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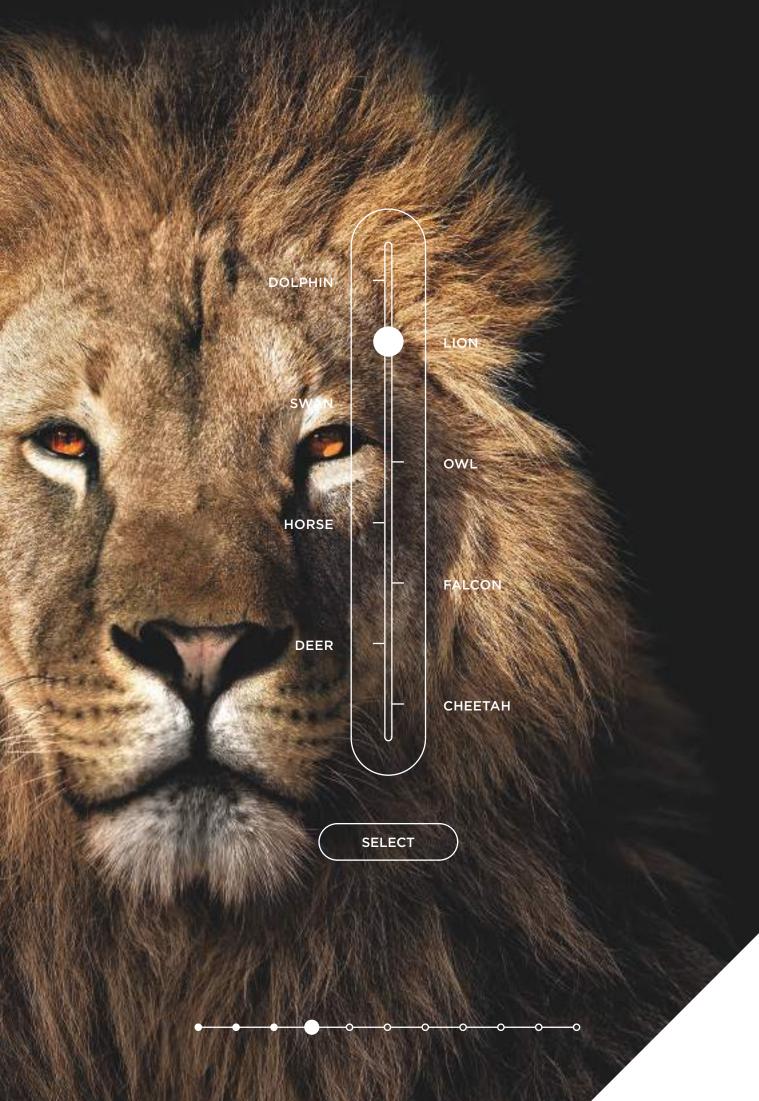
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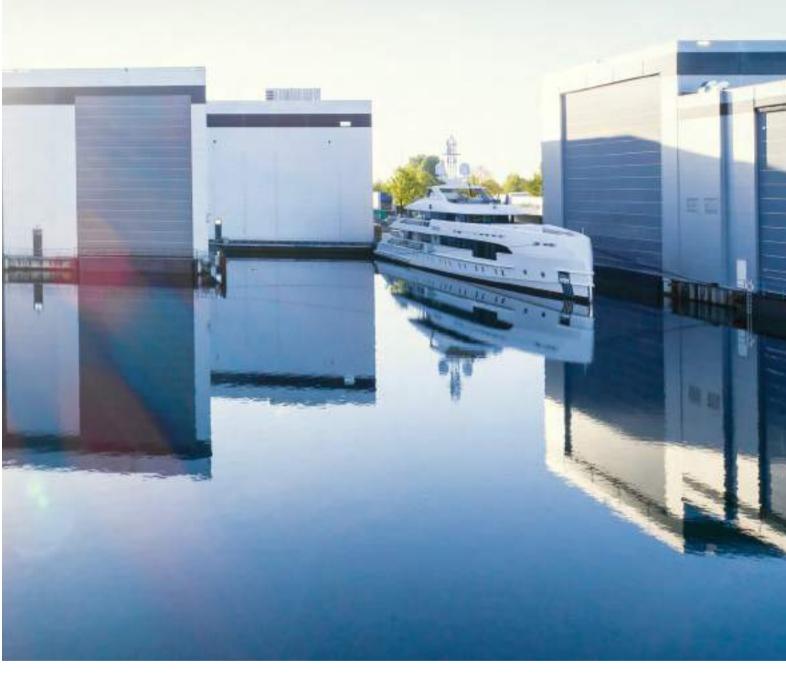


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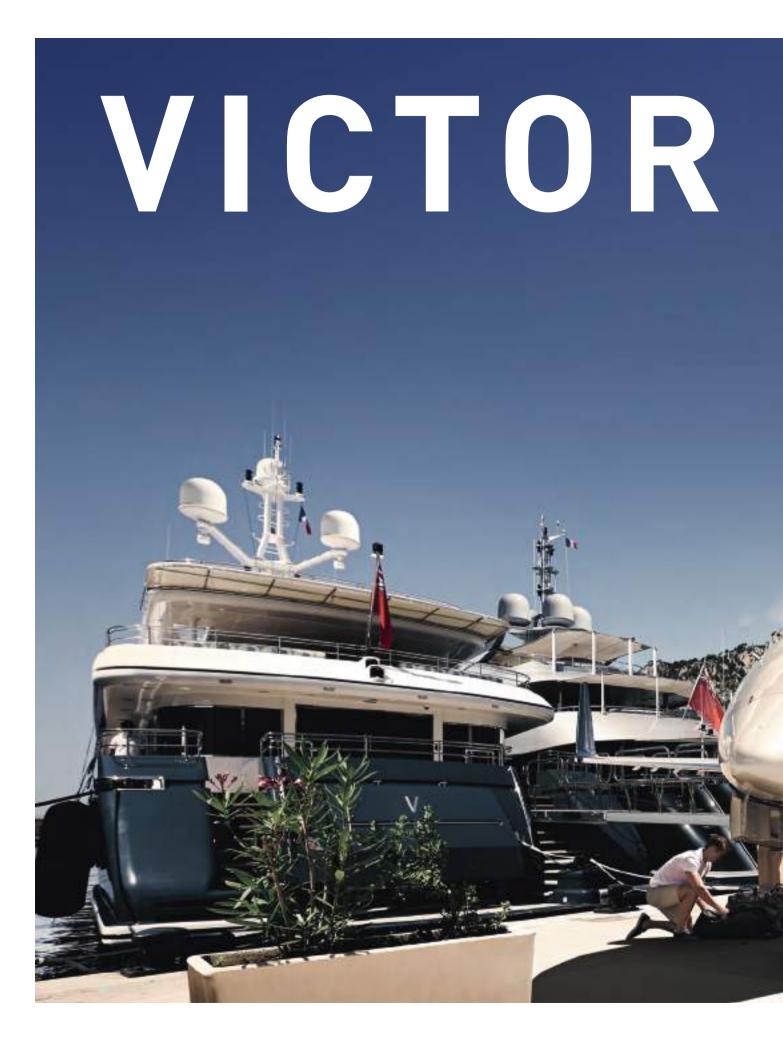
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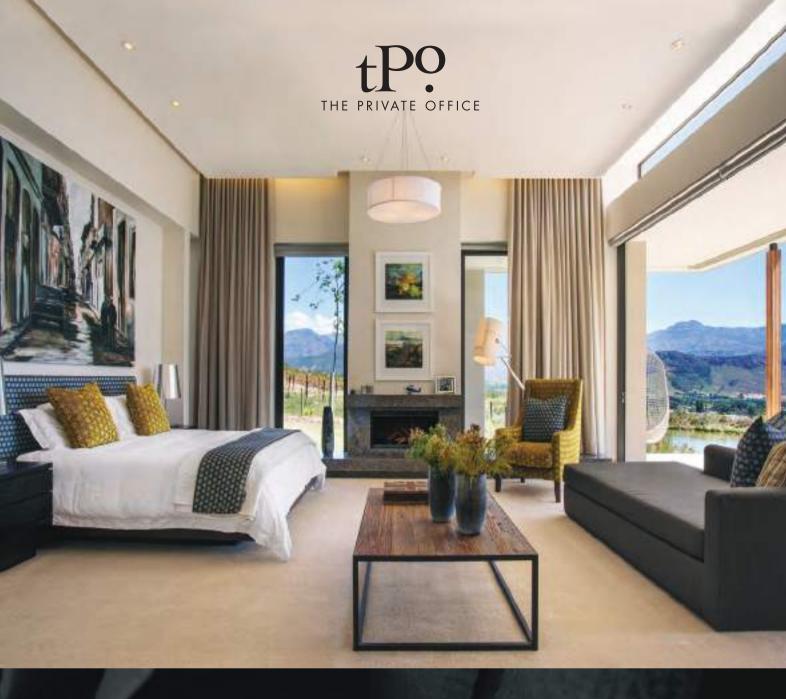
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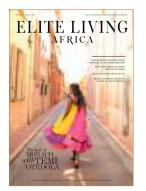
onaco, with its stunning harbour and elegant architecture, is a perfect location for a yacht show. *Elite Living Africa* is delighted to be a media partner for this year's Monaco Yacht Show. On page 52, there is a show preview for visitors, whether they are there for business or pleasure. And speaking of pleasure, our style columnist, Temi Otedola shares her tips for enjoying Monaco on page 32.

We feature stunning superyachts from Lürssen (page 54) and Feadship (page 55), both of which will be on display at the Monaco Yacht Show. On page 56, we take a look at a fabulous new restaurant in Monaco, ideal for seafood lovers in need of sustenance with a view after a busy day among the beautiful boats.

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## . A journey in good taste

Her food crosses cultures and continents but the African influence is ever-present. Lerato Umah-Shaylor shares her journey from curious child cook through to a career of presenting food programmes on TV, writing and sharing her unique recipes at special events.

