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EASTERN  
WOMEN  
HAVE A  
VOICE,  
AND THE  
WORLD  
NEEDS TO  
HEAR IT"



BEAUTY  
ON THE GO

ARRIVE FRESH  
AND CHIC WITH  
OUR WELLNESS  
& BEAUTY  
ESSENTIALS

SUMMER  
STYLE

THE COLORS,  
STATEMENT PIECES  
& ACCESSORIES  
TO WEAR NOW

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# Time TO PLAY

SUMMER FUN TIME IS IN FULL FORCE WITH PRETTY COLORS AND A FEMININE FEEL



1. LIMITED EDITION WATER BOTTLE, DIOR; 2. EARRINGS, OSCAR DE LA RENTA; 3. SUNGLASS, CHLOË; 4. ICE CREAM TUB BAG, MOSCHINO; 5. NAIL POLISH SANDALS, LOEWE



DRESS, CECILIE BAHNSEN; NECKLACE, CELESTE STARRE; EARRINGS, ALEXANDRA HAKIM; SHOES, BOTTEGA VENETA

Dear Readers,

This summer marks my 20th anniversary living in the GCC, and there is great cause for celebration indeed. Aside from the astounding, positively breathtaking strides made in literally every sector, there is also the fact that – for the first time – I am not counting down the days to ‘head OUT for the Summer’. Instead, it’s about enjoying the here and now, and to that end we have for you our special edit for Summer style – from poolside glam, to city sleek, and evening chic – so you look your best wherever you may be.

Statement accessories, bold colors, and dazzling jewels are in the spotlight this issue, with our cover star Salma Abu Deif resplendent in red-carpet worthy gowns and Bulgari High Jewelry as she talks to ELLE Arabia about her meteoric career and what she loves about representing women in the Middle East.

*Dina Spahi*

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# LOVING THE (Modern) CLASSICS

FOR YOUR NEXT GETAWAY, NOTHING BEATS THE EASY CHIC OF OUR FAVORITE NEUTRALS – TAN, BEIGE, BROWN AND WHITE. EASILY MIXED AND MATCHED, AND GORGEOUS ON SUN-KISSED SKIN!



Ed's picks



1. RUFFLED ORGANDIE-TRIMMED LINEN MINI DRESS, JOSLIN LIANA; 2. SHOE, PRADA; 3. TRENCH COTTON MINI SKIRT, BURBERRY; 4. BELT, HERMÈS; 5. BAG, LOEWE; 6. OVAL CAT-EYE TORTOISESHELL-ACETATE SUNGLASSES, CELINE EYEWEAR; 7. HEART GLASS, WOOD & 24KT GOLD-PLATED NECKLACE, TOHUM; 8. TRIBUTE LEATHER WEDGE ESPADRILLES, SAINT LAURENT; 9. LOGO-EMBROIDERED WOVEN SUN HAT, PALM ANGELS; 10. LEATHER & SUEDE BACKGAMMON SET, JIL SANDER

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## GINGHAM Style

ALWAYS FRESH AND FUN, ONE OF OUR FAVE WARM-WEATHER PRINTS  
GETS A MODERN MAKEOVER THIS SEASON



**June**  
 There's a wealth of hotel openings in Oman over the next year and leading the charge this June – meet the sparkling Arabian Sea. Complete with five restaurants, three pools, and a Talise Spa - each of the rooms has striking sea views and feature a design that nods to the area's rich history and culture.



# THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD *to in June*

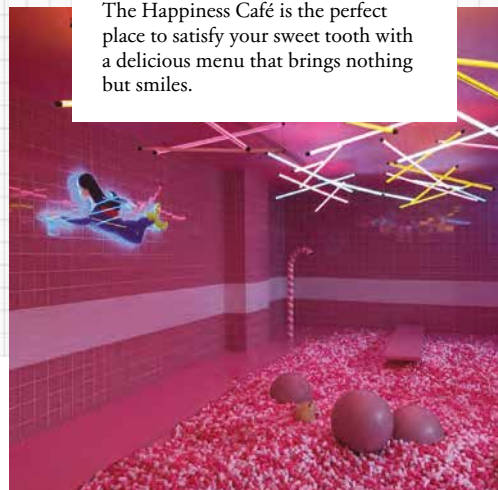
DISCOVER ELLE ARABIA'S DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE COOLEST HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION



**June**  
 Embark on an artisanal and creative adventure with The National Museum of Qatar's fourth chapter of the 'Hermès Heritage' exhibition, Once Upon a Bag. Inside the showcase? Explore the story of Hermès from its origins to present day then retrace the history of its bags and designs that transcend generations.

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**June**  
 First step? Immerse yourself in the colorful world of positivity with pools filled with marshmallows, then pedal bikes that make lemonade, unicorns, teddybears, and Instagram moments like no other. The cherry on the cake? The Happiness Café is the perfect place to satisfy your sweet tooth with a delicious menu that brings nothing but smiles.



COMPILED BY TAMARA WRIGHT



**June**  
 From Peru to KSA! Saudi Arabia's dining scene is evolving at a rapid pace with a spate of exciting new additions in 2022. Earlier this year, Peruvian COYA unveiled one of its biggest and most beautiful restaurants to date: COYA Riyadh (located in the Sulaimaniya district). Inspired by Latin American aesthetic, expect a Pisco bar, open kitchen and ceviche counter, indoor terrace with a DJ, and an outdoor garden terrace.



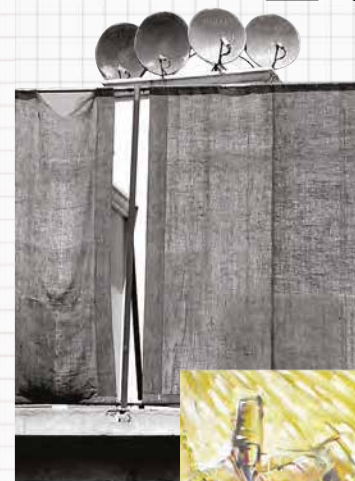
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**June**  
 No Karen's Allowed! Bringing the ultimate vintage fashion experience to the Middle East, Les Spot has (finally) opened a permanent store in Jumeirah, Dubai. Fashionistas can elevate their wardrobe with reworked vintage treasure troves and archive couture from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and 00s. We challenge you to not leave this shop brimming with outfit choices, full of nostalgia.



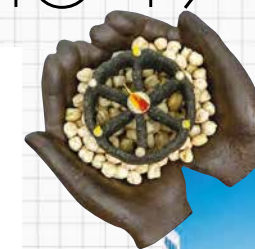
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**June**  
 Featuring a fusion of art, leisure, and entertainment, La Fontaine Contemporary Art Center (located in the heart of Manama) is a historical monument dating back hundreds of years. Restored and renovated by French artist Jean Marc Sinan, the center is reminiscent of a European chateau with Islamic architectural and design influences. As well as an art gallery, there's a fine dining restaurant, spa, Pilates studio, and open-air amphitheater.



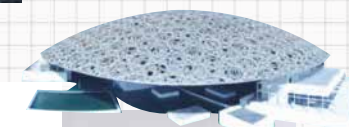
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**June**  
 Alserkal Avenue is overdelivering, as usual, this summer! For two nights only (16th & 17th June) Le Guépard is hosting a special dining experience: the Four Hands Dinner. All the way from Paris, talented chef Omar Dhiab will be manning the kitchen with Le Guépard's head chef, Yanis, to create a progressive 7-course experiential menu. Head out after to support local creatives at Aura Art Fair on the 18th & 19th - with over 60 vendors who will be showcasing art, clothes, jewelry, ceramics with live music and only the best vibes.



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**June**  
 Located under the mesmerizing dome of Louvre Abu Dhabi, Fouquet's presents a decadent, artistic and elegant new menu inspired by the latest ground-breaking Stories of Paper exhibition taking place until July at the world-renowned museum. The wholesome three-course set menu takes guests on a journey through the development of paper and how the material can be represented and symbolized through food.





## *the* TOTE BAG

THE LATEST COLLABORATION IN BVLGARI'S ONGOING SERIES "SERPENTI THROUGH THE EYES OF" SEES THE ROMAN LUXURY HOUSE TEAMING UP WITH CASABLANCA, KNOWN FOR THEIR CHIC APRES-SPORT AESTHETIC. THE RESULTING CAPSULE COLLECTION, INSPIRED BY APRES TENNIS, FEATURES WHITE PERFORATED LEATHER, GREEN ACCENTS, GOLD PLATED HARDWARE AND WOOD HANDLES! GAMES, SET AND STYLE MATCH!



## *the* SPORTS WATCH

ORIGINALLY CREATED IN 2021 BY PHILIPPE DELHOTEL, CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF HERMÈS HORLOGER, THE HERMÈS H08 WATCH IS NOW AVAILABLE IN A NEW, INTENSE SHADE OF BLUE. AS SPORTY AS IT IS ELEGANT, IT FEATURES A DEEP BLUE TITANIUM CASE, ORANGE ACCENTS ON THE DIAL FOR A POP OF COLOR, AND A BLUE RUBBER STRAP WITH A BLACK DLC TITANIUM BUCKLE.



# the SNEAKER

BE A STEP AHEAD IN THE STYLE STAKES, WITH THE RECENT LAUNCH OF GIVENCHY'S ALREADY-TRENDING TK-360 SNEAKER! THIS AVANT-GARDE, STATEMENT SNEAKER IS CREATIVE DIRECTOR MATTHEW M. WILLIAMS' "DREAM SHOE" AND CONSISTS OF A SINGLE-PIECE FULLY-KNITTED STRUCTURE THAT IS INTEGRATED WITH THE SOLE FOR SUPREME COMFORT. AVAILABLE IN BLACK, WHITE, NAVY AND GREY AS WELL AS PINK AND BOLD YELLOW.



