings are meticulously executed using the techniques and pigments of 17th century Holland. Additional exclusivity is offered through bespoke Golden Age replica frames.

Whilst Tanja's paintings communicate the simple enjoyment of beauty and light, behind the paintings are stories of cultural heritage and tradition. For example, her paintings of antique Delft Blue vases and 16th-19th century tulips are a celebration of Dutch heritage. The artist owns and cultivates a collection of heritage tulips sourced from the gene bank, Hortus Bulborum, in Holland: her oldest tulips were developed in the late 1500s. Other paintings show game birds traditionally reserved for the Dutch aristocracy, or traditional artisan produce. For the latter, Tanja collaborated with the BBC Food and

Farming Awards and members of the Collège Culinaire de France. In addition, the artist delights in simply painting the beauty of fruit in raking light.

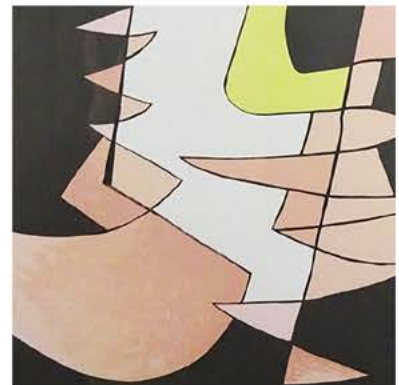
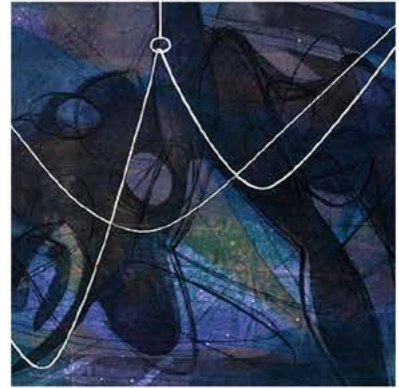
The paintings find their way into city and country homes. For example, large statement pieces are enjoyed in dining rooms and libraries, and small and intimate gilt paintings can be found next to a reading chair, glowing in the light of a table lamp. As these Dutch paintings are increasingly seen as desirable fine objects easily purchased from the artist, customers become keen collectors – a compliment the artist happily accepts.

Enquiries: dutch oils.com and 07909 646317 (London).
See the latest paintings on dutch oils.com; paintings can be viewed in situ where possible.
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The team of expert florists have an unwavering passion for flowers and the art of floristry. This is shown in their ability to produce unique and characterful flower arrangements, from breathtaking floral installations to personalised wedding arrangements.

Creating wedding arrangements is a historic area of expertise for Maison de Fleurs, having worked on some of the finest society weddings. The weddings pictured showcase the work that Maison de Fleurs individually create for each wedding.

Showcased here firstly is a wedding that took place in the South of France, flowers in every bright, vibrant colour offset against a crisp white setting was the perfect backdrop for this show stopping celebration. Hydrangeas mixed with green foliage, delicately draped over table centres, tall aisle pieces decorated the walk, highlighted with glittering candles, bringing everything together.

Maison de Fleurs created a rose garden oasis, wrapped around statues to create a magical garden for the couple to step into. Thousands of delicate pink, sand and beige roses decorated this incredible venue. Maison de Fleurs wrapped the entire staircase in romantic cherry blossom, as though it has just bloomed and had organically grown around the structure. The incredible backdrop of an English country house lent itself perfectly to this vision, and Maison de Fleurs worked closely with the couple to bring their ideas of bringing a swathe of garden inside.

Lastly a metropolitan celebration in a London hotel. With romance at its heart hundreds of subtle pink, beige and peach roses decorated this long table. Interspersed with tall candles in crystal candelabra brought the table to life. Maison de Fleurs created a breath taking moment for this couple for their special day - a true celebration of love.

Maison de Fleurs love working with brides and grooms to make their floral ideas come alive. Whether you're dreaming of an English rose garden, or a tropical rainforest they create wedding arrangements and installations that are personal and just for you. Maison de Fleurs understand that weddings are stressful to organise, so they want to make the process as seamless as possible; working closely with their Head Florist, they will create intricate mood boards outlining every step and then carefully and creatively install these arrangements in the venue.



Your wedding is a true representation of you as a couple, Maison de Fleurs love intertwining personal elements into your wedding flowers. If you have a favourite flower, or a flower that reminds you a special occasion they will try to include these wherever possible. All of Maison de Fleurs's floral installations are designed to exceed your expectations, and bring you and your guests truly breathtaking moments throughout your celebration.

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Caroline Castigliano

LUXURY BRIDAL AND EVENT WEAR - KNIGHTSBRIDGE

British designer Caroline Castigliano has been at the forefront of luxury bridal and eveningwear for years. Known for understated effortless glamour and clean classic lines with contemporary touches, Castigliano's collections are designed to create impact from the moment you walk into a room.

Her unique ability to cut and construct garments, enables her to create a gown that is confident and sexy, yet exudes a deep sense of style. Everything about a Castigliano gown is unique; from the exquisite choice of fabric, to the foundation of the gown, which is created using unique corsetry and undergarments techniques to sculpt and enhance the female figure.

"The architecture of a gown is so important; the foundations have to be right. Then it is creating the movement, nothing is more stunning than a gown that moves and dances and finally the luxurious fabrics that just bring the designs to life.

Picture-perfect designer bridal wear handcrafted to your own measurements, exquisite finishing touches in the form of carefully designed and selected accessories – at Caroline Castigliano we know that every element of your bridal vision is unique and deeply personal.

At your initial consultation, you will be hosted at our Knightsbridge store by one of our experienced bridal stylists. We pride ourselves on offering impeccable service in a serene, intimate environment.



Your dedicated bridal expert will introduce you to our collection of exclusive gowns – you can choose from our collection or have a gown created bespoke or couture especially for you. Each gown is designed by Caroline and handcrafted in the United Kingdom, offering unrivalled quality and beautiful finishing.

We understand that your wedding dress is symbolic and deeply personal, taking you into your future and forming an integral part of a memory that will last a lifetime.

When you have made your final selection, the bridal couture process begins. Your vision will become a reality as your bridal gown is carefully handcrafted in the United Kingdom for a flawless result, making the label a triumph of British design and craftsmanship.