WORDS BY DAVE REEDER

erato Umah-Shaylor is a British-Nigerian food writer, TV chef and journalist. As well as a food column for *The Guardian* in Nigeria, she creates private dining experiences, cookery classes and supper clubs, creating a marriage of African food and traditions with that of the rest of the world. She grew up in Lagos and spent a lot of her childhood in England, where breakfast was "eggs, bacon, plantains and baked beans". After secondary school in Nigeria and Benin, she studied at the London School of Economics. Dreams of saving Africa and the world ended in disillusionment, and "almost on a whim" she opened a gourmet pizzeria and catering company in Abuja. Now she is making waves in the London food scene.

## Elite Living Africa [ELA]: How did you develop your interest in food?

Lerato: When I was growing up, I spent a lot of time at home – I was a bit geeky. My route into food came about because I was also a bit of a rebel. I was banned from the kitchen by my mother, I think she was really frightened of potential kitchen accidents. However Papa, my favourite of all our chefs, would allow me sneak into the kitchen when my mother was nowhere near. I was so curious and soon I was chopping, stirring or dipping my hand in the pot. Then, in my early teenage years my Mum started letting me into the kitchen and soon I was allowed to cook entire meals.

#### ELA: Was Western food popular in Nigeria?

Lerato: Yes, certainly. Anyway, it went well for someone who was self-taught and never went to culinary school. I'm not a chef – I'm a cook, a cook that fell in love with food. Then I got married and we moved to Sussex in the UK, by which time I'd already done a food show for Nigerian TV.

## ELA: What are the challenges of cooking Nigerian dishes for a British audience?

Lerato: The main challenge is reminding people that Africa is a large continent with different people, cultures and foods. And so by incorporating recipes inspired by not only Nigerian cuisine, but North African, East African, South African and beyond, I take people on a journey with me. I use things that inspire me and then create a mix of the familiar and the unfamilar. An example would be my West African plantain fritters which I serve with strawberries and chocolate sauce made from free range West African cocoa. It's such a popular dessert on my menu, especially in the summer when strawberries are in season. My pumpkin pepper soup with plantain and mango crisps is a wonderful treat especially on my winter menu. It's a great combination of native West African spices and sweet pumpkins which as well as being a popular wintry veg in the United Kingdom is also grown in Senegal and around other countries in West Africa.

ELA: How would you describe your style of cooking?

Lerato: It's a marriage of African culture, traditions and food with that of British and other world cultures, traditions and food. I cook a lot of spice-roasted vegetables, stir fried greens such as spinach, kale and moringa, as well as fruits and chocolate based desserts. Put simply, my food is vibrant food, an explosion of bold flavours that celebrate the best of Africa. But its not just about my cooking, it is about my passion and bringing groups of people together to share a special and unique experience.

#### ELA: What are your signature dishes?

Lerato: Plantain pie with sweet plantains, carrots and vegetables doused in a carrot and celery gravy – a mix between a Nigerian meat pie and an English shepherd's pie! Also, salmon baked in butter and grains of paradise, a sophisticated dish with just a few ingredients. The skinny čfo – which is braised kale with peppers and roasted shallots, is a favourite on the menu. It is my version of the popular Yoruba recipe typically of wild spinach and scotch bonnets called Efo riro. I love cooking >



fruits: poached clementines, apples or pears in a homemade hibiscus syrup are light yet sumptuous desserts. My spiced chocolate sauce is an absolute crowd pleaser! I use it to inspire people to buy more fair-trade chocolate made from African cocoa and to remind them that this 'liquid gold' is an African gem. I love using my food to tell our stories.

## ELA: Why do you think African food hasn't made a bigger impact on the world stage?

Lerato: We haven't had forceful food ambassadors go out and say: 'Don't miss out on this food!'. In other words, people haven't connected the dots and realised that something as common as Jollof rice merges different cultures across Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Gambia. However, I think after the growth of American fast food in Africa, we are seeing the resurgence of African cooking. There's a lot of pride about local food as well as fusion food with an African twist. African food is real, with rich history and global influence, and the more we embrace and celebrate it on a world stage, the sooner it will get the recognition it deserves.

#### ELA: And what is in store for the future?

Lerato: It was an honour to be invited to the GTBank Food & Drinks Fair in Lagos where I hosted a master class. At the moment I'm working on a cookbook inspired by my food journeys and experiences in Africa, as well as sharing tips for adding African vibrancy into your cooking, including some of the most popular dishes from my events. I am also working on several collaborations such as with global members' club, Soho House Group, where I host cooking demonstrations and private dining events. I'm a regular contributor on the BBC, sharing recipes with the aim of celebrating the richness of African food. My supper clubs keep growing in London and now on the south coast [of England] and I am thrilled with the response and interest, especially when I share stories of wonderful experiences from Africa and I see people's eyes light up with excitement. I am excited about my private dining menu where I push the boat with more luxurious dishes. \*

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ABOVE AND PREVIOUS PAGE: Lerato Umah-Shaylor has been bringing her unique fusion of African and western cuisine to a wider audience through her live presentations, media appearances, writing and supper clubs.

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### MANUELA LIMITED EDITION ARMCHAIR

\$16,742, Manuela, www.sadusluxury.com

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## APPLE WATCH HERMÈS

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This Apple and Hermčs collaboration is where beauty and technology meet. Featured above and in the collection is Double Tour. The face of the Appledesigned watch is based on the iconic Clipper, Cape Cod and Espace Hermčs watches. The extra-long strap wraps beautifully around the wearer's wrist, it is elegantly crafted from calfskin and available in additional colours and leathers. Also available in the range is The Single Tour, which incorporates the classic Hermčs design, while the buckle is reflective of the straps on a horse's girth. A sleek twist on the classic Hermčs design, The Single Tour Deployment Buckle, is another watch in this collection. A hidden deployment buckle opens with a click of the two side buttons. However, for those seeking something truly unique in design then the Double Buckle Cuff is perfect, taking inspiration from a timeless Hermčs sandal design.



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## GUESS CONNECTED SMARTWATCH

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Guess Watches has partnered with Google and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. to bring a leader in fashion with pioneers in technology. Guess Connect will run Android Wear 2.0, a key update Google has made since the platform rolled out more than two years ago. The new timepieces are powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon Wear 2100 processor, especially designed to support new and enhanced wearable experiences for consumers. Guess Connect is compatible with both iOS and Android smartphones.

## FREDERIQUE CONSTANT STEEL HOROLOGICAL SMARTWATCH

#### \$1,116, www.frederiqueconstant.com

This beautifully crafted smartwatch is powered by MMT SwissConnect, it has the capability of bi-directional communication with iOS and Android apps. One of the key features is that it has no digital screen and features laser cut hands on the watch dial display information in analog form. It presents a natural classic beauty and can deliver the benefits without having to recharge the battery for at least two years. With the introduction of these new Horological Smartwatch models, the Swiss Watch Manufacturer Frederique Constant has definitively managed to preserve its design spirit but stay connected and relevant.



#### \$1,031, Montblanc

Montblanc recently joined forces with Google to introduce fine watchmaking codes to the connected watch world, marking a new era in luxury wearables for men. This smartwatch has been designed with the younger generation in mind - a gadget that will help them navigate through everyday life, while experiencing the feeling of a real watch on their wrist. The smartwatch features Android Wear 2.0, Google's latest operating system for smartwatches and the Qualcomm Snapdragon Wear 2100 processor, one of the most advanced and powerful wearables processors in the market for smartwatches.

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## PRECIOUS little GEMS

Jewellery for children is, ideally, tasteful and ageappropriate. Whether proud parents want to celebrate a birth with baby's first baubles or a milestone, such as a birthday or christening, there are plenty of delicate pieces to choose from, and there are styles that can be worn beyond childhood.

WORDS BY GEORGIA LEWIS

dorning children in jewellery is not new. The children of the ancient Egyptians, across the social classes, wore jewellery. It was frequently colourful and made from a wide range of materials.

During the Egyptian Middle Kingdom, the upper classes wore jewellery made of gold, silver, lapis lazuli and other gemstones. For the lower classes, copper and colourful stones were used. Faience, a type of earthenware, was used in jewellery across all ancient Egyptian society, apart from slaves.

Quite often children under six did not wear clothes but did wear jewellery, with the amount and quality of their baubles reflecting their parents' social status. Fish amulets were worn in the hair mothers would putg them in their children's hair to protect them from drowning in the Nile.

As well as Egypt, early forms of jewellery for children have been found across Greece, Italy, China, South and Central America, the Middle East and Asia. Ancient Greek artisans made jewellery for children mainly in enamel, filigree gold or silver wire.

Precious and semi-precious stones were not unusual on pieces for upper class children in ancient Rome. By the 14th Century, it had become customary in Italy to give newborns a cross made of coral, designed to protect babies from the evil eye.

Meanwhile, it has been a centuries-old tradition in Cambodia to put silver anklets adorned with silver bells on babies. This meant children could be easily heard if they crawled or toddled away, and it is believed that the bells could ward off evil spirits.

FACING PAGE: Rose gold and

amythest earrings on model by Gemondo. www.gemondo.com

Bird and shell earrings by Arlette

Gold. www.arlettegold.com



In Victorian times, gold and silver bracelets, pins and bib clips came into fashion for well-to-do babies. The bracelets never really went out of style – today's identity bracelets for babies and children are still a popular gift. Enamel and semi-precious stones, such as garnets, were sometimes used to add a touch of colour.

For older children under the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, gold or silver book-chain necklaces, cameos and bar pins were popular. These were the sort of pieces which could be worn beyond babyhood and became much-loved family heirlooms. In many cases, these Victorian and Edwardian treasures are still passed down through the generations.

It is this trend that comes through strongly in many pieces for children today, whether it is something specifically designed for a young jewellery lover or a delicate piece of adult jewellery that is still appropriate for older children and teenagers.

Gemondo, Dawanda, Annie Haak and Les Georgettes have all released jewellery that transcends the generations, making them ideal gifts for older girls and teenagers.