## Zesty ZING

NOT YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY GRASSY GREENS AND LEMON YELLOWS, THESE HUES ARE HERE TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND EARN THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE SPOTLIGHT – DAYS AND NIGHTS ALIKE.



BULGARI



VALENTINO

Feeling...  
CAGEY

There's no holding back when it comes to Summer style. Case in point, the uber-chic large woven pieces that have us dreaming of streetside cappuccinos ...

SALVATORE FERRAGAMO



Must visit:  
DIOR IN DOHA

With its 21-meter-high façade, especially designed by New York architectural firm Aranda\Lasch, Dior's sublime new womenswear boutique at the Place Vendôme mall in Doha, Qatar combines the House's heritage and passionate creativity through all its universes from ready-to-wear and leather goods to Dior Maison and jewelry. On the second floor, an ultra-exclusive private lounge was entirely designed by international architecture and design firm Dimorestudio which blends historical inspired pieces with contemporary selections.

"I WANTED TO BE AN ARCHITECT; BEING A FASHION DESIGNER, I AM OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW THE LAWS AND PRINCIPLES OF ARCHITECTURE"  
Monsieur Dior



JONATHAN TAYLOR, CLOUD 9



Spotlight on...  
NENSI DOJAKA

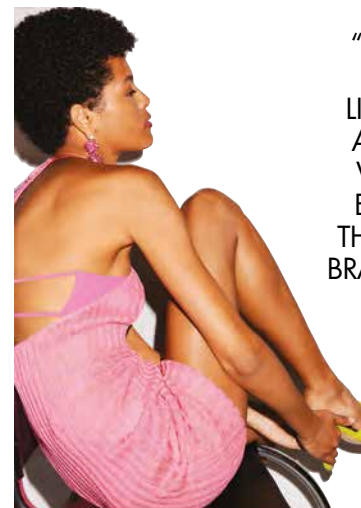
MEET THE CELEBRATED ALBANIAN DESIGNER WHO HAS COLLABORATED WITH LUXURY ONLINE RETAILER MYTHERESA FOR AN EXCLUSIVE CAPSULE COLLECTION THAT CELEBRATES THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER

The Nensi Dojaka x Mytheresa capsule collection makes packing for the holidays super easy! Think lots of color, mix'n'match separates, and a bevy of summer dresses that can take you from beach to sunset drinks. It's all about effortless chic, with the collection strong on cut out detailing and avant-garde swimwear in on-trend orange, turquoise, yellow and pink, along with earthy tones and black. We talk to the exciting, new award winning designer who just graduated from Central Saint Martins in

2019 about the capsule collection, her many celeb fans, and what she has in store for us next...  
Your first collections were all nuances of black, in your exclusive capsule collection for Mytheresa you experiment with new color blocking and bolder colors. I've increasingly started experimenting with color in my collections and it's a very nice way to show off these designs in a less severe way, but instead in a more approachable way. I love black for being almost a non-color and focusing purely on the design. And I love colors for having an opposite effect to black and having their own voice.  
You are Albanian-born and moved to London for your studies. Does your heritage and the countries you have lived in influence your design process in any way? When I was in Albania during my childhood, I used to go to art classes every single week and this, in a subconscious way, influenced a lot on what I am doing now. London, on the other hand, taught me everything I know about fashion and it's very inspiring to be around so many different people from different backgrounds who feel free to express themselves through the way they dress.  
Your admirers include women like Zendaya, Dua Lipa and Bella Hadid, who exude a very natural self-confidence. What is the best advice you can give for more body awareness and self-confidence? I think women should feel in control of their image and their body in order to feel confident; having the choice to show off your body the way you want to and when you want to, is a power in itself. I love the female figure and I think all women should be confident of the power they have.  
Do you have a style icon? I don't like to look at a single woman for inspiration. I collect different pictures of women and clothes from different decades and different contexts. I love what women were wearing in the 90s in particular as well as the way they were putting clothes together, and I have a lot of research from that.  
Any new categories you want to tap into in the future? Yes, definitely bags!



"THE CAPSULE IS VERY LIGHTHEARTED AND EASY TO WEAR WHILE EMBODYING THE DETAILS THE BRAND REVOLVES AROUND"  
Nensi Dojaka



In Love with...  
ROMANCE

Amidst all the comfy slides, practical totes, and bold pieces, we still have a soft spot for girly, feminine numbers. A few of our fave this month...



PADDED LEATHER SLIDES, OFF-WHITE



CLUTCH, WEEKEND MAX MARA

SINGLE EARRING, GUCCI



Trending...  
SIDE ART

For day-to-night glam, nothing beats the sexy silhouette of the one-shouldered dress – except maybe one with this season's on-trend strategically-placed cut-outs!

DIRECTED BY JULIAN PAUL, PHOTOGRAPHER: JANA GERBERDING, MODEL: LAIZA DE MOURA



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AMIR SLAMA

ALBERTA FERRETTI



LE SILLA



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RAG & BONE



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BAOBAB COLLECTION



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# Hooked ON YOU

THE SOFT, COLORFUL AND NOSTALGIC MAGIC OF CROCHET HAS INFUSED OUR SUMMER WARDROBES AND HOMES. JUST ONE LOOK, AND WE'RE HOOKED...



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# Maya HOJEIJ

THE SENIOR BUSINESS NEWS ANCHOR, COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSOR, CORPORATE TRAINER AND TEDX SPEAKER ON THE MOTIVATION BEHIND HER OWN PERSONAL GROWTH, THE STORY BEHIND HER INSPIRING PODCAST AHWEH W' KHABRIEH WHICH HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, AND THE NEED FOR MORE ARABIC CONTENT

Guidance. Inspiration. Motivation. Three attributes that we all need in little doses throughout our journey. It is through these qualities that we as individuals are able to recognize and comprehend our own strengths and abilities, allowing us to develop an optimistic outlook on life. Over the years, I've surely needed some guidance. I got this through a life coach who helped me focus on what I wanted to achieve, both personally and professionally. I enrolled into a couple of classes and courses to better myself. Prior to this, I had started to feel like I was in a shell that didn't fit me, it was too small for who I was and who I wanted to be. I felt a little lost and was striving to find myself and build a new persona based on what I knew, who I was, and how I wanted to develop into someone of which I would be proud of and that my children would be as well. I wanted to be a role model to youth in general, both,

women, and men, I wanted to inspire them to create their own compelling stories. This prompted me to take initiative in a number of endeavours. With a strong desire to support youth, women, and entrepreneurship, I began

**"WE NEEDED TO TELL STORIES THAT ARE RELATED TO WOMEN. WE NEEDED TO SHARE OUR TRIUMPHS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE"**



teaching Media and Journalism courses at the American University of Dubai, I began speaking about important topics related to women empowerment at various forums and conferences, and one vital passion project I established was the launch of my very own podcast titled, Ahweh w' Khabrieh' on the Rising Giants Network. This opportunity knocked on my door just as I was preparing to venture out on my own and create a podcast. Ahweh w' Khabrieh' was something I had wanted to set up for a long time as it was something I needed to grow in my own personal journey. I needed inspiration. As a result, I undertook an academic study to determine why I wanted to start a podcast. I concluded that we needed more Arabic content. We needed to tell stories that are related to women. We needed to share our triumphs, as well as encourage and inspire young people. Over the years, I'd met a lot of remarkable women from many walks of life and industries – some entrepreneurs, others CEOs – and they all had one thing in common: inspiring and motivating stories. I wanted to encourage and motivate myself, but also wanted to bring these stories to life in the hopes of inspiring and benefiting others. In my journey thus far, I've discovered that knowing how to motivate yourself can help you achieve anything. Being among the right people can only help you grow and, contrary to popular belief, helping others does not necessarily have to be a selfless act. It's critical to understand that helping others can help you. Going out into the world to guide, inspire, and motivate others is the path to personal growth and happiness.

*Yours Truly,*  
Maya Hojeij

# ELLE

EXPRESS YOURSELF... Summer dressing has never been this fun or free! Bold colors, prints and textures extra ordinaire!

radar



Summer Fun...

FLUO COLORS AND BRILLIANT BLUES, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED WITH THE HOTTEST LOOKS FOR UNBEATABLE POOLSIDE CHIC



### Chasing THE SUN

Wetsuit-like garb, surfer girl color palettes and quirky beachwear... fashion heads to la plage and we're following right behind

## Fashion MEMO

A CURATED ROUNDUP OF THE BEST NEW FASHION AND NOTEWORTHY PIECES TO PAY ATTENTION TO NOW!



### Psst... INVESTMENT PIECE

Fendi takes us to the candy shop with the Baguette 1997, a fiercely feminine rendition of the underarm favorite featuring dreamy Hairdo Girls graphics embroidery, a tribute to the visionary sensitivity of fashion illustrator Antonio Lopez.



### Add TO WISHLIST...

Andrea Wazen makes the case of colorful and bold soles this summer - your go-to for shoes for maximum impact!



### Coveted COLLABORATION

WHO: Jacquemus x Nike

WHAT: Our favorite Frenchman is taking some of Nike's most recognizable pieces and giving it his magical, minimal touch and we're all here for it. What to pick up from the 15-piece cult collab? The new iteration of the Humara sneaker is epic as is the must-have Nike swoosh logo-embossed dresses... add to cart now!