The bespoke event wear is exclusively available at the Knightsbridge Atelier. Dresses, jackets and trousers all available in a wide choice of colours created in Italian crepes and wools and fine French and Italian laces.

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BRIDAL BLISS

With the disruption caused by covid, couples across the country suffered the disappointment of having to postpone their weddings until safer times.

With weddings finally making a big comeback choosing the perfect ring is on every couples' to do list.

Whether newly engaged, planning or replanning your big day, selecting the right ring is an exciting part of a couples' celebration and Baker Brothers Diamonds have helped countless couples find their perfect rings.

Director Lizzie McAuley reveals the latest trends and her top tips for choosing your diamond.

"Halo designs are very popular this season, as they feature a striking centre diamond surround by a 'halo' of smaller diamonds creating a vision of light and sparkle. We've also seen a resurgence for yellow gold and rose gold, they're proving a really popular choice for both engagement and weddings rings."

The Bedford based diamond specialist offers a stunning array of bridal rings and jewellery, including matching bridal sets, coloured gemstone engagement rings, classically set diamonds and a complimentary design service for those that desire that truly unique piece.

Lizzie went on to reveal that: "Nine times out of the 10 grooms take twice as long to pick their wedding ring than the brides and end up really enjoying the experience!"

Grooms often find it difficult when it comes to choosing their wedding band because many men are not accustomed to wearing a ring on their hand all the time and are often not as comfortable trying on jewellery.

She added: "When we create our gents wedding rings, we work with our designers to make sure they're created with comfort and longevity in mind. We focus on the rings profile and how that sits on the skin to ensure the ring feels right. We also offer a range of ring widths and finishes which are available on with all our yellow gold, platinum, and palladium rings."

Choosing the right wedding and engagement ring should be an experience. It needs time and guidance so you can be sure you're choosing the right ones. It's also important (and not all couples realise this) that you should avoid having rings in different metals. If your engagement ring is platinum, then ideally so should your wedding ring. Baker Brothers work closely with all their couples making sure that they leave with their perfect ring that will last a lifetime.

Lizzie added: "We always talk to our couples about what they do for a living and what they do in their spare time to make sure they are choosing the right metal for their lifestyle. It's so important as it will make a difference to the longevity of the jewellery they wear."

When it comes to an engagement ring, diamond expert Lizzie says, "The most popular choice will always be the round brilliant diamond with a four-claw setting because it shows the diamond off to its best advantage, a classic design that will never date and sits seamlessly alongside a wedding or eternity ring – a timeless choice."

Choosing your diamond is just as (if not more) important than its setting. Lizzie elaborated on what makes Baker Brothers different: "We always start with the four Cs - cut, colour, clarity and carat. We also work directly with our suppliers and cutters to ensure all our diamonds are ethically sourced."



This stunning Alecia collection platinum engagement ring is set with a round brilliant cut 0.64ct diamond in a four claw setting. This elegant ring also has diamond detail on the side of the setting for the perfect finishing touch. Alecia Collection Platinum & Diamond Ring £4,500.00



Left to right ref Gents Bands: 1) This 18ct white gold wedding band features a polished central groove with satin finished sides. £1,750. 2) This stunning wedding ring is crafted in palladium and features a satin finish with a diamond set central line, perfect for the modern-day groom. £3,750. 3) A gents palladium wedding ring features a satin finished woven effect with a 6mm width. £3,500. 4) This gents 18ct white gold wedding ring features a satin centre groove with contrasting polished edges. £1,395.



This stunning halo style engagement ring is crafted in 18ct rose gold and features a claw set brilliant cut diamond surrounded by a halo of brilliant diamonds. Completing the dazzling appearance of this ring are the diamond set shoulders. £7,950

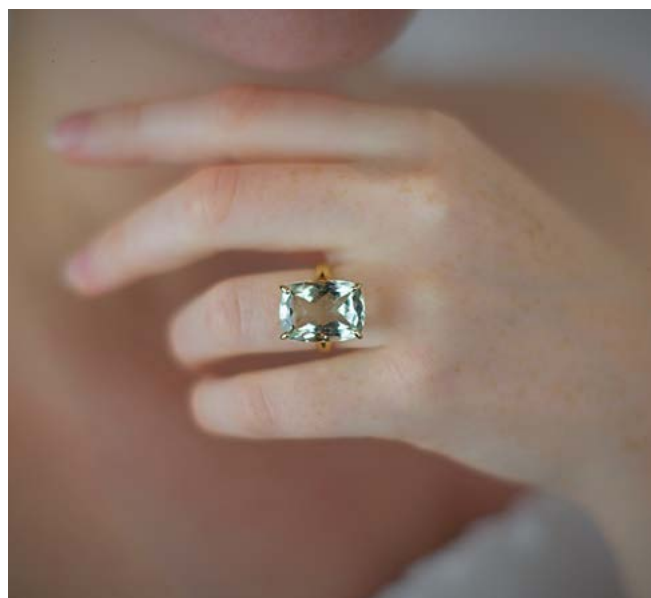
A beautifully crafted solitaire ring in 18ct rose gold and set with a dazzling 0.33ct certified brilliant cut diamond in a white gold four cardinal claw setting. This ring has a glistening rose gold band to complete this modern-day classic. £1,850

An elegant engagement ring is part of the Lara collection and is crafted in 18ct gold. Set with a dazzling 0.53ct brilliant cut diamond this ring features a platinum six claw setting with a glistening yellow gold band. £3,250

Lizzie added: "If you don't have calibrated diamonds, then they are not made to match their setting and can move or fall out. Our diamond specialists place huge importance on the conversation we have with our couples about the quality and cut of the diamonds they want as ultimately this is the one piece of jewellery you will hopefully wear for the rest of your life."

For more information contact Baker Brothers Diamonds Diamond House 11-13 St. Peters Street, Bedford on 01234 352343 or go to www.bakerbrothersdiamonds.com

WEDDING JEWELLERY WITH MEANING: ROSIE ODETTE HAILS A NEW WAVE IN BESPOKE ENGAGEMENT RING DESIGN



Gem hunter and luxury independent jewellery designer, Rosie Odette, is leading a revolution in high-end engagement ring design with a bespoke service tailored to each couple to create meaningful, alternative engagement rings telling their individual story.