For the prettiest of precious and semi-precious stones, without over-thetop ostentation, Gemondo has some excellent offerings. With petite earrings, necklaces and rings in rose gold with amythests, diamonds, sapphires and morganites, it is subtle bling that won't age a young girl. FACING PAGE: Elodie white heart bracelet by Molly Brown, www.mollybrownlondon.com

THIS PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Rose gold and amythest pendant and earrings, rose gold and morganite earrings and ring, all by Dawanda, www.dawanda.com; Rose gold and pale pink ring by Les Georgettes, www.lesgeorgettes.com

NEXT PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Butterfly pendant by Annabel James, www.annabeljames.co.uk; Anchor pendant by Annie Haak, www.anniehaakdesigns.co.uk; Bell-charm baby anklet/bracelet by Saffron Bells, www.saffronbells.com; Bird ring by Dawanda, www.dawanda.com; Honeybee earrings by Alex Monroe, www.cotswoldtrading.com; Identity bracelet by Tommy Hilfiger, www.hilfiger.com



Dawanda's gold and amythest ring is small enough not to dominate a young hand but has a Celtic edge, which makes it appealing to teens.

For the girl who prefers something bold, Annie Haak and Les Georgettes are two suposedly adult brands with pieces that will not be overbearing on older girls and teenagers.

Annie Haak's pieces feature on-trend charms, such as anchors and feathers. The anchor theme is carried through with a fine gold pendant which could easily be worn well beyond the teenage years.

Similarly, the Giraffe range from Les Georgettes offers funky interchangeable designs where the whole look of a bracelet, pendant or ring can be changed with a different coloured piece of leather – again, it is something that many a mother might be tempted to borrow from her daughter.

Motifs from nature are very popular. Annabel James makes delicate pieces in gold and silver, featuring feather-light butterflies. Earrings for young girls look best when they are classy and discreet and to this end, Arlette has created styles inspired by seashells and doves.

Continuing with the nature theme, Alex Monroe for Cotswold Trading has pieces featuring honey bees, prowling foxes and bunnies, as well as an adorable daisy necklace. Dawanda's slender bird ring in rose gold is another example of using nature for inspiration to great effect.

The My First Diamond Kiss range from Molly Brown takes dramatic, modern shapes and reinvents them for younger wearers. Meanwhile, the Elodie heart collection, in pretty pale pink and white, is ultra-feminine.

Talking of hearts, Tommy Hilfiger is an unexpected source of child-appropriate jewellery. Bracelets and pendants come in yellow, white and rose gold with heart charms. The brand, possibly best known for menswear, also offers a modern take on the identity bracelet in rose gold.

For those seeking a more traditional approach to children's jewellery, Molly Brown and Saffron Bells offer some timeless classics. Molly Brown's





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## Fit for queen

As the Monaco Yacht Show is upon us, Temi Otedola, our style columnist, shares her recommendations for this small but perfectly formed principality.

WORDS BY TEMI OTEDOLA

onaco: the meeting point of all the world's luxuries. Fine dining, Formula One racing, superyachts. You'll find them all just east of Nice. It may be a minuscule citystate, with 40,000 occupants – plus thousands of thrill-seeking tourists cramming into its 200 hectares each year – but Monaco brims with activity. Well, there must be some reason why it's one of the most coveted places to live in the world. Whether you are planning a trip to Monaco, or are a seasoned visitor, consider my recommendations.

HOTELS: If, like me, you find the Hotel de Paris in Monte-Carlo a little played out then the Hôtel Hermitage (pictured) is an excellent option. From Riviera views to an impeccable concierge service, the Hermitage is sure to make you feel like royalty. The Metropole is also a fantastic option, with a millennial crowd and it is connected to the allencompassing Metropole Shopping Centre.

**DINING:** Chinese cuisine may not be the first thing that jumps to mind when you think of Monaco, but Song Qi has some of the best dim sum in Europe. Otherwise, for fine dining, Le Louis XV, run by Alain Ducasse, is known for its exquisite French food and its three Michelin stars.

THINGS TO DO: Monaco is not just for eating and sleeping. The Princess Grace Rose Garden is a must-see for first timers, and the Opera Gallery is holding 'The Monaco Masters' exhibition until September. But, what truly lights up Monaco and reverberates across the entire coast is the annual Formula One Grand Prix. So make sure you start planning a trip to Monaco for next May, the Grand Prix is an event for both racing lovers and novices, that one should not miss. \*

Temi wears: Dress by Christopher Kane, shoes by Aquazurra, clutch by Charlotte Olympia. Photography by James Pouliot.

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In the Essence of Perfume, a book written by master perfumer Roja Dove, he notes that the jasmine plant has several different scent facets - rich, sensual, fruity and warm, while also narcotic, flowery and animalic. Awaken your senses as we take you on a fragrant journey with our selection of invigorating jasmine scents.

WORDS BY HIRIYTI BAIRU

#### **ROJA DOVE**

The finest jasmine, Roja Dove explains in his book, is sourced from Grasse and was first introduced in the 16th century and known simply as 'the flower'. Every type of jasmine contains a naturally occurring molecule called indole which is also present in high amounts in all the animal notes. Jasmine from Grasse contains the highest concentration of indole of all the jasmines. One of Roja Dove's jasmine scents is Scandal – a sensual bouquet of white flowers intertwined, featuring notes of jasmine, rose, gardenia, lily of the valley, orange blossom and freesia, freshened by bergamot.

#### XERJOFF

Elle, an oriental floral fragrance for women by Xerjoff, was launched back in 2007. For this scent, founder of the brand, Sergio Momo, used top notes of citrus, African orange flower and galbanum, and middle notes contain iris, birch, wood and patchouli. Base notes include benzoin, opoponax, amber and musk. Damarose, a chypre edition by Xerjoff, is enhanced by Turkish rose absolute, with notes of sambac jasmine, freesia and red berries. A fine cloak of patchouli and precious wood adds a hint of elegance and beauty to the composition, along with a sensual trail of amber and musk that linger on the skin. Damarose was launched in 2010.

#### BURBERRY

Burberry Bespoke is a collection of seven exclusive fragrances created by French perfumer Francis Kurkdjian. One of the scents featured in the collection is Hawthorn Bloom – a jasmine scent inspired by the Yorkshire countryside. Each scent is available in either one, two or three varying concentrations. Burberry Bespoke is inspired by artistry, the elements and the great British outdoors. Each scent is as individual as the emotions a smell or place can evoke. The collection is a reflection of the unique characteristics of a particular scent on an individual. Francis Kurkdjian reveals, "For each fragrance, the concentration has been carefully chosen to offer customers the perfect blend possible. It allows the same fragrance to tell us a different translation of a story."

#### HENRY JACQUES

Henry Cremona, founder of Henry Jacques, was a world traveller who took inspiration from his childhood, wanderlust and dreams of faraway lands to create a range of fragrances where he can demonstrate his passion for perfumes. His scent Jasmin de HJ features different shades of the jasmine plant. It opens with the warmth pof jasmine absolute. At the heart is jasmine from Egypt and at the trail, jasmine from India. Another Henry Jacques classic is "Jeannice". It opens with hesperidia notes and aromatic notes of pepper. At the heart is jasmine, iris and rose damascenia, and at the trail; Indian sandalwood and Moroccan cedar. Both fragrances are part of Henry Jacques main collection, Les Classiques de HJ.

#### BOND NO. 9

A tribute to a neighbourhood in New York City, Bond No. 9's Soho, is a gender-free, distinctive scent. Top notes of sweet orange, lemony-green petitgrain, and syrupy cassis absolute can be sensed in this fragrance. Jasmine and orris, orange flower's heart-note cohorts, add sensuality. This is followed by lingering base notes of amber, musk, cedar, and velvety oakmoss, a beautiful compliment to orange flower. The Soho Superstar bottle features a mesmerising black and white whirlpool of swirls, designed to be a high-energy visualisation of the scent inside. The bottle also features a cleverly designed elliptical hat, again with the dazzling swirl design, presented smartly atop the lid. \* 35 FRAGRANCE



TOP ROW: Elle by Xerjoff, Hawthorn Bloom by Burberry, Jasmin de HJ by Henry Jacques BOTTOM ROW: Soho by Bond No.9, Scandal by Roja Parfums



## LOOK stylish IN Equestrian CHIC

One of the oldest team sports in history, polo is often referred to as the 'sport of kings'. The glamour of the game, is just one of its appeals, and for centuries it has been enjoyed by affluent individuals including royals. Be inspired with the latest trends in polo fashion with our gallery of key looks from the Prince of Wales Cup.

BY HIRIYTI BAIRU

he Prince of Wales Cup, 'Africa's Grandest Tournament' is one of the prime events on the continent's polo calendar and takes place at the Rosefield polo club in Gauteng, South Africa. The sport is currently played in more than 60 countries and enjoyed by more than 50 million people each year.

A polo game usually lasts for an hour-and-ahalf, divided into seven-minute time periods called chukkas. At the end of each chukka play the game continues for an additional 30 seconds or until a stoppage in play, whichever comes first. The players – four per team – get three-minute breaks between chukkas and a 15 minute break and usually use two ponies each in a game. The aim of the game is to put the ball between the goal posts using a mallet, which can be used only on the right side of the horse. Players have a handicap that indicates their ability, ranging from minus two (the worst) up to a maximum best of ten. Games are played where both teams' sum handicaps are weighed up against each other and the team with the lower handicap is given a few goals which will be calculated according to the number of chukkas being played.

The first recorded polo tournament dates back to 600 B.C and was between the Turkomans and the Persians and has since been played by kings and princes. It is therefore quite fitting that many polo players and spectators of the game look effortlessly chic for the royal-esque outing.

Moving away from the sport, polo tournaments such as the Prince of Wales Cup is an >



opportunity for Africa's fashion elite to come out in full force, providing great networking opportunities. So how does one master equestrian chic?