Available online @ Jacquemus.com from June 28th



### Get CARRIED AWAY

Planning a weekend getaway? These XXL totes will carry everything and then some



ANNA KOSTUROVA



OFF-WHITE



PACO RABANNE

ANDREAS KRONTHALER FOR VIVIENNE WESTWOOD



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ZIMMERMANN



LOUISA BALLOU

# Sunshine READY

SUMMER IS CALLING AND IT'S TIME TO MAKE A SPLASH – WITH MACRAMÉ TOPS AND CROCHET BIKINIS. NEXT STOP: THE POOL, BEACH AND BEYOND!



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MEMORIAL DAY

# Blue WATERS

WITH VACATIONS ON THE HORIZON, A WARDROBE OF BLUE AND WHITE PIECES WILL HAVE YOU EMBRACING A SARTORIAL SUNSHINE STATE OF MIND IN NO TIME.



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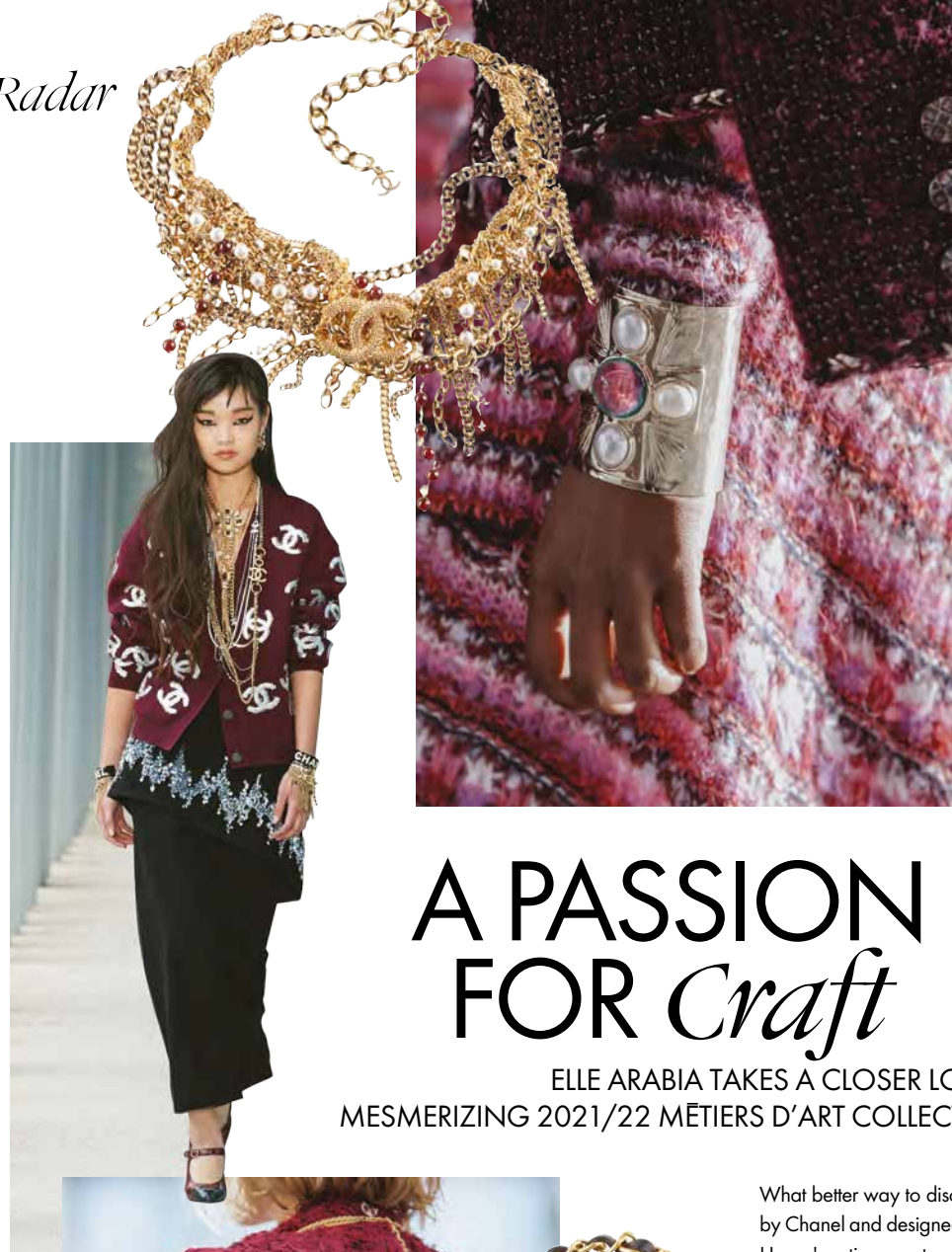
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# A PASSION FOR *Craft*

ELLE ARABIA TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT CHANEL'S MESMERIZING 2021/22 MÉTIERS D'ART COLLECTION



"THIS MÉTIERS D'ART COLLECTION IS VERY METROPOLITAN YET SOPHISTICATED, WITH TWEED JACKETS WITH SWEATSHIRT SLEEVES, GRAFFITI-STYLE EMBROIDERY IN COLORED BEADS BY LESAGE, VOLUMINOUS PURPLE OR ROYAL BLUE KNIT BERMUDA SHORT-OUTFITS, AND CASUAL COATS WORN OPEN. MANY OF THE EMBROIDERIES ARE INSPIRED BY THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING ITSELF, SUCH AS THOSE BY MONTEX, WHICH ARE VERY GRAPHIC AND IN SILVER SEQUINS."



What better way to discover le19M, an immense space imagined by Chanel and designed by architect Rudy Ricciotti to welcome the House's artisan partners, than to organize the 2021/22 Métiers d'Art show there. It is here that the embroiderers Lesage and Atelier Montex, the goldsmith Goossens, the hatter Maison Michel, the feather worker Lemarie, the pleater Lognon, and the shoemaker Massaro are now gathered: "It's a vast, very open space, with a facade adorned with threads of white concrete, a garden, beautiful walkways, and a large gallery where exhibitions will also be held," explains Virginie Viard.



## Making of... AN ICONIC SHOE

In terms of accessories, the two-tone beige and black Mary-Janes with heels adorned with large pearls at the top are among the star pieces, instantly recognizable as Chanel. These perennial classics each season undergo subtle changes, while retaining their distinctive style. Created in 1957 by made-to-measure shoemaker Raymond Massaro for Gabrielle Chanel, the famous two-tone lengthens the leg while making the foot appear smaller, thanks to its black tip. "They are," Gabrielle said, "the height of elegance." From then on, the collaborations never stopped, and the House of Massaro joined the Fashion Métiers d'Art in 2002. After more than 60 years, two constants persist: the passion for an ultra-precise craft... and patience. From the measuring to the finishing touches, a design by Massaro requires between 30 and 50 hours of work.



## Checks VS Stripes

THIS SEASON IS GOING GRAPHIC WITH BOLD ANGLES AND COLORS VYING FOR ATTENTION

There's nothing linearly classic about the newest batch of angular prints! Vertical, diagonal, bold, thin, monochrome or multicolored – stripes are seeing their day in the sun and vying for the spotlight. Moving up the style ladder right behind them are cheeky checks, showing us that the traditionally cold-weather print looks just at home on Summer silhouettes.

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accessories

ALL IN... Bold? Check. Fun? Check. Colorful? Check. Architecturally Inspired? You bet! Our edit of the season's must-have bags and shoes has all the bases covered from day to night...



Celebrate the 'Symbole'...

PRADA'S ICONIC TRIANGLE MOTIF IS CLEVERLY REWORKED INTO A GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR THE PRADA SYMBOLE TOTE, TRIMMED IN SAFFIANO LEATHER.

TALENT: HUNTER SCHAFER; ARTISTS: CARRIE MAE WEEEMS  
CREATIVE DIRECTOR: FERDINANDO VERDERI



H A P P Y

# feet

Pop colors, sharp tips, pretty laces... Style walks happily towards summer this season!

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From left to right: Heels, Burberry; Dress, Hermès; Sandals, Burberry; Skirt, Goodmoods X Monoprix; Poncho, Eric Bompard; Braided Mules, Salvatore Ferragamo; Skirt, Caroll



From left to right: Stan Smith Sneakers, Adidas Originals; Sylvie Perf Slip-Ons, Mephisto; Green & Yellow Gatsby Socks, Paris Royalties; Moccasins, Car Shoe; Blue Socks, Blueforest