The custom-made service offers an unrivalled overall ring choosing experience so that couples can be involved in each step of the design process. From picking their stones, the settings and finish, and working alongside Rosie's design skills, customers will help create genuinely unique rings that reflect their personal journey to marriage.

Throughout the bespoke design process, Rosie encourages couples to feel empowered by the ancient and spiritual meanings behind the stones and draw inspiration from their journey together.

"From the ancient ruby's protection against misfortune and bad health, to the strengthening life and prosperity said to imbue wearers of peridot, every gemstone has spiritualism steeped in history that spans cultures and ancient civilisations across the Earth." Explains founder, Rosie.

"Each unique design embodies the spirit and passion of the wedding couple, wrapped in a one-of-a-kind ring to represent their special bond through the symbolism of the earth's oldest and most precious stones."

The custom engagement ring service is now available at Rosie Odette Jewellery's London and Brighton studios, via Zoom call with Rosie or at select locations internationally by appointment.

Please visit rosieodette.com/ for further information and to view the collections.

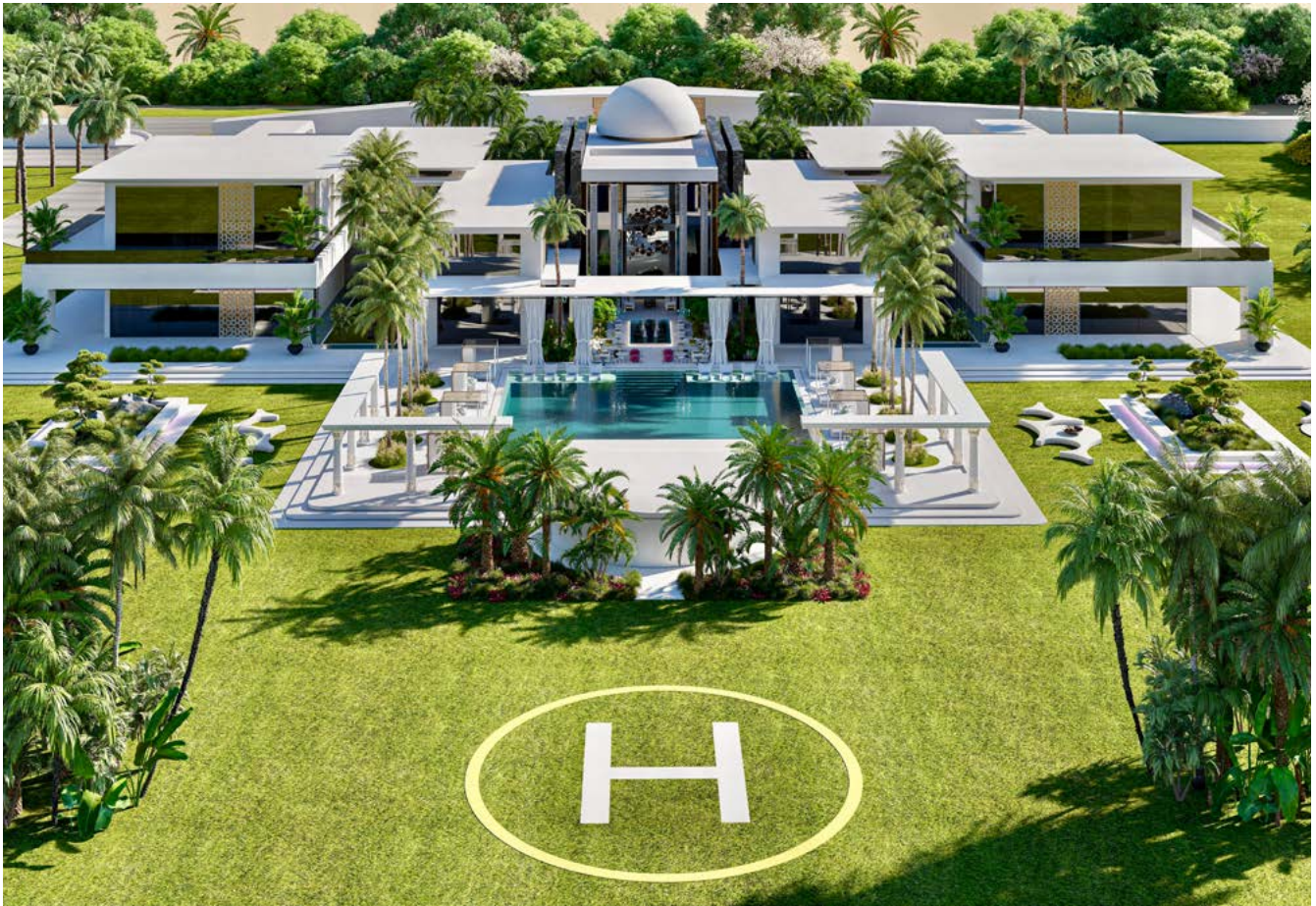


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“THE PALACE”: A COLOURFUL ECLECTIC PROJECT IN SAUDI ARABIA

AWARD-WINNING INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM UDESIGN WITH COVET HOUSE

The lure of Marbella, the exclusive enclave on Spain’s Costa del Sol, continues to hold sway. Perhaps being based in the region has given interior design studio UDesign an understanding of creating luxury homes for the international elite who decide to nest here. If architecture and interior design is to be truly defined as an art form, this is it, the stunning new palace in Saudi Arabia. Their latest project, “The Palace”, would certainly suggest so. Extraordinary in scope and eclecticism, the stunning new project is aptly called is truly something from a fairy-tale, a marvellous project featuring Covet House’s pieces.

Its clean, linear form is softened with spectacular landscaping in the shape of a series of gardens that wrap around and continue inside the home. Some houses are so unlike anything we’ve seen before, so extraordinarily beautiful, that they could, with a forgivable amount of hyperbole, be called works of art.

“This project is a staple on luxury design. Mixed with high-end furniture pieces with an eclectic aesthetic shaped into reality. An art gallery every corner.”

COVET HOUSE STUDIO



The lounge is curated with unique designs such as autumn breeze artefacts, a floating stairway cutting through the wall and tinge detailing of gold, silver and mercury.