The dress code for this tournament is smart casual, which for ladies includes slacks, skirts and sundresses, with flat or wedge shoes. High heels, however glamorous, are not recommended as heels will sink into the turf, making >

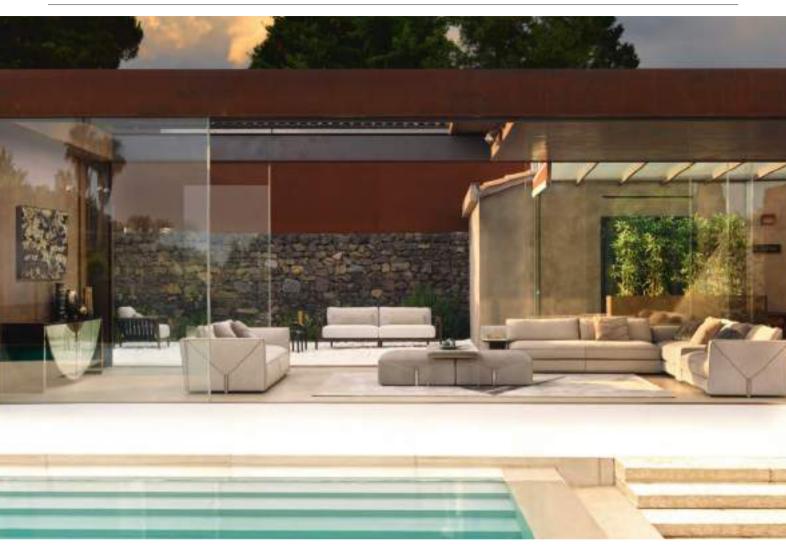








walking difficult. For gentlemen smart casual is recommended with a sports jacket for those viewing from formal seating. Organisers recommend a closed shoe for Sunday finals. Bring a hat to protect yourself from the sun, sunglasses, sunblock screen and a light sweater in case it gets a bit chilly when the sun goes down.  $\blacklozenge$ 



## VISIONNAIRE

Luxury Italian furniture brand Visionnaire has recently launched a promotional campaign for its new homeware collection.

#### BY HIRIYTI BAIRU

icily was the choice of location for the campaign, near the slopes of Mount Etna, a few kilometres away from Catania. The shoot took place in a historic building designed from architectural glass and corten steel, rich in Italian culture and nature. Visionnaire notes that architecture and design form the background of the storytelling where Bastian (Mauro Lipparini design) Opera (Alessandro La Spada design) Legend (Fabio Bonfŕ design) Green Life and Boulevard (Maurizio Manzoni and Roberto Tapinassi design) play the role of real protagonists of the campaign. Visionnaire explores the challenge to share its experience using contemporary language, by expressing with an even stronger force its uniqueness and its attention to detail and "haute-couture" production, contributing to the brand's success to date. Featuring careful lines and

ABOVE: Visionnaire's 2017 promotional campaign. proportions, symmetry and balance, research of innovative materials and artisanal skill is expressed across the new collection and is exclusively made in Italy. "Our research and development department started to develop the Eco-sustainability topic starting from those products that are in close contact with the person, such as sofas and beds made of alternative and environment-friendly materials. They, along with our outdoor collection, are the main characters of this communication campaign", says Eleonore Cavalli. The Visionnaire brand operates in more than 55 countries with a network of 24 single-brand shops Baku, Shunde, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Cairo, Dubai, Kiev, Bari, Milan, Bologna, Moscow, Singapore, Miami, Istanbul, Ho Chi Minh, Riyadh, London and Tehran. \*

44 TRENDING TECH

## BRILLIANT BATHROOMS

Every room is packed with technology these days, but the bathroom is often neglected. These pieces of technology will bring your bathroom into the 21st century.

### Lusso Stone Notion Stone Freestanding Bath

\$6,899, Lusso www.lussostone.com

Beautifully curved with exquisitely smooth contours for the ultimate immersive experience, the Notion from Lusso Stone is an example of form, perfectly executed. Constructed in pure white Durastone in either a matt or polished finish, this handcrafted, 520 litre tub is stain and UV resistant, and has a lifetime guarantee. This is a timeless, premium freestanding bath tub.



### 45 TRENDING TECH



### Dyson Airblade Tap

**\$1,679 - \$1,799, Dyson** www.*dyson.co.uk* 

Water marks can ruin the look of a clean, minimalist sink basin, and wet hands are often the culprits of such crimes. However, those days are no more with the Dyson Airblade tap. By combining Dyson's Airblade drying technology into a faucet, it is more energy efficient than a conventional hand dryer, and it's sleek and minimal design means it will match the contemporary bathroom designs of the day.







### Bose SoundLink Revolve+

\$360, Bose www.bose.co.uk

Bose wanted to produce a portable speaker with full 360 degree sound capability. That is where the SoundLink Revolve+ comes in. It is water resistant and its battery will last all day. As well as the quality that we expect with Bose products, the Revolve+ will connect to a smart phone, allowing calls to be taken with Siri and Google Now compatibility. The Revolve+ may well become your fully portable shower sing-a-long friend.



### Mira Smart Shower \$850 - \$1,250, Mirrashower www.mirashowers.co.uk

Smart showers are increasingly common, and while Mira's systems are not the most expensive on the market, they are extremely elegant. With a choice of digital controllers to fit in with your bathroom decor and a range of fittings depending on water feed, the Mira systems are clean, beautifully minimalist and combine precise digital control with a complete, invigorating spray experience from Mira's 360 showerhead with Flipstream, delivers a premium shower experience time after time.

### Kohler Moxie

\$300, Kohler www.kobler.com

Everyone likes singing in the shower, don't they? Well Kohler evidently thinks we do. The Moxie combines a shower head with a Bluetooth-enabled speaker. The shower head only has a light and an on/off button, controlled by a linked MP3 or smart phone. The Moxie has a seven hour playback battery and is recharged via a USB. The stainless steel and clean white head gives the Moxie a clean, uniform finish, worthy of any shower karaoke sessions.

### Vanity Mirror

Made to order, Hidden Television www.biddentelevision.com

Grooming can take an awfully long time and sometimes music alone just doesn't cut the mustard. That is where the vanity TV comes in. It is an embedded 28" Samsung television inside a made-to-measure mirror, housed inside a customisable frame to suit the decor of any bathroom. With a potential size of up to 84" x 126", the Vanity Mirror TV will fit into any room as a classy, modern centrepiece.



### 47 Trending tech



### Reinast Toothbrush \$4,200, Reinast www.reinast.com

A German engineered, fully titanium body toothbrush is going to be expensive, but upwards of \$4,000 may make some wince. However, the Reinast has been the benchmark in oral healthcare for the past years. The anti-bacterial head with replaceable bristles, (which the buyer receives a lifetime supply of), make this the last toothbrush you will ever have to buy.

### Washlet Toto

**\$2,999 - \$14,799, Toto** *www.toto.com* 

The bathroom should be designed almost entirely for improving personal hygiene. Japan's TOTO first launched the Washlet in 1980, and has been at the forefront of this industry for almost four decades. The Washlet is a toilet with integrated bidet functionality. With remotely controlled, variable pulsating jets, the Washlet matches clean design with the highest levels of personal hygiene.





ABOVE: Riju George is looking forward to another well-attended Dubai International Motor Show.

FACING PAGE: Last year's motor show attracted large crowds as well as media from the UAE and beyond.

### IN the fast LANE

Riju George, portfolio director for the Dubai International Motor Show, speaks to *Elite Living Africa* about the 2017 event, which promises to be bigger than ever

WORDS BY GEORGIA LEWIS

ubai is a paradise for supercar spotters so it is a fitting location for one of the world's most glamorous motor shows. Each year, the main motor show in the UAE alternates between the capital, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai, its glitzier cousin up the road. This year, it is Dubai's turn and Riju George, the event's portfolio director, told *Elite Living Africa* what visitors can expect this time around.

### *Elite Living Africa* (ELA): What will be the highlights of this year's Dubai International Motor Show?

**Riju George (RG):** The Biennial Dubai International Motor Show has established itself as the region's most influential and largest global automotive event. The event is a must-attend for manufacturers, distributors, industry specialists and key buyers from around the world, as well as the world's most discerning motoring enthusiasts. This year, from 14-18 November at Dubai World Trade Centre, the Dubai International Motor Show will be ground-zero for car enthusiasts, with an array of concept cars, global and regional launches and more on the show floor.

Dubai International Motor Show is pumping with adrenaline this year. We aim to put visitors in the driver's seats of topspeed cars in our Race Room Simulators, and thrill them in drifting experiences through our partnership with Dubai Autodrome. Top manufacturers Toyota, Nissan, Jaguar and Landrover will bring outdoor experiences to Dubai International Motor Show, along with test drives from some of the world's most sought-after brands.

The show will welcome in excess of 100,000 visitors from more than 70 countries to witness more than 15 global

launches, hundreds of regional reveals and 15 concept cars being presented by leading automotive companies and brands. Visitors will include royalty, VIPs, top ranking government officials, car enthusiasts, families as well as international celebrities from the motoring world.

### ELA: Are there any brands exhibiting for the first time this year?

RG: Dubai International Motor Show has expanded its reach and is welcoming new brands each year. This year for the first time on the show floor, visitors will see cars and products from Rodin, Borgward, Devel 16, Shaali N360, Karlmann King, Auto Millennium/Llumar, Engler, Linford Motorsport, Icona, Prato, Rimac, Apollo Tyres, Low & Co UK and Goodyear for the first time.

#### ELA: What have been the biggest achievements of the Dubai International Motor Show since its inception?

RG: The Dubai International Motor Show has come far since its inception in 1991. It is now the largest and most respected international show of its kind in the Middle East and North Africa region. It has proved over the years its capacity to bring together a large representation of the motor industry's leading automotive manufacturers, and has become the premier venue for global and regional launches. Over the years, the Dubai International Motor Show has brought together global manufacturers, distributors, industry specialists, key buyers and an army of passionate motoring enthusiasts to enjoy exclusive car launches, interactive demonstrations and exciting features. We are not simply a distributor show, we have a wealth of visitor attractions that cater for all age groups, creating a family atmosphere for all.