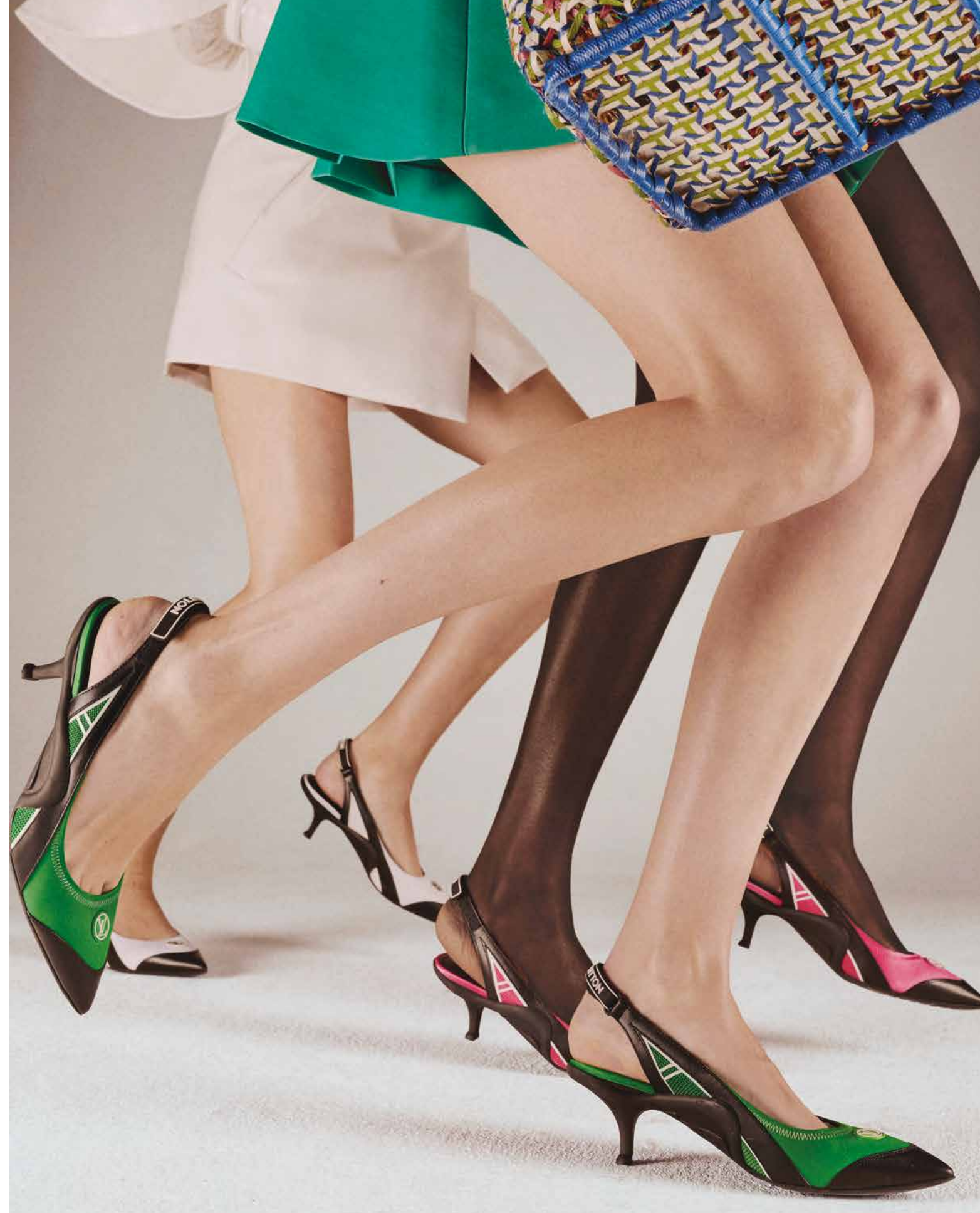
Ballerinas with Ankle Bracelet, Chanel; Tights, Falke

Dior Arty Lace-Up  
Boots & Ballerinas, "La  
Parisienne Dior" Straps,  
All By Dior



Clogs, Longchamp;  
Socks, Blueforest

Celine Kitten Pumps,  
Celine By Hedi Slimane;  
Tights, Calzedonia.



Slingback Pumps, Dress &  
Skirt, All By Louis Vuitton;  
Basket Bag, Feeka



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Veneta; Skirt, Zara;  
Dress, Dior; Cloud Printed  
Tights, Emilio Pucci

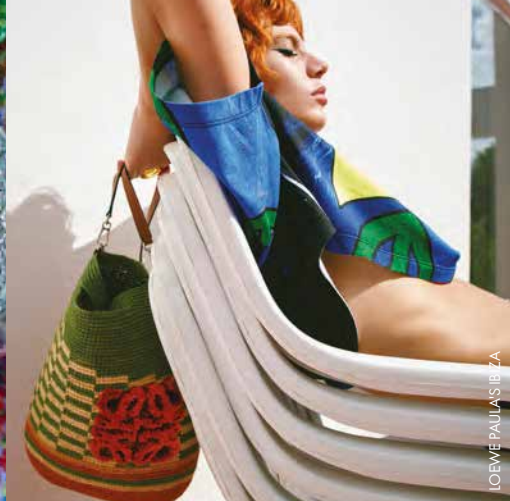
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Givenchy; Early Wedge  
Sandals, Hermès;  
Jeggings, American  
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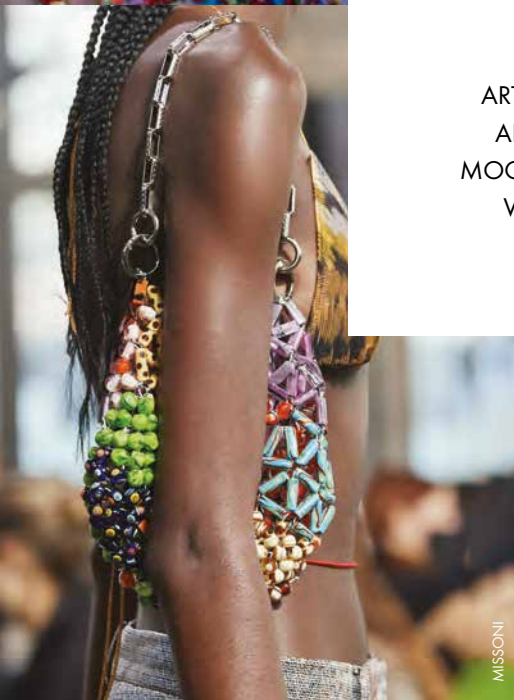
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GABRIELA HEARST

## SUMMER *in the* BAG

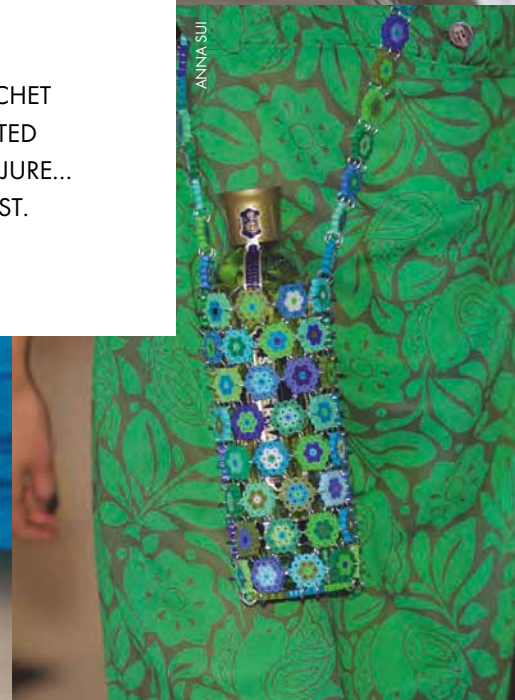
ARTISAN ARM CANDY CRAFTED IN RAFFIA, CROCHET AND EVEN LEATHER ENCAPSULATE A FREE-SPIRITED MOOD THAT ONLY FEW ACCESSORIES CAN CONJURE... WEAR FOR NEW-SEASON OPTIMISM AT ITS BEST.



MISSONI



GIORGIO ARMANI



ANNA SUI



CHLOE



COLVILLE



ALBERTA FERRETTI



## BLUSH *Rush*

FORGET 50 SHADES OF GREY; PINK IN ALL ITS SACCHARINE GLORY IS STATING ITS DOMINANCE FROM SWEET SHADES OF CANDY FLOSS TO BOLD AND ELECTRIC FUCHSIA.

1. ISABEL MARANT EYEWEAR; 2. BALENCIAGA; 3. CELINE EYEWEAR; 4. JACQUEMUS; 5. SAINT LAURENT; 6. GUCCI; 7. VALENTINO; 8. DIOR EYEWEAR; 9. LAPIMA; 10. THE ATTICO X LINDA FARROW



ISABEL MARANT

GIANVITO ROSSI

VICTORIA BECKHAM

SAINT LAURENT

VALENTINO



## Roman HOLIDAY

SUNS OUT, TOES OUT! FROM CHIC TAN ANKLE WRAPPING STRAPS TO STYLES WITH CHUNKIER, COMFORTABLE BASES, GET READY TO CONQUER THE STREETS IN A FOOT-EXPOSING, STRAPPY SANDAL!

TORY BURCH

RALPH LAUREN COLLECTION



STAUD

MANEBI X ALEX RIVIÈRE

K. JACQUES

ANCIENT GREEK SANDALS



## Here COMES THE SUN

IT'S RAFFIA ALL OVER, BUT MAKE IT COLORED – BECAUSE AN OPTIMISTIC PALETTE THAT CHANNELS SUNNY CLIMATES IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO SUMMER ACCESSORIES THIS SEASON

1. GABRIELA HEARST; 2. SAINT LAURENT; 3. LELE SADOUGHI; 4. GAS BIJOUX; 5. LA DOUBLEJ; 6. BOTTEGA VENETA; 7. ASH; 8. ISABEL MARANT; 9. PRADA; 10. SERGIO ROSSI; 11. PACO RABANNE; 12. MARNI; 13. ETRO



# press play

BANG & OLUFSEN'S LATEST PAIR OF BUDS, BEOPLAY EX, PROMISE PERFORMANCE AND SOUND SO FANTASTIC THEY DESERVE A LISTEN

PHOTOGRAPHER ADAM BROWNING HILL

PHOTOGRAPHER: ADAM BROWNING HILL; MAKEUP & HAIR: KASIA DOMASKA; MODEL: JESSICA K @ SIGNATURE ELEMENT; LOCATION: STELLAR STUDIOS



Bang & Olufsen is best known for its premium feel and sound - and that's no different when it comes to the brand's latest true wireless earphones, Beoplay EX. Built to simplify personal sound, they offer unparalleled performance combined with style; designed by Copenhagen's Thomas Bentzen, the stem-based shape has been adopted and transformed into a finished offering that is equal parts fashion and comfortable. From the mirror-like glass interface which catches the light at the perfect moment, to the surrounding brushed aluminum ring, this fashion accessory meets earbuds creates a statement for the wearer whether they opt for the slick Black Anthracite, opulent Gold Tone or striking Anthracite Oxygen finish. This new shape creates space for a 9.2 mm speaker driver in Beoplay EX resulting in up to 20 hours of total playtime, in addition to an upgrade in call quality, so that they can be used for taking meetings or personal calls at any moment. They're also sweat and IP57-certified dust resistant and waterproof, making it an extremely durable personal sound solution to take with you everywhere. *Shop the new Beoplay EX at the Bang & Olufsen Dubai Mall Showroom located on the First Level, Fashion Avenue, Dubai Mall*



# WATER



The most beautiful accessories of the season are available in soft and refreshing shades that we almost want to bite into. What are the bags, shoes and jewelry that will make us crack?