If you thought you've seen all this before, don't worry: you have. Or at least, something like it, because it is based on the traditional

Spanish cortijo, that wonderful architectural tradition dating from Moorish times, where all social life centred on the courtyard, and where water formed an essential part of the whole. And if you've been to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, this might also give you a déjà-vu moment.



This luxury palace was designed for someone who loves both entertaining and simply being with family and friends. It was also designed for an art lover, somebody who can appreciate the immense effort and creativity that has gone into every detail of the house and everything in it. While the exterior may recall international modernism, the interior is all about European culture, art and fine materials all chosen, crafted and placed to form a dazzling mise-en-scène. White, marble and metallic surfaces contrast with an abundance of sea and garden views throughout the home and are punctuated by museum-worthy art and design pieces too numerous to mention.

The living area, features the modern two Fitzgerald Modular Sofas from Essential Home, a rounded and oversized piece, with low backrest and a cockpit structure. Inspired by the shapes of Italian architecture, this piece proves art and interior design come together once you have the right eye for it.





The lounging area still features other jaw dropping pieces from Boca do Lobo, again two of the most iconic pieces from the brand: Diamond Sideboard. With the style of a precious jewel, the new Diamond Emerald sideboard, the sideboard also features three highly sculptured doors leading to a gold leaf interior with shelving and two drawers. The exterior of this fanciful piece is now presented in silver leaf finished with a luxurious shade of translucent purple with high gloss varnish with the whimsical lion's head feet.

Besides the classics, Boca do Lobo is also featured with its new piece, the Navarra Center Table, the design of Navarra modern center table captures unique Spanish warmth and finest craftsmanship. The rich colour background set off by thick and thin veins alike carries the eyes to the top of this table, framed by brass, with an amazing overview of the house.

Also, making an artsy entrance, is two customized best seller pieces from Boca do Lobo, the Lapiaz Sideboard. Based on the same aesthetic that created a legacy, the Lapiaz Sideboard takes exceptional craftsmanship and design to a new realm. Consisting of two individual modules, the Lapiaz is finished in polished stainless steel that portrays a perfect mirror, with a poplar root wood veneer interior.





Inspired by the work of designer Jonathan Adler, in his projects with solid colors and different patterns, luxurious, ethnic and vibrant spaces. Jonathan Adler is a decorator of many styles, yet the look and feel that he brings to interiors can be boiled down to two words: happy and chic, and the Alder Rug from Rug'Society provide all of that this magnificent project.

The was to create a large-scale private residence that would have elements of a luxury hotel, an art gallery and a family home. A place that was functional and comfortable at the same time, ideal for family living and for entertaining. Mission accomplished.

COVET HOUSE keeps up with the latest inspirations with BOCA DO LOBO, DELIGHTFULL, BRABBU, KOKET, MAISON VALENTINA, CIRCU, LUXXU, ESSENTIAL HOME, RUG'SOCIETY, PULLCAST, FOOGO, and CAFFE LATTE. Inspiring and creating new trends.

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After the events of the past year, nothing beats checking into a hotel and spa for a spot of relaxation and escapism. Nestled between the New Forest and the Solent, Careys Manor & SenSpa offers a picturesque getaway in the countryside for the ultimate summer staycation.

Home to the world-class SenSpa and boasting three exquisite restaurants, the 18th century manor house, reopening fully from 17th May, is the perfect place to relax and rejuvenate away from it all.

Romantic Escapes

Escape to the New Forest with a romantic break in one of Careys' 77 bedrooms and suites. Designed with tranquillity in mind, spend the

night in one of the traditional Manor Rooms, boasting four poster beds, or opt for the Garden Rooms, offering a secluded hideaway complete with private balcony or patio overlooking the grounds. With the beauty of the surrounding area to explore, sneak into the New Forest with a luxury homemade picnic, including British classics of potted ChalkStream trout; pork, sage and apple sausage rolls, and scones, and toast your newfound freedom. Come evening, head back to the hotel for an indulgent dinner at the hotel's modern British brasserie, Cambium.

From £350 per room based on two adults sharing (a luxury picnic, £30pp towards dinner and breakfast included).



Siam Spa Package

Leave the stresses of day-to-day life behind and head to the award-winning SenSpa, a state-of-the-art Thai spa. Experience a taste of Thailand without having to leave the country and indulge in a spa break designed to refresh and reinvigorate. The Siam Spa Package includes use of the health and leisure facilities, including the spa's 14-metre swimming pool, and a two-hour pass to the hydrotherapy pools. Guest will also be treated to a 30-minute Thai inspired treatment, before ending the day with dinner at one of the hotel's three onsite restaurants and a tranquil night's stay in the manor.

From £500 per room based on two adults sharing (access to the health & leisure facilities, two 30-minute massages, £30pp towards dinner and breakfast included).

Peddles & Paddles

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After the past year it's no question many of us are in need of a blissful escape and a little MOT to reset the body and recharge the mind. For a relaxing and revitalising break that will have you feeling (and looking) a million dollars head to luxury boutique hotel, Flemings Mayfair.

Welcoming the arrival of its new world-class skincare clinic, in partnership with renowned practitioner and facialist, Pietro Simone, the hotel has launched an exclusive R&R staycation package, the 'Pietro Simone Experience at Flemings Mayfair'.

Enjoy your stay in a beautiful Deluxe Double room, with a continental breakfast in the morning, plus bespoke one-of-a-kind treatments in the hotel's luxurious treatment suites.

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The Pietro Simone Experience at Flemings Mayfair is priced from £529, based on a single occupancy overnight stay which includes a continental breakfast and a 75-minute Anti-Ageing Cotton Thread Revitalising Facial Treatment. Further add-ons available.

With more than 20 years of experience, Pietro Simone is highly regarded by industry professionals for his one-of-a-kind methodologies and 360° transformative experiences. The new clinic will offer over 35 targeted and transformative personalised treatments which use science-led skincare, shockwaves, radio frequency and state-of-the-art lymphatic drainage stimulation, to address issues ranging from acne and hyperpigmentation to premature ageing and unwanted body fat.

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According to Wealth Management groups, manoeuvring financial and succession plans is becoming far more complex than it was 20 years agoⁱ. This means that many may find it difficult to transfer their wealth successfully to the next generation.