### ELA: What brands are the most popular with the motor show attendees?

**RG:** Dubai International Motor Show attracts visitors from all walks of life, with a variety of automotive needs, so it is difficult to pinpoint particular brands. Our show sees attendance from adrenaline-seeking petrolheads, bikers, HNWIs, VIPS and trade visitors. As we expect 150 exhibitors on the show floor this year, the one thing we can guarantee is that there is something for everyone.

### ELA: Why is the Dubai International Motor Show important to the luxury car industry?

RG: Dubai is simply the perfect city to host an automotive show of this magnitude. According to The Wealth Report, the city will see a 50 per cent growth in UNHWIs in the next decade, and is the fifth most important city in the world for such individuals. According to the World Ultra Wealth Report, billionaires in the Middle East - with a combined net worth of \$354 billion - hold a higher percentage of total wealth than in any other region in the world. Bringing these statistics together and taking into account that consumers in the UAE spent \$4.8 billion on cars and other vehicles in 2016, it becomes clear that the Dubai International Motor Show is vital to the regional and global luxury car industry. In fact, we have expanded our supercar area by 25 per cent since 2015 in response to visitor interest. \*





## PURPLE REIGN

A bespoke McLaren 720S by McLaren Special Operations made its debut at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

WORDS BY GEORGIA LEWIS

cLaren makes cars which shamelessly offer hair-raising performance, their wicked powertrains wrapped up in carbon fibre and sharp angles which constantly lead to predictable but accurate Batmobile comparisons.

While a dark McLaren is sexy in a foreboding and anonymous kind of way, a bespoke McLaren, customised with a sense of fun in mind, is the one that people will remember.

Michael Fux, a US entrepreneur and philanthropist, has eschewed the anonymity of a Batmobile-style McLaren and instead used the services of McLaren Special Operations (MSO) to create a splendid machine with a fuchsia paint finish and white leather interior. The fuchsia paint was created especially for the client – the unique shade has been dubbed Fux Fuchsia. It was first developed by

ABOVE: AND FACING PAGE This McLaren 720S is a riot of colour and a fine example of a bespoke car, created with a sense of fun in mind. The unique fuchsia exterior is a stunning foil for the customised white leather interior. Rolls-Royce and then redeveloped by MSO. Mr Fux will retain exclusive rights to use the colour on any other McLaren car.

A head-turning car needs to make a showstopping public debut so it was entirely fitting that the Fux Fuchsia Mclaren 720S was handed over to its proud owner on the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Concept Lawn in Monterey, California.

The distinctive hue is not restricted to the main panels. It features as a detail on the wheels, contrasting with the certainly more subtle platinum finish of the alloy. Inside the car, the fuchsia theme continues on the door appliqués, as a pinstripe on the steering wheel and the rear-view mirror. Naturally, the leather for the interior has been custom-made for the client. In striking white with white stitching, it is certain to dazzle against the bold body colour.



In addition to the bespoke elements that make this car so special, there are a few options which are available to all McLaren customers. These include the exhaust and window surrounds, which come in a Stealth grey finish, and carbon fibre components which are from the MSO Defined range. These can be ordered for any McLaren, of any colour.

The outrageously purple 720S is not the first McLaren for Michael Fux. Indeed, he is quite the collector of this particular marque. And he has a penchant for the bolder incarnations of the McLaren rather than the dark and mysterious.

Previously, he has commissioned a McLaren 12C in McLaren Orange, as well as two other bespoke car – a 12C Spider in bespoke purple and a McLaren P1 in bespoke green. \*

### The white leather interior dazzles against the bespoke paintwork in a shade of fuchsia created especially for the client.





# BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

This year's Monaco Yacht Show will take the VIP experience to the next level with special services for valued clients.

WORDS BY GEORGIA LEWIS

nce again, the Monaco Yacht Show (MYS) is set to attract serious buyers of luxury vessels. A select audience of industy guests were on hand in July to learn more about the Sapphire Experience, an exclusive programme for ultra-high-net-worth individuals.

Gaëlle Tallarida, managing director for MYS, hosted the event at Hotel Fairmont Monte Carlo. The Sapphire Experience is designed to ensure these VIP customers get the most out of this year's event. Port Hercules will, as ever, be filled with the world's most prestigious superyachts and the MYS Concierge Service will be on hand as part of the Sapphire Experience to organise private visits on superyachts as well as a full agenda of entertainment and activities – after all, the MYS is a social as well as a wonderful seagoing experience.

As well as outlining the Sapphire Experience, the July event showcased the new look of the 2017 MYS. A marquee on the new Quai Albert Ier has been transformed after two years of public works. Quai Antoine Ier will be the epicentre of activities linked to the



superyacht lifestyle. On this stunning site, the Dutch Pavilion of HISWA will return, along with the Car Deck for the second time and the Tenders & Toys Show, where the latest dinghies and water toys will be exhibited. The Car Deck was a popular addition to last year's MYS and it will again be a chance for discerning clients to get up close and personal with rare and exclusive luxury cars.

The Starboard, a new exhibition lounge, will be part of the new Quai Albert Ier site. Here, guests can enjoy beautiful art and exhibition stands focused on decoration, relax on the restaurant terrace or in the lounge, or book a meeting room if serious maritime business needs to be discussed – after all, it is always much better to do business in pleasant surrounds. There is also the option for VIP guests to host private events at the Starboard.

Statistics from last year's event indicate that attendance has been stable, reflecting a well-established international yachting community that understands the importance of the MYS.

In 2016, 33,800 private yacht owners, future yacht buyers and industry professionals attended. Last year, the MYS presented 125 yachts, 39 of which were models launched in 2016.

The yachts measured on average 45 metres overall at last year's show. The 30-40m segment was well represented with 14 novelties out of a total of 32 vessels, while the 40-50m category offered 10 new models. This was the largest category with 41 yachts.

Exhibitors reported that it was a successful show in terms of business generated with many return exhibitors requesting larger booths for this year's event.

Fabio Ermetto, sales director of Italian builder Benetti, said: "We noted in particular renewed interest among the visitors. We have begun several new negotiations with visitors who came to buy and not just to admire our superb yachts. The large number of visits we received during the show clearly reflects the presence of an existing clientele but also a very high level of new prospects from all over the world."

According to Theo Hooning, Secretary General of the Superyacht Builders Association (SYBAss), whose members exhibited 53 yachts at the 2016 show, MYS "remains absolutely the one and only superyacht event in the world", a major rendezvous for yacht builders.  $\diamond$ 



## ELEGANCE AFLOAT

Areti is 85 metres of pure luxury and she will be making her debut at the Monaco Yacht Show. It's another triumph for Lürssen.

WORDS BY JESS COUTTS

ürssen will reveal their its delivery from the yard at the Monaco Yacht Show. This 85-metre sensation will be spending her first summer in the Mediterranean and her world debut will be a highlight of the show.

Following her effortless sea trials, Lürssen was proud to announce the successful delivery of this exquisite yacht, *Areti*,on 19 July 2017.

Winch Design has been responsible for both the stunning exterior and interior design and has given the yacht a sleek and perfectly balanced signature look, complemented by a traditional but fresh interior styling. The subtle cream hull, along with the white superstructure and grey accents are of a similar design to the owner's previous yachts.

Areti is a voluminous yacht, featuring an enormous, private master suite with eight spacious guest cabins. The yacht has a bespoke design to satisfy the owners' exacting requirements. Meeting the highest of standards, and without losing charm or grandeur, she has been meticulously kept in line with the Passenger Yacht Code to be able to accommodate a larger number of guests. With sumptuous, neutral fabrics and lavish wood throughout, she presents an air of sophistication and exudes comfort. Many of the entertaining areas impose a beach-chic vibe while remaining quintessentially elegant.

On the lower deck aft, one can find a luxurious spa complete with sauna, hot tub, full depth plunge pool and experience showers. This magnificent area extends to the adjacent relaxation beach club, which opens up to the vast swim platform via a large transom door.

Private, serene exterior deck spaces provide calm zones where one can feel at home. The owners can enjoy their own secluded rest area forward of the master suite. This suite boasts its own Jacuzzi, spacious sunbed, and breakfast table. Guests can also take advantage of another large Jacuzzi with views from the bridge and sun deck, also fitted out with generous sun beds.

Areti would not be complete without the certified heli-landing area, providing easy transfers to and from the yacht for the owners and their guests.  $\diamond$ 

www.lurssen.com

Name: Areti – project Sasha LOA: 85 metres/278'9" Beam: 14.8 metres/48'6" Builder: Lürssen Yachts Exterior Designer: Winch Design Interior Designer: Winch Design

# LIGHT & QUIET

*quarius*, Feadship's latest superyacht, launched last September, is a triumph of light, space and quiet.

The 92-metre vessel was built for a client who has previously owned a 50-metre and a 60-metre yacht. *Aquarius* features a contemporary exterior design with a number of archetypal Feadship elements, such as a conventional bow and raked superstructure shape.

The profile comes from the drawing boards of Dutch company Sinot Exclusive Yacht Design, which was also responsible for the interior design, along with the owner's design team collaborating with Feadship De Voogt Naval Architects.

Aquarius' propulsion rests upon a conventional package honed by Feadship to an exceptional degree of refinement. The yard is confident that Aquarius will be the quietest Feadship to date.

"Having enjoyed his time on yachts from renowned yards, the owner of *Aquarius* recognised that the only way to move up to the highest possible standard was to come to Feadship," said Feadship CEO Henk de Vries. "We had been in regular contact for several years before the owner concluded that, in order to create the truly fantastic yacht he envisaged, he simply had to commission an entirely bespoke Feadship. The client is a fiercely competitive player in the hospitality business and highly ambitious in terms of his personal possessions. It has been a pleasure to work with him on this phenomenal project."

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Feadship's Aquarius, the culmination of an ambitious brief from a discerning client, will be on display at the Monaco Yacht Show.

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The owner agrees: "We dedicated two years of intense design work on Aquarius. As a result, she represents a perfect marriage of interior and exterior, and seamless integration with the sea. I am convinced that Aquarius will become a future benchmark for global superyacht excellence."

The LED lighting system, combined with glass in the superstructure, makes *Aquarius* one of the brightest Feadship yachts to date.