# COLORS

*Accessories*



PHOTOGRAPHER IRIS ROMBOUTS  
STYLIST DELPHINE DUMOULIN

Left page: Sandals, AGL  
Bag, Guess  
Sunglasses, Dolce&Gabbana

This page:  
Bag, Dior  
Sandals, March 23

Candle Stick Holders, Fést Amsterdam  
Bag, Chanel  
Sunglasses, Missoni  
Rings, Melissa Kandyoti



*Accessories*

Boots, H&M Studio  
Bag, Hermès



Bag, H&M Studio



Bracelet, Chanel  
Watch, Longines

Perfumes, Dries Van Noten



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Bag, March 23  
Sunglasses, Peter and May

# Bag me a RAINBOW!

FORGET ABOUT THAT POT OF GOLD; THESE CANDY-HUED STATEMENT PIECES ARE ON OUR WISH LIST



GIVENCHY



SEE BY CHLOÉ



CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN



TOD'S



PRADA



MOYNAT



YUZEFF



BALMAIN



BALENCIAGA



ALEXANDER MCQUEEN



BURBERRY



BOTTEGA VENETA



JIL SANDER



BULGARI



SAINT LAURENT



JACQUEMUS



PROENZA SCHOUER



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Dior Maison unveils its own collection, including a surfboard, a skateboard, a pool mattress, a parasol, cushions, placemats and much more.

*Summertime dreams do come true*  
**HOLIDAY VIBES**

THE DIORIVIERA CAPSULE COLLECTION, CONTINUALLY REINVENTED SEASON AFTER SEASON, IS A JOYFUL INVITATION TO GET AWAY AND HOLIDAY

It's not summer time fun time until Dior launches their annual Dioriviera summer capsule collection! Designed by Maria Grazia Chiuri, the collection each year plays with the House's fundamentals – from toile de Jouy to bayadère stripes – across the collections. This year, fluorescent shades of blue, orange and pink paint Dior's iconic – new and classic – items for a fresh, fun feel. Feminine dresses, shorts, ponchos, swimsuits, tops, and jackets are joined by the instantly-recognizable Lady D-Lite, Dior Book Tote, and Diorcamp bags, the Dior Travel clutch, the Dway mules, and the DiorAct sandals in the sunny collection that speaks of dreamy days by the beach....

*Where:* \* Check out the pop-up and resort stores around the world – from Mykonos to Tokyo, from Taormina to Bali, via Capri Il Riccio, Chengdu, Sanya, Montenegro and in Montauk. \* Dior boutiques in Saint-Tropez, Cannes, Monaco, Portofino, Capri, Marbella and Porto Cervo.



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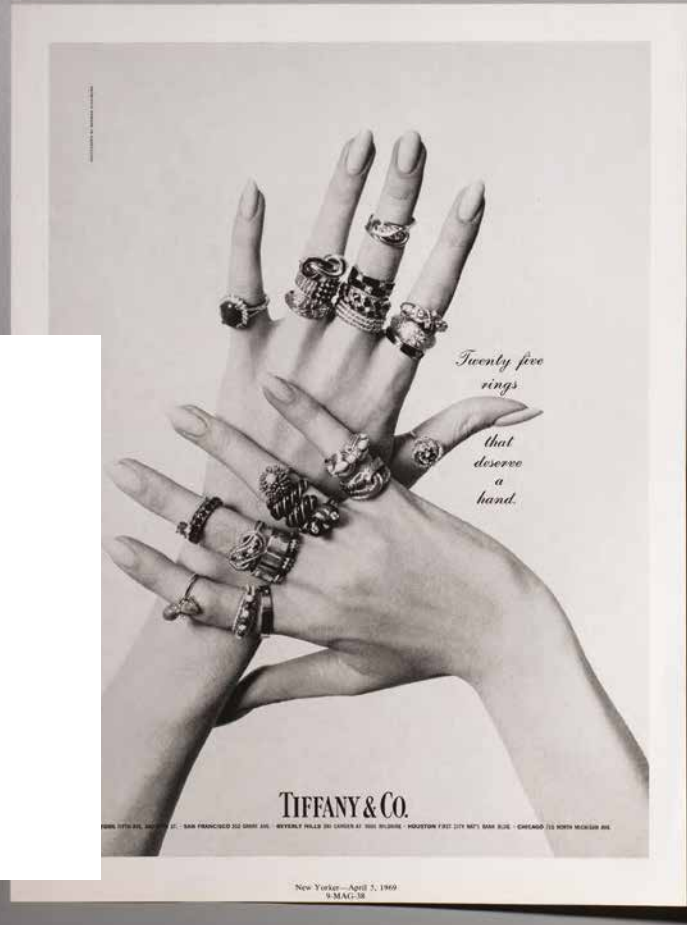
*jewelry*

Chaumet's latest Joséphine Aigrette collection embraces diamonds in a contemporary way. We love how the tiara has been transplanted from the head to include earrings, rings, and timepieces.

*Rise & Shine...*

BOLD, BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL ARE OUR KEYWORDS FOR THIS SEASON. WE'RE DREAMING OF PRETTY PEARLS, DAZZLING DIAMONDS AND EYE-CATCHING COLOR!

CHAUMET JOSEPHINE AIGRETTE



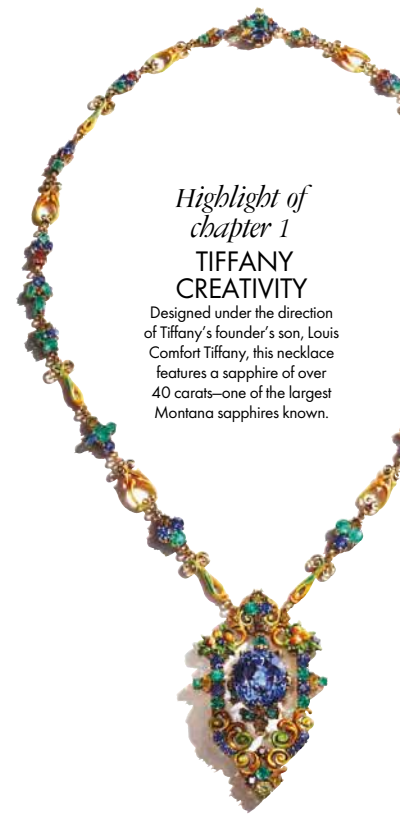
# OUTSIDE THE (Blue) BOX

A NEW EXHIBITION AT LONDON'S SAATCHI GALLERY RETRACES TIFFANY & CO.'S EVOLUTION WITH AN IMMERSIVE, ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Celebrating 185 years of innovation, Tiffany & Co. has become synonymous with unyielding creativity and an even more daring imagination that goes with it and it's all on display in the brand's largest-scale exhibition in almost a century, "Vision & Virtuosity"

— an immersive showcase of its history-making designs and a wonderful homage to the House's cultural influence throughout the decades, from 1837 to all the way to today. Divided into 7 sections, visitors will be able to retrace Tiffany's evolution through 400 objects, ranging from the first Tiffany Blue Box to the famed Fifth Avenue window displays and the largest diamond the House has acquired since: the Empire Diamond of over 80 carats. Opening 10 June at the Saatchi Gallery, the spectacular journey begins with a tribute to founder Charles Lewis Tiffany's legacy followed by highlights of women who pioneered the brand's designs including creative forces Elsa Peretti, who designed the beloved Bone Cuff, and Paloma Picasso, responsible for Tiffany's avant-garde, street art-inspired collection Paloma's Graffiti. The thematic storyline's third chapter is devoted entirely to the Blue Book high jewelry collection leading into the fourth room, which celebrates

love and the many exceptional diamond rings that Tiffany's designers have brought to life over the years. For Audrey Hepburn fans, the Breakfast at Tiffany's display (aka chapter 5) is literally a dream come true with historic artifacts from the legendary movie on show including the figure-hugging black Givenchy dress, Truman Capote's actual '60s scripts and the Academy Awards statuettes. The "Diamonds: Miracles of Nature" chapter that follows next is a journey through the sparkling creations that have underscored Tiffany's authority as the purveyor of the world's finest diamonds over the span of nearly two centuries. This section showcases diamond-intensive masterworks, from Jean Schlumberger's fantastical diamond designs to pieces of the French Crown Jewels acquired by Tiffany. The exhibition culminates with the crowning jewel of Tiffany, the 128.54-carat yellow Tiffany diamond, last seen on Beyoncé in the House's "About Love" campaign.



### Highlight of chapter 1 TIFFANY CREATIVITY

Designed under the direction of Tiffany's founder's son, Louis Comfort Tiffany, this necklace features a sapphire of over 40 carats—one of the largest Montana sapphires known.