The issue of balancing the interests and needs of immediate and wider family, along with planning for the succession of business assets is understandably stressful.

Add in family dynamics and it is easy to see why finding the right balance can be a complex and daunting task. Premium health insurer Bupa Global found in its Executive Wellbeing Index that 40% of high net worth individuals across the world believe that concerns about money, succession and inheritance have impacted their mental health.

Addressing the taboo

For many, inheritance and succession planning still remains a taboo subject. It is understandable that people don't want to talk about passing down wealth – it's a difficult area and there's no real blueprint for success.

But people who communicate effectively usually experience an easier transition of wealth than those who don't. Only by understanding and articulating your concerns can you start to prevent any potential conflict and prepare the next generation for the future.



Understanding the effect on mental health

An important route to successful succession planning is being aware of its potential mental health impact, and proactively tackling these concerns.

Dr Pablo Vandenabeele, Bupa Global's Clinical Director for Mental Health, says: "We know that stigmas and uncertainty around mental health can lead to delays in treatment, and when it comes to mental health, early diagnosis and treatment improves outcomes.

"The Coronavirus pandemic had a real impact on delaying treatment for mental health issues, too, with Bupa Global's research showing that 31% of high net worth individuals delayed seeking help for mental health issues during the pandemicⁱⁱ."

Bupa Global's approach to mental health support

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i. Julius Bär. Global Wealth and Lifestyle report (2020) ii. Bupa Global Executive Wellbeing Index (September 2020). Research conducted among 450 high net worth individuals and senior executives across UK, France, USA, UAE and Egypt.



BURNOUT CASES TRIPLED SINCE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC - HERE'S HOW TO BEAT IT

Burnout is a state of emotional, physical and mental exhaustion. It's usually caused by excessive stress over a prolonged period of time as well as feeling overwhelmed and drained.

'Although it isn't a diagnosable psychological disorder it is, from my experience, becoming increasingly more common and needs to be taken seriously,' explains Penny Weston, of (<https://welcometomade.com>) 'In fact, nearly everyone coming through the doors in Made at the moment are suffering from burnout or a related complaint from lockdown. Worryingly, the number of people we are seeing with burnout has tripled!'

Signs of burnout

There are a number of signs that someone is experiencing a burnout, and these tend to be both physical and mental and include, headaches, stomach aches, lack of energy, intestinal issues, feeling depressed, exhaustion, cynicism, feeling unable to do your job or to cope, feeling powerless.

How to overcome it

'I'm a firm believer that regular exercise is the key to staying both physically and mentally fit, healthy and happy,' explains Penny Weston. 'When we exercise the body releases chemicals such as endorphins, serotonin and dopamine which boost our sense of well-being and suppress hormones that cause anxiety.'

Fortunately there are now a bigger range of exercise classes and sports out there than ever before. So whether you prefer a low intensity pilates class, an aqua aerobics session or a heavy weights session, there's something for everyone.

'The important thing is don't be put off if you've never done it before, it's never too late to start a new fitness class,' says Penny. 'It's usually a good idea just to check with your GP before embarking on something new.'

'This year has really taught us the importance of finding joy in life, and the same can be said for exercise too.'

'Fortunately there are so many choices when it comes to exercise that the key to sticking at it is finding an exercise that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be running for hours or lifting huge weights at a gym, the key is experimenting until you find something you enjoy and is a suitable level for you. That way it won't feel like a chore to do and you'll want to do it more as a result. And don't forget that it doesn't have to be what's considered 'traditional' forms of exercise. Nowadays there really are so many options available from trampolining to boxing to Zumba to freshwater swimming, all of which release chemicals into the body to improve mood, reduce anxiety, and calm the mind.'



Penny gives her top tips to avoiding burnout:

Create a morning ritual

Set yourself up for success by starting the morning with a ritual that lets you hit the ground running, make the most of your day, and stay positive and in control. All of our rituals are different, just like we are all different. But the key is that by setting them we are taking control of our morning, and therefore our lives. It can be as small as setting your alarm for a certain time and then jumping straight in the shower before having your breakfast, or doing a short yoga practise before you get dressed.

Write yourself notes

Not just any old notes mind you! Gratitude notes have been used for years to help affirm positive thinking and they really work. Write down three things that you're grateful for on a piece of paper and stick them to your mirror or somewhere where you'll see them a lot. Gradually they really will sink in and help you to feel positive and grateful.

Get some fresh air

Fresh air has been shown to help digest food more effectively, improve blood pressure and heart rate, strengthen the immune system and a whole wealth of other benefits, so it's not surprise that being out in the fresh makes the mind feel better too. Try and get out in the fresh air each day in order to help feel invigorated, energised and ready to face the world again.



Prioritise self-care

Lockdown has been a tale of two extremes, with some people being on furlough and at home with more time for self-care than ever, and others juggling working from home with looking after children and taking on all the household roles. Whichever camp you fell into, going forward it's important that you prioritise your own self-care. I was listening to an interview with Kate Garraway on the radio recently and she said something along the lines of that you can't captain a difficult ship if you're not well fed, rested and looked after yourself. That encapsulates perfectly why self-care is so important. Schedule a few hours a week to go to bed early for example, or to read a book or put on a face mask. It will help to maintain your physical and mental wellbeing when life begins to return to normal.

Resilience meditation

Focus on your wellbeing from a positive point of view by looking at ways that can build resilience. Focus on character building activities like yoga and meditation. These can help you learn to adapt to change and be strong for all that is coming. I have resilience meditations on <https://welcometomade.com> on demand, perfect for improving our emotional intelligence.

Write down lessons

Don't forget everything you've learnt about yourself during lockdown. Avoid going back to the hamster wheel of your old life. Lockdown has been long and has given us the time to realise what is important. Whether that's working more or less, spending more time on your own, travelling, or exercising more, the list of possibilities is endless. Write down the things that you've learnt and things that you want to do to hold onto and use this as a gentle reminder of what's important and the lessons that this time has taught you.