As the owner is an avid art lover, *Aquarius* has space for pieces from his private collection. The client's expertise in the hospitality and high-end hotel sectors is apparent with the infrastructure of the galleys, pantries and crew service areas.

The staterooms and suites are also arranged in a way that makes the most of the owner's unrivalled understanding of luxury accommodation. Overall, the yacht showcases meticulous attention to detail and divine dimensions and scale, within an intuitive, user-friendly layout.  $\diamondsuit$ 

www.feadship.nl



## MARINE LIFE

Visitors to the Monaco Yacht Show can enjoy sumptuous seafood and go clubbing by the water on those balmy nights.

WORDS BY JESS COUTTS

The Monaco Yacht Show attracts a stylish international crowd. After a busy day of inspecting the stunning superyachts, it is time to unwind and enjoy the best of the tiny but glamorous principality.

Twiga Monte Carlo offers an exclusive nightclub, chilled-out shisha lounge and the Twiga Sumosan restaurant, which offers world class Italian and Japanese cuisine. In particular, the pizzas come highly recommended. There is also a shisha bar and sushi bar at the waterside venue.

Every night at 1am, Twiga morphs into a club with top DJs playing to a lively, sexy crowd. As a result, Twiga has gained a reputation for hosting some of the best parties in town.

For seafood lovers, Crazy Fish and Caviar Kaspia Monte Carlo opened in May this year. Caviar Kaspia is a prestigous Parisian brand which was established in 1927. It has a long reputation for serving the finest seafood in an atmosphere of sophistication and luxury. The restaurant sources its fish directly from Italian fisherman, ensuring freshness and quality. Located on the second floor of the Grimaldi Forum, the best tables are on the terrace which has a 180° view of the water.

Both venues are part of the empire built by Italian businessman, Flavio Briatore. �

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# DIVERSE DECO

In Miami, art deco meets urban chic along with endless beaches, great nightlife and a fabulous design scene.

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iami is a fusion of fantasy and reality, a geographical crossroad between North America and Latin America, a diverse city where more than 100 languages are spoken. With a mild climate all year round, a beautiful blue sky crowded with candy floss clouds, it is a place to relax – but it is also a place where you can enjoy amazing food, art, design and culture.

It is a fusion of lifestyles, an East Coast destination for the *dolce vita* for more than a century. For those seeking culture, Miami hosts a sister event of Art Basel at the renowned Design District.

And of course the ever-photogenic Art Deco architecture keeps drawing visitors back to Miami, a happy result of the city being incorporated in 1915. These iconic buildings are an expression of no-frills urban aesthetics, a functional rationality of modernity with kitschy, eccentric details. Infinite variations of recurrent geometric patterns can be seen along the streets, intersections and the waterfront.

With its well-studied symmetries, pastel colours, continuous windows, ziggurat roofs and frozen mountain decorations, Miami is a time capsule, an outdoor museum for lovers of 20th Century architecture.

### CULINARY DELIGHTS

Food lovers will appreciate the different cuisines on offer, the happy result of the different ethnic groups that have been drawn to Miami. The city has more than 6,000 restaurants with the gastronomy of the Caribbean, Asia, Peru and Argentina among the many glorious flavours on offer.

The New World cuisine of Miami was founded by Norman Van Aken. It is based on low-fat food, but exquisite taste has not been sacrificed thanks to the intense and clean flavours of fresh seafood and tropical produce. >









### ELEGANT HOTELS APLENTY

Along with the emerald waters, white sands and colourful Art Deco architecture, visitors are spoiled for choice when it comes to luxury hotels. On the mile-long Ocean Drive, 12 out of 14 buildings are in the Miami modern (MiMo) style. The first of these are the glamorous resorts of Fontainebleau and Eden Roc. Then comes the Faena, the Delano, the Traymore, and the Como Metropolitan.

In the Eden Roc, under the historic towers and the blue logo, is the Nobu Hotel. The Nobu opens up in the legendary lobby designed by Moris Lapidus in neo-baroque deco, made distinctive by the octagonal space and high columns clad with ribbed wood in neo-doric style. The restaurant is signed by Nobu Matsuhisa, a master chef of Peruvian-Japanese fusion cuisine.

Newer options for accommodation include highly luxurious condos, such Foster & Partners' Faena House and the Porche House.

THE VAGABOND HOTEL Among the projects set to re-establish the

Miami is home to some of the world's leading food events. The Food & Cooking Channel's South Beach Food and Wine Festival in February is one of the most highly regarded events of its kind, a must for those that want to keep up with new trends, and for those who simply want to enjoy food prepared by leading chefs.

During Miami Spice Restaurant Month, held across August and September, top restaurants offer prixfixe lunches and dinners to encourage foodies to discover the tastes of different cultures.

### DOWNTOWN AND BRICKELL

The grand opening of the Brickell City Center (BBC), just south of the Museum Park, has transformed the heart of the city, the BBC is comprised of two luxury residential towers, two office buildings and the EAST Tower, a residential hotel with sports facilities, swimming pool and four restaurants, along with high-end shops. The culinary focus here is on Italian food.

The project also includes a 11,500m<sup>2</sup> food hall on three levels, dedicated to Italian gastronomy.

ABOVE: AND FACING PAGE Quinto La Huella is part of the Brickell development.







glamorous past of Biscayne Bay, the Vagabond Hotel, is a true masterpiece of architecture. An afternoon in the sparkling pool is the best way to shake off the cobwebs after a after a transcontinental flight.

Originally designed in 1953 by Robert B. Swartburg, the Vagabond attracted such legends of entertainment as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. The site had been abandoned when New York developer Avra Jain decided to revive it. The contemporary retro design is by Alvaro Perez Miranda.

The old swimming pool had been covered by soil over the years and it was rediscovered during the renovation – it turned out that the bottom of the pool had a mosaic mermaid on a blue background, now restored with Japanese glass-ceramic tiles. Today, the Vagabond is included in the National Register of Historical Places.

### THE BILTMORE HOTEL

An absolute icon of Miami is the Coral Gables' Biltmore Hotel, which doubles as a museum to >> With a mild climate all year round and a beautiful blue sky crowded with candy floss clouds, Miami is a place to relax, as well as being a place to enjoy amazing food, art, design and culture.



Miami's history. There are artefacts relating to major events, such as the tornado of 1926, as well as the golden years of jazz and the city's fascinating post WWII history.

One of the most fashionable resorts in the country, the Biltmore has hosted a veritable who's who of 20th Century history. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ginger Rogers, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby and even Al Capone were frequent guests.

In 1996, the Biltmore was designated a National Historic Landmark, the most prestigious title granted by the federal government.

Fascinated by the eclectic style, land developer George E. Merrick wanted the Biltmore to be modelled after the Giralda Tower in Seville. The tower was duly constructed and this edifice is flanked by two main residential buildings and the large, picturesque swimming pool. It is visible for miles around, a centrepiece between the older parts of Miami and the golf club.

While 102 years is young for a city, especially by global standards, Miami has managed to cram a lot of glamour, history and stunning architectural development into a relatively short period of time. It is set to continue attracting visitors in search of sun and style, in a dynamic town where the old sits elegantly alongside the new.  $\diamond$ 



ABOVE: Art and design have become part of the DNA of Miami, whether it's Art Deco buildings or public examples of modern art.



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### SPA WITH HONOURS

Canaves Oia, the stunning Greek island of Santorini, is home to the winner of the Best Luxury Boutique Spa in Europe, announced at the World Luxury Spa Awards, 2017. A 17th Century wine cave has been converted to create a unique spa experience. The spa's treatment menu includes Rasul treatments, an ancient Arabic bathing ritual. There are two luxurious Rasul options – Terra Sigillata Therapy, which offers three mineral muds, or the Bali Paradise Therapy that combines freshly blended fruit extracts and herbs. As well as the spa, Canaves Oia offers yoga classes with spectacular views. A swim in the infinity pool rounds off the wellness experience perfectly.

www.canaves.com



New views on business



Business hotels can be soulless, functional places but this does not have to be the case. For those doing business in Milan, there is a new option which effortlessly blends style with the needs of guests who are serious about doing business. The M89 hotel is part of the transformation of Milan's eastern outskirts, an area once known for factories but now better known for corporate headquarters for the likes of Gucci. Architecturally, the M89 pays tribute to the industrial heritage of the neighbourhood with a design that is solid and streamlined. A special feature is the roof terrace and restaurant, which offers panoramic views of the Milan skyline. For business travellers, the minimalist vibe continues inside with a grey, white and green colour palette in the public areas. A mix of contemporary furniture and 1950s design classics add character to the simplicity. The rooms and suites feature white walls and grey ceilings, and the suites stand out with oak parquet floors and walnut furniture.

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## HAMMAM HEAVEN

Marrakech is a fascinating, frenetic city where visitors can lose themselves in the sougs. But the Moroccan tradition of the hammam is a more relaxed way for visitors to experience this truly capitvating country. At the Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi in the centrally located Hivernage neigbourhood, the spa offers a blissful escape from the city's fabulous chaos. For a limited time, the hotel is offering a special deal which includes a double room, dinner for two in the Medi Terra restaurant, which specialises in Catalan cuisine, and a spa treatment for two. The treatment includes a traditional Moroccan hammam using black soap and it is finished with a relaxing massage.This offer starts at €290 per night for a minimum of two nights. Perfect for a romantic getaway.

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## DELICIOUS COCKTAILS INSPIRED By cape verde

We bring you an eclectic mix of cocktails from Cape Verde's Bikini Beach Bar Club.