Highlight of chapter 2  
**THE WORLD OF TIFFANY & CO.**  
This Tiffany Blue Box®—one of the earliest instances of the iconic packaging—debuted around 1878, a few years before the House introduced the Tiffany® Setting engagement ring in 1886.



### Highlight of chapter 3 BLUE BOOK

The earliest edition of the Blue Book catalogue dating to 1845 / The Cortez necklace, whose emeralds may have originally been part of Queen Isabella II of Spain's personal collection.

### Highlight of chapter 4 TIFFANY LOVE

Charles Lewis Tiffany was among the first jewelers to popularize the diamond ring as a symbol of love. He introduced the iconic Tiffany® Setting in 1886 to highlight the fire and beauty of a solitaire diamond, thus introducing the world to the engagement ring as we know it today.



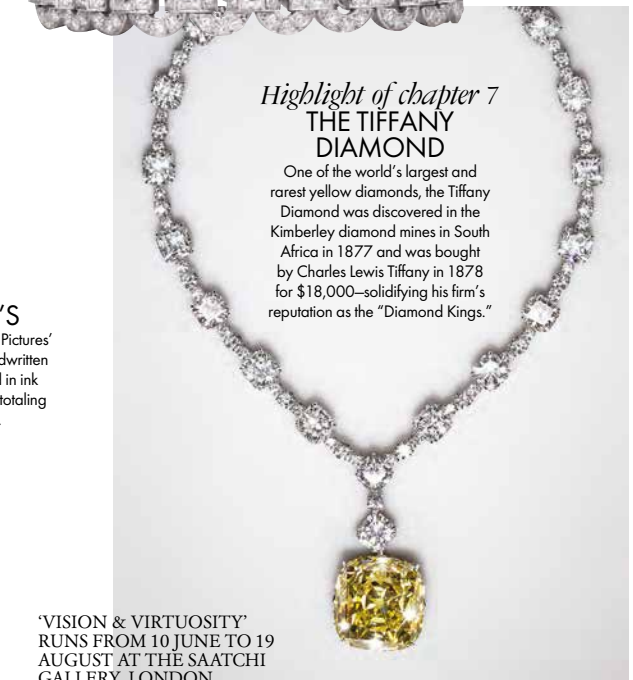
### Highlight of chapter 6 DIAMONDS: MIRACLES OF NATURE

This bracelet's design reflects Tiffany's interpretation of the Art Deco style.



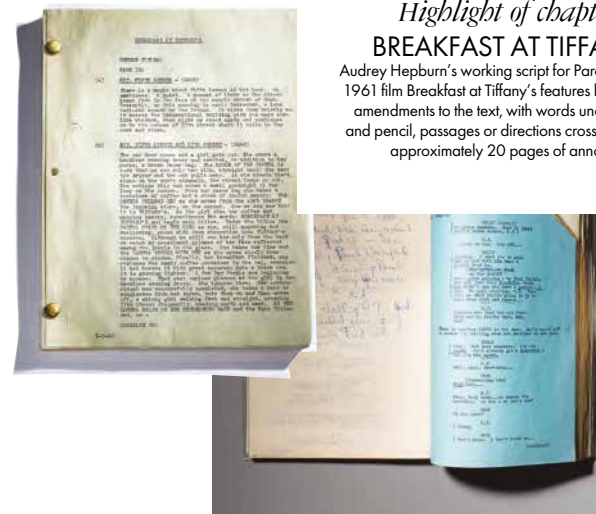
### Highlight of chapter 7 THE TIFFANY DIAMOND

One of the world's largest and rarest yellow diamonds, the Tiffany Diamond was discovered in the Kimberley diamond mines in South Africa in 1877 and was bought by Charles Lewis Tiffany in 1878 for \$18,000—solidifying his firm's reputation as the "Diamond Kings."



### Highlight of chapter 5 BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

Audrey Hepburn's working script for Paramount Pictures' 1961 film Breakfast at Tiffany's features her handwritten amendments to the text, with words underlined in ink and pencil, passages or directions crossed out, totaling approximately 20 pages of annotations.



'VISION & VIRTUOSITY' RUNS FROM 10 JUNE TO 19 AUGUST AT THE SAATCHI GALLERY, LONDON

Monsieur Dior's lucky star alights in the Rose des Vents collection, his beloved flowers bloom in La Rose Dior, and the legendary couturier's craft shines bright in Gem Dior's asymmetrical pieces. Victoire de Castellane, Artistic Director of Dior Joaillerie, takes us on a dazzling journey through the House's motifs – from the past to the future...

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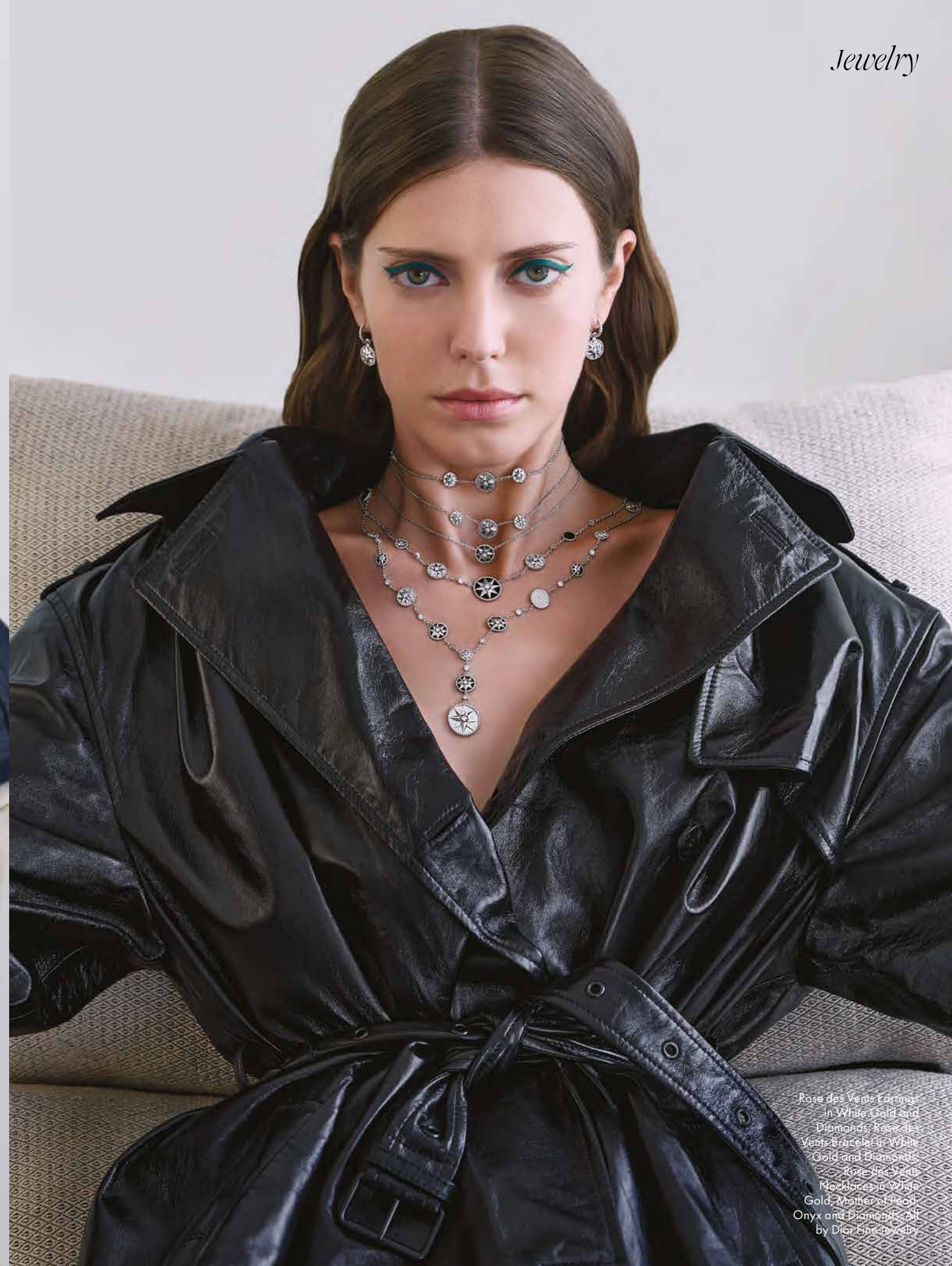
Bois de Rose Earrings in White Gold and Diamond; Rose Dior Bagatelle Ring in White Gold and Diamond; Gem Dior Watch in Steel and Black Lacquered Mother of Pearl; All by Dior Fine Jewelry and Timepieces



Rose des Vents Ring in White Gold and Diamonds; Bois de Rose Ring in Rose gold and Diamonds; Bois de Rose Bracelets in White Gold and Rose Gold; Gem Dior Watch Steel in Diamonds and White Mother of Pearl; All by Dior Fine Jewelry and Timepieces



*Jewelry*



Rose des Vents Earrings in White Gold and Diamonds; Rose des Vents Bracelet in White Gold and Diamonds; Rose des Vents Necklaces in White Gold, Mother of Pearl, Onyx and Diamonds; All by Dior Fine Jewelry

*Jewelry*

Gem Dior Earrings in White Gold and Diamonds; Gem Dior Rings in White Gold and Diamonds; Rose des Vents Rings in White Gold and Diamonds; Rose Dior Bagatelle Ring in White Gold and Diamond; All by Dior Fine Jewelry

La D de Dior Satine Watch in Steel, Diamonds and White Mother-of-Pearl; All by Dior Fine Jewelry and Timepieces





Rose des Vents Necklace in White Gold, Diamonds and Mother-of-Pearl; Le D de Dior Satine Watch in Steel, Diamonds and White Mother-of-Pearl; All by Dior Fine Jewelry and Timepieces

PHOTOGRAPHER: ADAM BROWNING; HAIR: STYLIST: JEFF AQUIN; MAKEUP: SHARON DRUGAN; HAIR: IVAN KUZ; VIDEOGRAPHER: KAUD MASSAN; STYLING: MOBEL; GROOMING: JABKO; LOCATION: JACOW CAPE



Gem Dior Earrings in White Gold and Diamonds; Rose Dior Bagatelle Rings in White Gold and Diamond; All by Dior Fine Jewelry



"THE ALIF WOMAN IS IN FACT EVERY WOMAN - AN EMPOWERED, SELF-ASSURED INDIVIDUAL WITH HER OWN, UNIQUE CHARACTER, FIRMLY ROOTED AND UNWAVERING, BASED ON STRONG, SOLID FOUNDATIONS"



## WE'RE ALL CONNECTED

DAMAS JEWELLERY EXPANDS ITS ICONIC ALIF COLLECTION

### The DNA

Damas Jewellery has been at the forefront of creativity, innovation and expertise to create visions of beauty and inspire through storytelling since 1907. In addition to forging partnerships with leading international brands, they have an incredible portfolio of luxury in-house brands. This year, Damas Jewellery has grown its signature Alif collection with a new line, named Unity.