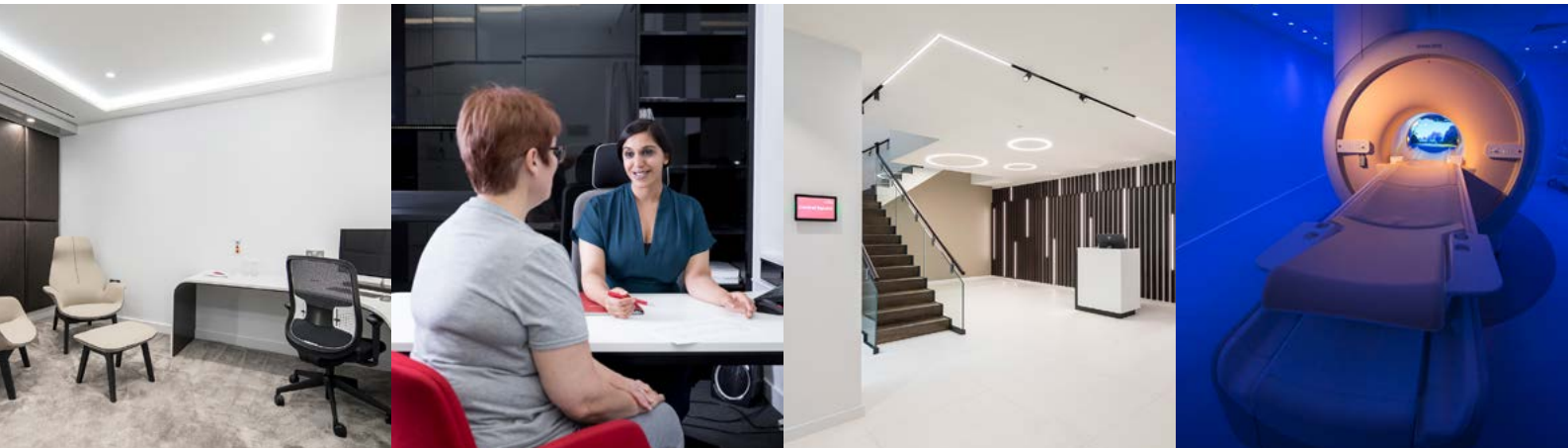


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BEYOND100 BRINGS DEBUTS AND DIVERSITY FOR BENTLEY AT MONTEREY CAR WEEK

Bentley is returning safely to live events with a suite of global debuts at this year's Monterey Car Week, with a focus on the British luxury marque's industry-leading bespoke and personalisation division, Bentley Mulliner. With the cancellation of last year's event, Bentley's return to the Monterey Peninsula is the first since the honour of being the featured marque in its centenary year in 2019, when a 1931 Bentley 8-Litre also won Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

A new Mulliner model launch, plus public debuts of the development prototypes for the Blower Continuation Series and Bentley Mulliner Bacalar projects, brought all three Mulliner portfolios together for the first time.

Monterey Car Week also saw Bentley's new hybrid range showcased for the first time, with the Bentayga Hybrid joined by the new Flying Spur Hybrid as Bentley's sustainable journey of electrification continues. By 2024, the entire Bentley range will be hybridised ahead of the launch of the first fully electric Bentley in 2025. The range made their debut on the Bentley stand at The Quail.

Other exciting new members of Bentley's product range also made public debuts over the course of the event, including the new driver-focused Bentayga S and the world's ultimate luxury performance grand tourer – the Continental GT Speed Convertible. The pinnacle of the Continental family also featured in both coupé and convertible styles of the Continental GT Mulliner. Making regional debuts will be the fastest SUV in the world in the Bentayga Speed, and the Flying Spur V8.

Bentley's presence at Monterey Car Week has been designed to be COVID-safe, and will be compliant to all CDC guidelines throughout the week.

A Bentley Mulliner Showcase

As part of a programme of nine model introductions this year, Monterey saw the launch of a new member of the exquisite Bentley Mulliner Collections portfolio, that took place at the Home of Bentley in Monterey on the afternoon of Thursday 12 August.

Alongside the new model, the engineering cars for two significant Bentley Mulliner programmes appeared together for the first time, both in their Americas debut. The Bentley Mulliner Bacalar – a completely bespoke and highly exclusive barchetta, and the first member of the Coachbuilt portfolio – featured alongside the first example of the world's first pre-war continuation project, the Blower Continuation Series.

Each project was represented by its respective "Car Zero", the engineering development cars which have each covered thousands of kilometres in testing. Bacalar Car Zero has been retrimmed especially for Monterey Car Week and is now resplendent in a newly commissioned colour – Scarab Green – and appeared at The Quail, on the roads around the Peninsula during the event, and on the Concept Lawn for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance on Sunday 15 August.

Meanwhile, Blower Car Zero – the launch member of the Classic portfolio - has deliberately retained the patination from its durability programme, proudly wearing its development mileage. Finished in gloss black with Oxblood red leather, the Blower will be display at The Quail, and the Home of Bentley, and was also seen driving in the area throughout Monterey Car Week.



Customer-ordered Bacalars and Blowers are now in build, with both series strictly limited to 12 examples and both entirely sold out. The attendance of these special Bentley Mulliner models meant that all three Mulliner portfolios – Classic, Coachbuilt and Collections - appeared together for the first time.

The Home of Bentley

The Home of Bentley in Monterey – just 200 metres from The Lodge at Pebble Beach – was once again the hub of Bentley's activities on the peninsula. A display of the current model range was refreshed every day and sat alongside a stunning visual exhibition of Bentley's sustainability strategy with the bio-fuelled Continental GT3 Pikes Peak race car at its centre.

The Unifying Spur – Bentley's physical representation of its ground-breaking diversity and inclusion strategy as part of Beyond100 – was also be featured throughout the event. Wrapped in artwork by designer Rich Morris, the car is a celebration of diversity of all types, and a physical representation of Bentley's target to have 30 per cent diversity in management roles by 2025.

New Bentley partner, The Macallan was also be present, serving tastings of exceptional whiskies for those guests not driving. Naim Focal, Luxury Living and a dedicated Bentley Boutique offering the finest gifts and accessories was also feature at the Home, along with a dedicated Commissioning Suite for customers to specify any car from the Bentley range. Customers and guests could also enjoy a test drive in a comprehensive selection of Bentleys, available from the Home.