BY HIRIYTI BAIRU

ikini Beach Bar Club is the perfect place to escape to if you're seeking fine dining, fine wines and cool cocktails. Guests can take in breathtaking views while experiencing ultimate luxury whether it is lounging in the sun all day or dancing into the early hours of the morning. The breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean are certainly a reason to visit the bar which is close to Cape Verde's two new, adult-only luxury hotels. Sensimar Cabo Verde by TUI and MELIĂ Llana Beach Hotels on the beautiful island of Sal, which offer a stunning range of hotel suites, tropical pools and rejuvenating spa facilities, that provide the ultimate bliss against

the backdrop of the island's beaches and tropical gardens. The tropical archipelago of Cape Verde is home to some of the world's best beaches. Located just off the west coast of Africa in the Atlantic Ocean, the Cape Verdean laidback, no stress lifestyle and year round sunny climate makes for the perfect holiday destination. Some of the adventures you can find here include diving and snorkelling - one of the best places to do this is on the island of Sal, with many opportunities presenting themselves from Santa Maria beach.

The luxurious cocktail menu is inspired by Bikini Beach bar's beautiful surroundings. It features Bikini Illusion, which is described as 'a taste and vision of being by the beach' and is a concoction of Bacardi, Midori, Vodka and pineapple juice topped with a splash of pomegranate syrup. A watermelon margarita, also on the menu, is 'a beautiful adaptation of a classic'. A burst of fruity flavours, the cocktail mixes tequila, lime, orange juice and watermelon chunks, with a sprinkle of icing sugar.

Some other cocktails unique to Bikini bar are Bikini Life - a delicious blend of flavours with a twist of Latin passion - 'strong as a bull but as subtle as a Matador' Licor 43, Chambord, grapefruit and cranberry juice/Cape Crusader, one of the gin-based cocktails on the menu, is made from gin, Campari, grapefruit juice and pomegranate syrup. Then there is very verde - dark rum, gold rum, light rum, passion fruit syrup, orange and lime juice and a dash of pomegranate syrup and No Stress - the name is part of the famous saying in Sal, 'no problems, no stress' and mixes vodka, apple juice, lemonade and lime.

Andy Osborn CEO of Bikini Beach says, "Cape Verde is an emerging tourist destination and the islands have something to offer everyone. The mantra of Cape Verde is 'no stress' and that's exactly what we have created. We cater for the music lovers, the sun worshipers and those who just want to sit back and relax in beautiful surroundings. Throughout the year, we will be hosting a number of special nights to delight holidaymakers and locals."

Cape Verde offers several great coastal spots to visit, but three which are

definitly worth heading to are Santa Maria Beach on Sal, Praia de Chaves on Boa Vista and Santa Monica, also on Boa Vista. Situated on the island of Sal, Santa Maria is a colourful and atmospheric place to explore. For the adventurous type, Cape Verde offers a huge choice of water sports, but among the most exhilirating are the wind sports, such as parasailing. A number of organised trails are also sure to keep you busy on the island, including climbing up Pico do Fogo -Cape Verde's highest peak. Or for a more chilled outing, then a spot of fishing may be the perfect way to spend your day, with many of the islands offering guided fishing trips. You will also be spoilt for choice from rock fishing and deep sea fishing, to big game fishing and surf casting. But if you just want to relax and unwind, for many years the island was known for salt mining, (which is also where the name Sal comes from.) One of the highlights of a visit here is bathing or floating - in the salt ponds. \*







# **NOBLE CAUSES**

An unassuming member of an Indian royal family is focusing on art and humanitarian causes across the world.

WORDS BY JENNYFER IDEH

ucked away on an unassuming street off London's Chapel Market sits one of the city's most exciting new galleries. Amar Gallery is a recent project by Amar Singh, the humanitarian and cultural activist of royal Indian lineage.

"Does the prince prefer to be addressed formally?" I asked the royal representative before our first meeting.

"Dear Jennyfer, please call him Amar." The cordial reply was a fitting preamble. Despite being a member of the Kapurthala Royal Family, as well as an impressive list

ABOVE: Amar Singh.

of accomplishments in his 20-something years (a Harvard degree, a position as advisor to the Andrea Bocelli foundation, supporting several international humanitarian projects, a solid presence on the international art scene), Amar Singh remains thoroughly down to earth.

He dedicates his time to diversity in the arts and to championing the most vulnerable voices worldwide.

We spoke with the gallerist ahead of London's Frieze week this coming October, during which the gallery will show work by Lina Iris Viktor. > *Elite Living Africa* (ELA): There are one or two versions of the Kapurthala Family story. How would you describe your family?

Amar Singh (AS): The Kapurthala Royal Family is one of the oldest royal families of India. Whilst I am proud of my family and heritage, I grew up in London and do not consider myself royal.

In 1971 the chamber of princes within the Indian government was abolished — many people still refer to members of Indian royal families by their titles, however this is an environment which I was not surrounded by.

ELA: In that vein, how would you describe yourself?

**AS:** A fighter for equal rights and a lover of art.

ELA: You are somewhat of a cultural and humanitarian ambassador for your family. Can you tell us about some of your activities?

AS: I hope I can make my family proud with everything I do. I have been focused on LGBT rights and women's rights in India for over ten years. India is an amazing country, the first country in the last century to elect a non-Indian female as the leader of a main political party (Sonia Gandhi). This highlights how progressive our country can be on one side but there are still many problems due to a lack of education and population number: there are forced marriages, honour killings, rapes, child prostitution, and slavery that prevail.

I have been working to rid the country of these problems alongside many people. When we unite as a nation and champion women then India will truly prosper.

ELA: Regarding cultural activism, could you tell us something of the Kapurthala Royal family collection? Where did the desire to collect come from, and who has been most actively involved?

AS: Various members of my family have been collecting throughout the years. A large part of the collection is Renaissance art. One of my ancestors, Maharajah Jagatjit Singh, would often buy art during his trips to Europe. A number of works by Indian artists from Raja Ravi Varma to SH Raza are also in the collection.

I have been chiefly responsible for the contemporary works in the collection by artists such as Julie Mehretu, Jacob Lawrence, and Glenn Ligon.

ELA: Do you have any personal favourites in your collection?





### Which works do you most enjoy looking at right now?

**AS:** I love all the art that I've been able to acquire. The works which I've been looking at the most are the recent acquisitions of works by Melike Kara, Guy Yanai, and Mary Weatherford.

#### ELA: In regard to the Amar Gallery, can you share the ethos behind your new space in London?

AS: We are an interdisciplinary gallery showing artists from around the world and supporting the artists' goals. I did not want to pigeonhole myself by just representing Indian artists for example.

There will always be a new generation of artists that will be part of art history. This generation, especially now, will be a diversified group from a wide range of backgrounds and I aim to support as many of them as I can.

#### ELA: You're showing Lina Iris Viktor at your gallery during Frieze. It is such strong work - what can we expect from the exhibition?

AS: The exhibition is entitled Black Exodus: Act I – Materia Prima, presenting large and small scale gilded works on canvas and paper (gilded with 24-carat gold), the exhibition highlights the codependent relationship of light and dark, within a folkloric universe of the artist's creation.

Taking a new Exodus tale as a point of departure – a mythologised dystopia where the black race itself has been extinguished – Viktor's works interrogate the implications of this theoretical future.

ELA: When not in your gallery, where can we find you during Frieze Week?

**AS:** At the theatre or somebody else's gallery.

ELA: The art world can be a glamorous circus at times – how do you like to disconnect in your downtime?

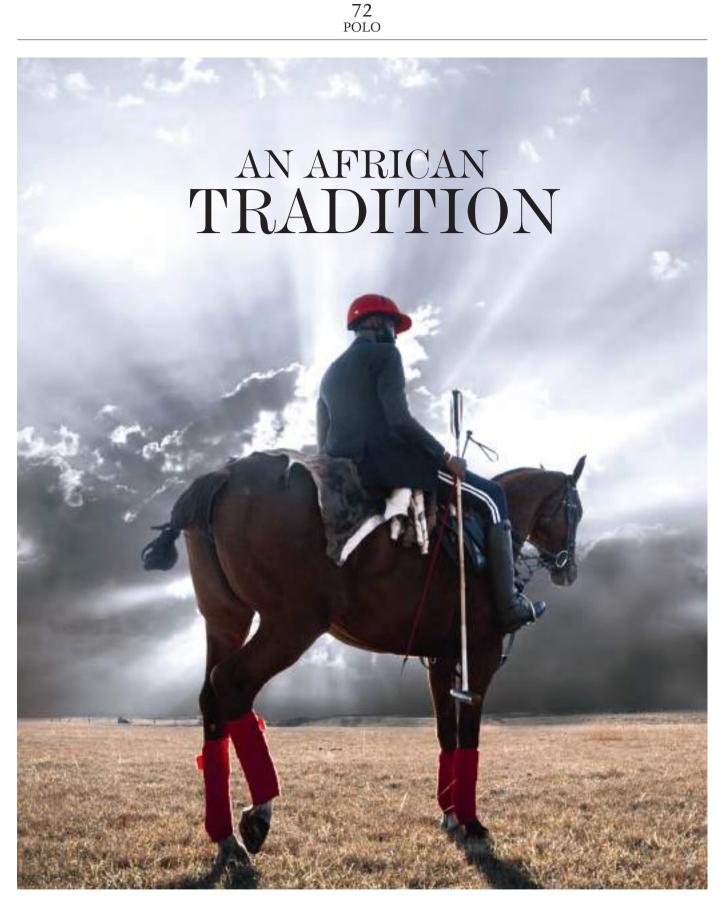
**AS:** I prefer to focus on my human rights work.

ELA: If you weren't doing what you're currently doing...