### The UPDATE

Launched in 2020, the Alif collection was designed as a symbol of women's empowerment and independence, characterized by the "Alif", the first letter of the Arabic alphabet and widely considered to be the origin, foundation, and beginning of all else. The new Unity line is characterized by interlocking gold links holding together the Alif pieces, symbolizing the connection that each woman has with women before and beside her, the impact of teachers and role models, and the importance of the collective alongside the individual in Middle Eastern societies.

### The COLLECTION

Made of 18K gold and diamonds, the Unity line consists of bracelets, necklaces, and earrings and pendants with interlocking Alif-shaped structures holding at center-stage the main Alif piece. Diamonds add dazzle, round rivets add soft movement, and engraved grooves add a touch of elegant artistry.



## Meet: NADA GHAZAL

Everything about Nada Ghazal Jewelry is beautiful – from the designer's passion for jewelry, to the inspiration she gets from her city, to the fact that every creation is handcrafted in her Atelier, and especially the push for a positive social impact – including actively hiring women, working with ethically-sourced materials, donating pieces for charity, and supporting a long list of initiatives.

From the world of advertising to handmade jewelry, tell us about that jump? I have always loved jewelry. As a child, I even used to bake golden cookies and wear them as bracelets. As there was no degree in jewelry design in Lebanon, I studied graphic design and fine arts, and traveled to Dubai to work there soon after I graduated. After working for 10 years in the creative department with international advertising agencies, I returned to Beirut in 2003 to pursue my dream and create my own brand. I learnt jewelry making by trial and error, however, I knew that I wanted my designs to reflect something that was missing in the industry, something unique, individualistic, timeless and has soul. I bought some gold with my savings and transformed it into wires and created my first 25 pieces showcasing them in 2004. My collection sold almost immediately, and I knew then that I had what it takes to create a brand. What is the design ethos of NG jewelry? I believe in creating unique jewelry for the global woman who searches for pieces that reflect her personality. Besides being distinctive, authentic, and timeless and creating hand crafted pieces, it is so important to create jewelry that has a story so that the wearer connects with the pieces. And your own style? I love wearing rings. I love stacking many bold rings from different collections together. It somehow represents me and also the glamor, uniqueness and boldness of our collections. After almost 20 years, how do you continue to evolve while staying true to your brand? My designs are imbued with my feelings and experiences which while personal, they are also universal. This ensures the authenticity of the jewelry I create. I also find inspirations in everything that surrounds me, from my city to my childhood memories, to situations and circumstances I experience.

NADA GHAZAL'S 'MY MUSE' COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE AT THAT CONCEPT STORE, THATCONCEPTSTORE.COM

I have added to my workshop... two additional equipment sets in anticipation for growth as we launch in more stores internationally. My most treasured possession... is my sense of ethics and my mother's engagement ring which is the only piece I wear that is not a Nada Ghazal piece. A place that inspires me... is Beirut, my greatest muse. I've got my eye on... A pair of shoes - always. My out-the-door outfit... is always glamorous. My signature accessory is... our Malak and Baby Malak ring combination. My greatest extravagance... are statement furniture pieces and large paintings. When I want to let go and relax, I... work on breathing and tapping exercises. When I'm not working, you can find me... with my husband and children.



## Mood: THE POWER OF PURPLE

The exotic, often-overlooked hue is on our radar this Summer for watches and jewelry. Pair with bold colored accessories and a pop-color mani & pedi for a fun twist.



## Trends... CHAIN REACTION

Lead a charmed life with your favorite icon or motif on a chain...and don't be afraid to layer!

THE OPENING OF THE BUCCELLATI STORE AT THE DUBAI MALL



# A LEGACY OF *design*

FOR OVER 100 YEARS, HIGH JEWELRY BRAND BUCCELLATI HAS BEEN A PURVEYOR OF ARTISTIC AND CRAFTSMANSHIP EXCELLENCE. ELLE ARABIA TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE ITALIAN HOUSE, STARTING WITH THE OPENING OF ITS FIRST BOUTIQUE IN DUBAI

Renowned high jewelry brand Buccellati, admired for its craftsmanship and the uniqueness of its creations, was founded over a century ago by Mario Buccellati. "My grandfather started in 1919 near La Scala in Milano. He was selling dreams, beautiful sketches and designs on paper of jewelry inspired by the renaissance era and nature," says Andrea Buccellati, Chairman and Creative Director of the House. "From generation to generation we have had Buccellati creative designers, allowing us to keep the same love, passion, craftsmanship and



techniques; this is how we are able to continue with our legacy, our quality of jewelry and artisanal work." Today, Buccellati stands out not only for their designs but also for their recognizable techniques, as per Maris Christina who heads the global communication and marketing. "There are three main icons of the house; we have the Macri collection which is the most known with its engraving-like rigato effect, the Lace collection which features very distinctive engraving design known as enchaining, and the last one is the Tulle collection which looks like honeycomb." These iconic designs, and more, are now showcased at the new boutique located in The Dubai Mall. For the Buccellati family, this will be part of an expansion project that the Maison is putting in place which will include many openings in the next few months in our region. "We have to remember the main characteristic of the house, to keep faithful and remain true to our-made-in-Italy style," explains Andrea Buccellati. "Our pieces are immediately recognizable, and we want to provide an equally unique experience to our clientele everywhere."

FOR THE BUCCELLATI FAMILY, GCC WOMEN KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT: "THE WOMEN IN THIS REGION ARE REFINED, THEY SPEND ON HIGH JEWELRY AS AN INVESTMENT, THEY WANT TO HAVE ONE-OF-KIND AND UNIQUE PIECES, AND IN BUCCELLATI THEY CAN FIND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR"

- Maria and Luca Buccellati



BOUGANVILLE COCKTAIL RING

LILIUM CUFF BRACELETS

DELPHINIUM EARRINGS

CENTAUREA PARURE

PETUNIA BAND RING

Buccellati's latest high jewelry collection *Il Giardino* was inspired by the simple geometrics of nature, and the colors of impressionist painters such as Monet. "We are known not only for mixing colored stones but also for mixing various colors of gold," says Luca, the CEO on Heritage at the Maison. "Our pieces are like paintings; sometimes it takes a year and a half to create a necklace. We're always adding pieces to this collection, which is currently available at The Dubai Mall before it travels to China."

WORDS VALIA TAHIA

# ELLE

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COTE D'AZURE...  
The recent Cannes Film Festival has got us dreaming of the magnificent combo of beauty and heritage in the South of France



*Explore...*

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET AWAY THIS MONTH, YOU CAN STILL GO ON A JOURNEY VIA OUR EDIT OF BEAUTIFUL TRAVELBOOKS + THE FILMS, MUSIC, AND PODCASTS TO FOLLOW NOW

@MICHAEL SHANNON

*Culture*



## Read

PACK YOUR BAGS AND GRAB YOUR PASSPORT – AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS, SUMMER TRAVEL IS IN FULL SWING THIS YEAR. INSPIRING WANDERLUST, THIS JUNE IS PACKED WITH THE BEST COLLECTIBLE TRAVEL BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER AND BEYOND!



**ITALY 1900: A PORTRAIT IN COLOR**

*by Giovanni Fanelli*

While you are planning where to head next, might we suggest a trip back in time with Italy 1900. Through Venice, Rome, Pisa, Florence, Naples, Lake Como, Capri and beyond – this tome offers an idyllic stroll through the country at the turn of the last century through a fascinating collection of photochromes and vintage-colored prints.

COMPILED BY SWATI JAIN



**JAIPUR SPLENDOR**

*by Mozez Singh*

Capturing the true spirit of the 'Pink City' and its vibrant colors, lives and people in over 200 stunning images, Assouline's new book offers a dazzling tour of Jaipur. From Rajput Royalty to the city's classic architecture, discover the enchanting palaces, bustling bazaars, traditional crafts and the most delicious street food from the pages of this book.



**ALL THE BUILDINGS IN LOS ANGELES: THAT I'VE DRAWN SO FAR**

*by James Gulliver Hancock*

Beautifully photographed cities aside, hand-drawn illustrations make for some of the best collectibles and muses. This one by James Gulliver Hancock is the perfect LA tour from Rodeo Drive and the Hollywood Bowl to the Capital Records Building and everyone's favorite, the Walt Disney Concert Hall



**THE MONOCLE BOOK OF JAPAN**

A culmination of years of reporting across the country by Monocle, this Thames and Hudson must-have unpacks Japan for you, delivering a unique insight into the people, places and products that define the country. Filled with remarkable stories that remain untold outside of Japan, this is definitely one to keep.