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THE AUDI SKYSPHERE CONCEPT



Audi has unveiled the first member of a new family of concept vehicles, a spectacular roadster. Audi skysphere concept is the name of the electric-powered, two-door convertible whose lines lead directly to the Audi design of tomorrow. With it, the brand is illustrating its vision for the progressive luxury segment of the future, in which the interior becomes an interactive space and the vehicle a platform for captivating experiences. This is being made possible thanks to autonomous driving, a revolutionary redesign of the interior, and a seamless digital ecosystem.

The Audi skysphere concept shows how the brand is redefining luxury in the future – it's no longer just about driving. The concept car was designed with the clear objective of offering its occupants captivating and world-class experiences.

To give passengers the maximum amount of freedom, the Audi skysphere concept was designed for two different driving experiences: a grand touring experience and a sports experience. This makes use of a spectacular technical detail – the variable wheelbase. Electric motors and a sophisticated mechanism with body and frame components that slide into one another make it possible to vary the wheelbase itself and the exterior length of the car by 250 millimeters. At the same time, the vehicle's ground clearance is adjusted by 10 millimeters to enhance comfort and driving dynamics.





With the touch of button, the driver can take advantage of their freedom and choose their own driving experience— either they pilot their 4.94-meter-long e-roadster themselves in “Sports” mode with a reduced wheelbase, while the rear-wheel steering ensures that the vehicle remains extremely agile despite its dimensions. Or they can choose to be chauffeured around in a 5.19-meter GT in the autonomous “Grand Touring” driving mode while enjoying the sky and the scenery, maximum legroom, and the services offered by a seamlessly integrated digital ecosystem.

In this mode, the steering wheel and pedals move into an invisible area; the feeling of space in the concept car opens up completely new realms of possibility for such a sporty convertible. Meanwhile, the Audi skysphere automatically keeps an eye on the road and traffic with its sensor system and drives the occupants safely to their destination.

Similar to how the interior design offers a new, contemporary interpretation of luxury, digitization and the ecosystem open up





unprecedented levels of freedom and worlds of experience for the vehicle's passengers. Thanks to Audi's own services and the ability to integrate digital services, the possibilities are nearly endless. In addition, the passengers can share their experience on the road with friends via social media, with images of the interior and the surrounding area. The vehicle also takes care of everyday tasks that go beyond the ride itself. For example, the autonomous Audi skysphere concept picks up its passengers with information about their current destination and independently handles parking and charging.

The vehicle experience: luxury without limits

Audi skysphere, Audi grandsphere, and, coming in 2022, Audi urbansphere are the three concept cars that the brand with the four rings is using to showcase its vision of progressive luxury. In the process, Audi is creating a vehicle experience that goes far beyond the purpose of merely spending time in a car to get from point A to point B, and even far beyond the driving experience itself.

These concept cars feature a new design that ultimately reimagines the interior, the passenger compartment, as the center of the vehicle and no longer subordinates the passenger experience to the requirements of the technology. This is reflected in the variable layout of the interior, the disappearance of the controls, and the sheer expanse of the cabin. In Grand Touring mode, this not only allows both passengers to enjoy a smooth and pleasant journey, but also combines it with new service offerings. These can be used to access a variety of service options related to the current trip – such as designing a spectacular scenic route, as well as restaurant or hotel options.

Customized infotainment options are also available, such as linking the on-board streaming service to music and video providers used at home. And in a further step, Audi also aims to provide personalized and exclusive options for users of its luxury cars in the future – such as concerts, cultural events, or even sporting events that are only available upon special invitation. In this way, a vehicle like the Audi skysphere concept will become a platform for experiences that expand horizons beyond the mere ride in just a few years.



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HOW BRIDGING LOANS CAN HELP THOSE WITH COMPLICATED FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Securing finance for a property investment can be challenging, particularly for individuals with complicated financial profiles.

Many mortgage providers apply a rigid, tick-box methodology to assess applications. They want to see a regular income, easy-to-value assets and, ideally, a good track-record of repaying debt.

However, for some people – such as investors, buy-to-let landlords and high net-worth individuals – this approach can often prove problematic, with their more complex financial profiles presenting headaches to traditional lenders that lack the skill and experience in dealing with such clients. In fact, nearly one in five high net worth individuals have had a mortgage application declined in the last decade, according to research by Butterfield, a private bank.

Bridging loans for HNWIs

A bridging loan could be a viable alternative for anyone considering a property investment, particularly if they have encountered obstacles when applying for mortgages. There are two reasons for this.

The first is the speed at which loans can be deployed.

According to figures from Trussle, the average time taken for a property purchase to complete was 163 days earlier this year. Mortgage approval timelines also almost trebled from eight to 22 days over the course of 2020. And that is just the approval of the application – not the delivery of the loan.

Bridging lenders, by contrast, can progress from receiving an enquiry to delivering the funds in a matter of days.

Given the competitive nature of the property market, the ability to secure the necessary capital to move ahead with a real estate investment at pace is essential.

The second significant benefit of bridging loans is their flexibility. As the aforementioned research highlights, many individuals with complex finances struggle to satisfy the criteria required from some traditional lenders.

Experienced bridging loan providers like Market Financial Solutions (MFS) find creative solutions to meet a client's needs. Crucially, this involves assessing a person's full financial profile – how and where their wealth is held – as well as their backgrounds, such as their acumen as an investor, when assessing what loan could be offered.

Exceptional customer service

For those with complicated financial profiles, it is vital they seek bridging providers that have the expertise to cater to their exact needs. As noted, a fast but flexible approach is key – the best lenders can create then deliver bespoke financial solutions within days. And they will also provide a superior, stress-free experience to the client.