AS: ...running for public office to represent and help the people who need it the most. \*

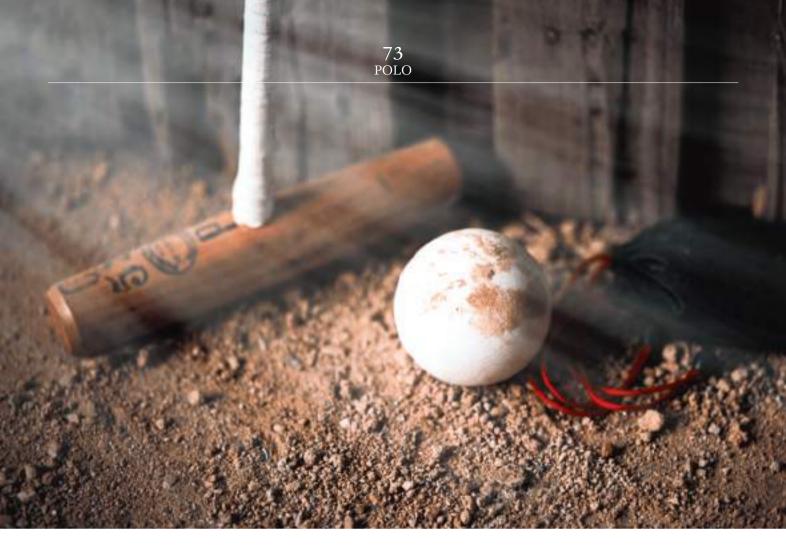
Black Exodus: Act I - Materia Prima will be on show at Amar Gallery from 12 September. www.amargallery.com

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A polo tournament between two African teams, with a history dating back to 1925, will take place in South Africa in September.

WORDS BY GEORGIA LEWIS



The British royal family's love of polo is not a recent phenomenon. In 1925, His Royal Highness Prince Edward of Wales (later King Edward VIII and then the Duke of Windsor after famously abdicating the thr throne after 10 months) toured southern Africa on an itinerary that took in multiple South African provinces, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. His entourage travelled on two grand trains which were supplied by South African Railways. Commemorative stamps and coins were issued to mark the prince's tour.

Prince Edward played in a series of polo matches when he was in South Africa. At the end of his visit, he donated a cup that was to become the centrepiece of the tournament we know today as the Prince of Wales Cup, starting a long history of African polo at its best.

As one of the prime events on the African polo calendar, the Prince of Wales Cup is a major drawcard for the polo community. It is a truly special event where two official African country teams compete for the prestigious cup.

This will be the only tournament in 2017 in which the South African team will play on home ground in Johannesburg. They will be playing the Kenyan team in what promises to be keenly contested battle on the field. The tournament was formerly known as the Inter-Provincial. Past winners from 2012 onwards include Kwazulu Natal, East Griqualand, Highveld, Free State and East Griqualand again at last year's tournament.

Every year, the Prince of Wales Cup attracts polo fans, seasoned aficionados of the polo lifestyle and newcomers looking to experience the sport at a top level in an elegant social setting.

If you're new to polo and you're unsure of what to wear to this stylish yet elegant event, turn to our fashion feature on page 36 for gorgeous ideas to nail the sometimes-challenging smart-casual dress code.

There are certainly practicalities to bear in mind – polo spectators are strongly encouraged to take part in the stomping of the divots at half time. This involves walking onto the field and using your shoe to return turf into the holes created by the horses' hooves during play.

As such, flat shoes and wedges are a better choice for ladies rather than high heels, which can result in feet sinking into the turf. The sensible shoes are best teamed with smart trousers, skirts or dresses.

For gentlemen, a sports jacket is required for those viewing the game from a formal seating area. And for men and women, hats, sunglasses and binoculars are all essential accessories to make the most of a day in the sunshine.  $\diamond$ 

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ABOVE: The Prince of Wales Cup proudly showcases the best of South African polo.

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- Gym
- Boat storage
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- 5 en suite bedrooms
- Wine cellar and tasting area
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# STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

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Monticello is a five-hectare Gentleman's Estate in Devon Valley, Stellenbosch. On entering the main house, you are offered a choice of upper or lower level access. The former offers a central foyer which leads to the master suite. Beyond the suite lay stairs to the mezzanine study, separate TV room plus catering kitchen and scullery. The lower level has seven en suite bedrooms with their own dedicated lounges, a guest kitchenette and passenger lift. This level also offers a bespoke vinoteque tasting area. Surrounding the estate are impeccable grounds, combining a

one-hectare soccer pitch, established olive grove, garden and rows of acclaimed cabernet franc vines. Beside the grounds sits the estate's self-contained two-bedroom manager's apartment, games room, four-car garage, workshop, gym room and wraparound infinity pool.





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- 4 bedrooms
- 4 bathrooms
- Guest suite
- Swimming pool
- 24 hour security

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### \$1.33m

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Positioned on South Africa's Dolphin Coast, renowned for being KwaZulu-Natal's most desired and scenic stretch of coastline, this property offers seamless integration between ultimate luxury and conventional utility. The interiors combine an extraordinary blend of oak, concrete, glass, stone and rare features, such as the honed black Zimbabwe stone and oak cocktail bar. This home has four bedrooms, a pyjama lounge, a study and living areas which each offer their own expansive views over the ocean. Outside, a large covered patio leads to a beautiful pool and an industrial style grill and fireplace, where one can sit back, relax and enjoy the ambience and natural beauty of Simbithi Eco Estate. With an additional separate entranced guest suite, triple garage and golf cart parking, this is a truly exceptional property.



#### 78 property





### SANDHURST, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

# \$3.5m

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Situated in Sandhurst, Johannesburg, this luxurious freestanding home is true testament to the master craftsman who contributed to the building of this magnificent home. Considered one of Johannesburg's most sought-after suburbs, Sandhurst offers majestic views of the Magaliesberg mountain range but is yet only minutes from the hub of Sandton city centre, Africa's richest square mile. With expansive open-plan living areas, lofty ceilings, four outsized en suite bedrooms, study, pyjama lounge, walk-in wardrobe and a temperature controlled wine cellar, this home offers pure luxury and an abundance of space in every aspect. All modern features have been incorporated into this superior build including Clipsal automation, gas fireplaces, solar water and underfloor heating. Whether relaxing at the sparkling pool or entertaining in the undercover braai area, you can sit back and enjoy open views across the large manicured gardens.





- Wine cellar
  4 bedrooms
  5 bathrooms
  Swimming pool
- Staff accommodation

# CAMPS BAY, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

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#### \$2.25m Pam Golding Properties

Masterfully designed by renowned architect Hayden Ellis, this remarkable home makes the most of its superb location in one of Cape Town's most coveted neighbourhoods. This home is enviably situated on the Atlantic Seaboard between the spectacular scenery of Table Mountain and the world famous Camps Bay beachfront, with its powder-white beach and lively bars and restaurants. This stunning residence is just a short distance from Cape Town's CBD. With beautiful al fresco areas, perfect for dining on balmy evenings, covered patios and a large swimming pool, this home invites you to sit back relax and retreat into a world of luxury.



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The sophisticated yet relaxed floor plan of the home offers a unique ambiance. A solid oak pivoted door welcomes you into the awe inspiring double height foyer with floor to aciliane Schwack.

ceiling Schuco glass providing a point blank ocean panorama. The private majlis offers a sense of tranquillity with its picture postcard windows overlooking the pool while the main living and dining areas are open and spacious, maintaining a sense of comfort through the use of clever interior design.



#### 81 property

### DOWNTOWN DUBAI PENTHOUSE

# \$2.7m

Luxhabitat

This spectacular apartment boasts high ceilings with large sparkling chandeliers, polished marble tile flooring throughout, offering open plan living with a variety of sitting areas. This home comes with four large bedrooms each with spa-like en-suite bathrooms and large built-in wardrobes. This penthouse has incredible panoramic views of the Burj Khalifa, The Boulevard and Business Bay. An established community in the heart of Downtown Dubai, The Old Town is an architectural masterpiece. Drawing inspiration from traditional Arab architectural styles, the community stands out among the high rises in the 500-acre mega-development.

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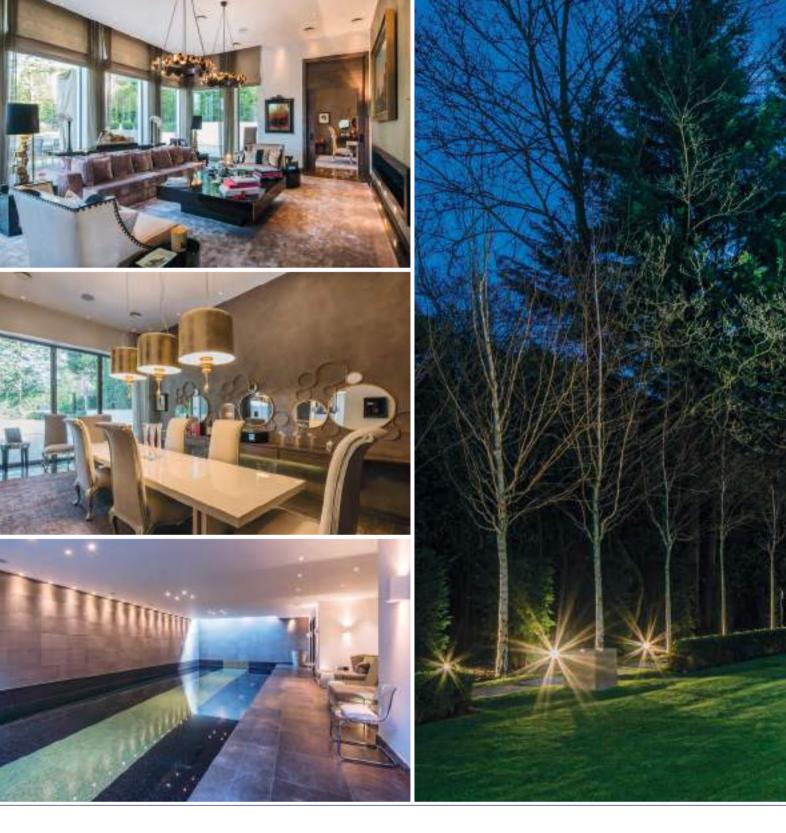


### CHESTER SQUARE, BELGRAVIA, LONDON

### \$32.18m

Knight Frank

This magnificent stucco-fronted Belgravia town house has been redesigned to the highest standard. It is situated on the most prestigious corner of Chester Square. The house benefits from impressive amenities including a seven person passenger lift, parking for three cars (including a double garage), grand portico entrance, three terraces/balconies, wine cellar with large humidor, gym/jacuzzi/steam room/sauna, media room, study and generous room proportions. The property seamlessly incorporates the mews to the rear with a media room, a beautiful study and a substantial garage providing secure off-street parking.



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