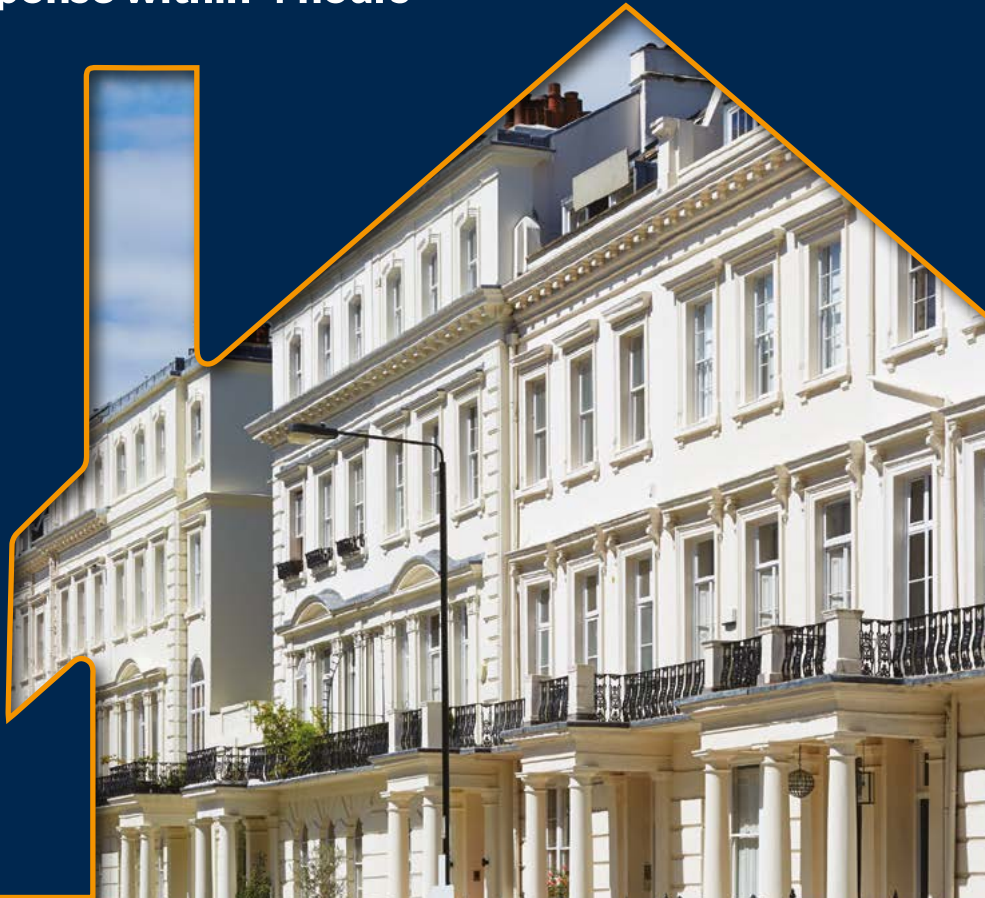
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HOW BROKERS CAN REMOVE STRESS WITHIN THE COMPETITIVE PROPERTY MARKET



The UK property market has rarely seen a period of such rapid price growth and sustained transactional activity as it has over the past 12 months.

After the first nationwide lockdown between March and June 2020, the property market sprung back into life, with pent-up demand quickly converting in buyer activity. This was, of course, catalysed still further by the stamp duty holiday, which came into effect in July last year.

Property prices have soared since the introduction of the tax break. According to Nationwide, UK house prices rose by 13.4% in the year to June 2021, reaching a record high £245,432. Further, HMRC data shows residential property transactions exceeded 350,000 in Q4 2020, and Q1 and Q2 2021 – a level not reached in the preceding six years.

Amidst so much activity and change, navigating the mortgage market has not been simple for prospective buyers. For one, the number of products available has shifted dramatically during the pandemic, with lenders either withdrawing mortgage options or launching new ones.

According to analysis from Moneyfacts, in February 2020 a homebuyer looking for a 90% loan-to-value mortgage had 776 products to choose from; by September this figure had fallen to just 44, whilst 95% mortgages disappeared entirely. This number has been rising back towards normal levels in recent months, but the underlying challenge remains – buyers must be able to source the best possible product for their exact needs, and fast.

Finding the right broker

In this current climate, it has never been more important to work with a skilled and experienced mortgage broker. And there are a number of key qualities that buyers should look for.

The first is to find a broker that has access to the widest possible range of mortgage products, many of which will not be available directly to clients on the high-street. This will ensure the best fit between the product and the buyer's needs.

The second is to work with a broker that can operate quickly. As the data above shows, the UK's property market is highly competitive at present, meaning buyers must be able to act fast to demonstrate they have the necessary funds in place to proceed with a purchase – failure to do so leaves the door open to a rival.

Thirdly, buyers should seek out a broker who will remove as much stress as possible from the entire process. After all, securing a mortgage and buying a property can be testing, particularly if unexpected challenges or delays arise. The best brokers offer regular updates and honest feedback to a client, allowing them to make informed decisions every step of the way.

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As the name implies, the specialist finance market is not an arena to enter without the highest level of knowledge and experience. Too many property investors find themselves paying higher finance costs than they should be, or worse still, in the incorrect type of finance when purchasing or refinancing their next property development project with no way to get out of the finance deal. It is critical that anyone looking at this type of finance should have the correct finance broker in their corner, which is where Prospero Finance are making a name for themselves, both with clients and lenders.

The business was started in 2016 by Martin Smedley, a finance broker with over 30 years' experience and James Relph, owner of a wealth management business, with an idea to provide mutual

services to their wealth management clients, whilst looking to establish a name in the property development arena. The team at Prospero Finance very quickly built a reputation for helping their clients achieve the most suitable type of finance for their project, which has helped them become preferred partners with a number of lenders, in particular the more specialist lenders.

The specialist bridging finance team at Prospero Finance are able to arrange some of the best value, bespoke bridging facilities in the market. In addition, they are able to arrange the exit on the bridging loan where required, often on bespoke terms not widely offered

throughout the market, giving their clients the peace of mind of having an exit option set up prior to completion.

One of their latest deals saw an investor remortgage two existing properties, both valued at over £2M in order to raise equity to allow them to convert an old assembly hall into flats. Both of the existing mortgages were already with a specialist lender who would only deal with a broker that had the appropriate level of expertise to ensure the deals completed quickly.

The relationships that they develop with their clients means that they are now seen as the 'go to' broker of choice when clients require specialised finance. This ongoing relationship was highlighted further when an existing client, fresh from receiving 100% funding by using additional security to acquire a mixed use commercial property with a plan to convert the whole building to self-contained residential flats has now returned with an even bigger project that requires finance to build 72 homes.

Although the bridging and development finance is a large part of their business focus, Prospero Finance can also help clients with Buy to Let, House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) and residential mortgages.

If you wish to find out more about how Prospero Finance could help you obtain the correct structure for your next development or purchase finance, please contact enquiries@prosperofinance.co.uk

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