## Play

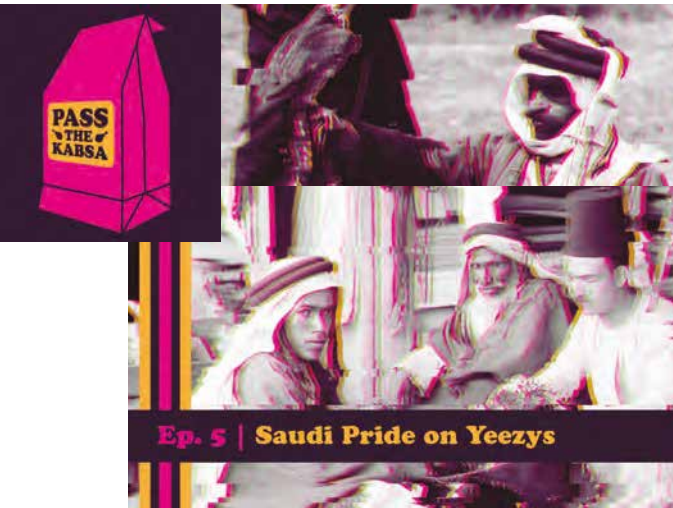
### ACID ARAB FOR BALENCIAGA

This summer, get ready for some seriously contemporary Arab Techno beats courtesy of – Balenciaga! Yes, you heard right; the French fashion brand has teamed up with Parisian music collective Acid Arab on an electrifying playlist available to stream or download on Apple Music. As part of the collaboration, the duo has also created a four-piece unisex merch collection available on the brand's website.



# WATCH *See* PLAY

A FRESH PODCAST ON REGIONAL POP CULTURE HAPPENINGS, KILLER TRACKS FROM AN ARAB TECHNO COLLECTIVE AND THE MUST-FOLLOW INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS TO GET YOUR ART....



Ep. 5 | Saudi Pride on Yeezys

## Listen

### PASS THE KABSA

Soothing and undeniably cool, this twice-a-week podcast is presented by a couple of cool Saudi boys who sit down to discuss fresh, trending and relevant news on everything from pop culture to relationships and music – no topic is off the table and everyone's opinion is welcome!

## Watch

### SHASHA MOVIES

Netflix might have upped its Arab film game recently, but a new independent platform is shining the light on South-West Asian and North African cinema. Fueled by an all-women founding team, Shasha Movies offers cinephiles each month 12 incredible films on-demand across cinema and moving-image, no membership required! Their library is also updated every two months and currently features a carefully-curated selection from Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Iran, Morocco, Armenia and the diaspora.



## See

### MASK REQUIRED AT XVA GALLERY

Presenting an in-depth study of the face, and how it is the depiction of one's journey and what molds us into who we are, this group exhibition takes a group of artists and asks them to challenge the notion of a portrait. A super cool introspective for anyone interested in peeking into other's innermost thoughts.

## Follow

OUR FAVE ARTISTS EXHIBITING AT THE PALAZZO FRANCHETTI IN VENICE THROUGH ABU DHABI ART'S BEYOND: EMERGING ARTISTS 2021



HASHEL AL LAMKI  
@Maitbaabdalla

COMPILED BY SWATI JAINI; IMAGES: SUPPLIED

A multidisciplinary artist, Hashel's art contends that climate change is pressing mankind to reconsider their very existence, imagining various alternative realities that are grounded in nomadism and poetry.



CHRISTOPHER JOSHUA BENTON  
@Christopherjoshuabenton

Dubai-based artist, Christopher Joshua Benton's impressive art installations work as a metaphor for migration, labor economies, and the history of slavery in Eastern Arabia.



MAITHA ABDALLA  
@Maitbaabdalla

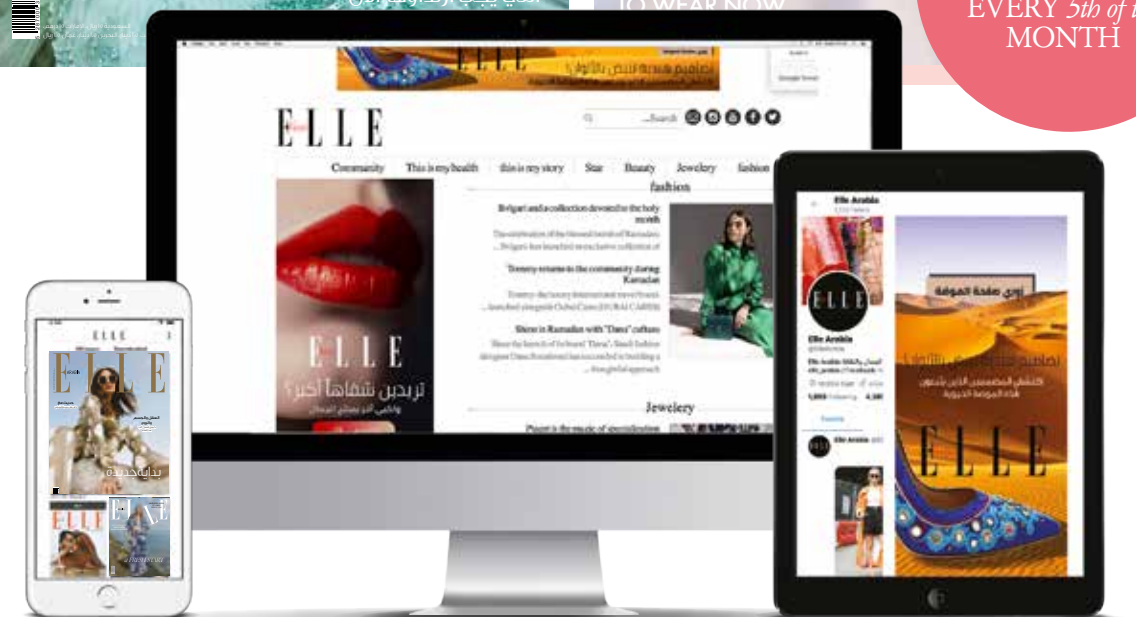
Maitha, producing across multiple disciplines, celebrates the strength and power of women through an intertwining story of wild human nature, the archetype of the feminine psyche, and the untameable character of wild animals.

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Cover story

# Petal Pusher

A natural beauty, **Salma Abu Deif** knows a thing or two about stealing the spotlight. In Bulgari's "Eden The Garden of Wonders" collection, a breathtaking universe dedicated to the magnificent emerald, she shines even brighter!

PHOTOGRAPHER **ROBERTA KRASNIG** STYLIST **FRANCESCA OTTAVIANI**

Cover story

Dress, Elie Saab

Pink Gold Earrings with Cushion Tanzanite, Cushion Aquamarine, Rubellite Beads and Pavé Diamonds; Pink Gold Necklace with Cushion Tanzanites, Rubellite Beads, Cushion Aquamarines, Round Brilliant-Cut Diamonds and Pavé Diamonds; Pink Gold Ring with Chrysoprase Elements, Cushion Sapphire, Fancy Shape Buff-Top Rubies and Pavé Diamonds  
All by Bulgari



Dress, Valentino

Pink Gold Monete  
Necklace with Silver  
Coin, Round Brilliant  
Cut Diamonds and Pavé  
Diamonds  
All by Bulgari

*Cover story*



Dress, Celine

Pink Gold Necklace  
with Oval Peridot and  
Pave Diamonds  
All by Bulgari



Dress, Ralph Lauren

Pink Gold Necklace with  
Chrysoptase Elements,  
Cushion Sapphire,  
Ruby Beads, Sapphire  
Beads, Buff-Top Rubies,  
Buff-Top Sapphires,  
Buff-top Emeralds, Fancy  
Shape Diamonds, Round  
Brilliant-Cut Diamonds  
and Pave Diamonds;  
Pink Gold Ring with  
Chrysoptase Elements,  
Cushion Sapphire, Fancy  
Shape Buff-Top Rubies  
and Pavè Diamonds  
All by Bulgari

Cover story



Dress, Ralph Lauren

Pink Gold Necklace with  
Cabochon Rubellite,  
Cabochon Citrines,  
Round Peridot, Round  
Amethyst, Buff-Top  
Emeralds, Brilliant Cut  
and Pavé Diamonds  
All by Bulgari

Dress, Saint Laurent

Serpenti Yellow and  
White Gold Earrings with  
Marquise Cut Diamonds,  
Pear Shape Rubies and  
Pavé Diamonds; Serpenti  
Yellow and White Gold  
Ring with Marquise  
Brilliant Cut, Round,  
Pear Cut Emeralds and  
Pavé diamonds; Serpenti  
Yellow and White Gold  
Necklace with Marquise  
Cut Diamonds, Round,  
Pear Cut Emeralds and  
Pavé Diamonds  
All by Bulgari



With

ith a new series under her belt and many more on the docket, 2022 promises to be Salma Abu Deif's year. She gets candid with ELLE Arabia on making moves in Arabic cinema and how her younger self, little Salma, would be proud

From acting to modeling, you wear many hats... which do you consider your true calling? Acting all the way, although I think modeling definitely played a big part in preparing me to be an actress.

**Do you believe you have grown as an artist?** As an artist I constantly have to work on myself, it's a never-ending journey of learning and observing, and while you age and work in different projects, you automatically learn new things. It's a fun one though!

**What role do you think catapulted your career?** I think Halawet El Donia and Rageen Ya Hawa – in Halawet El Donia I was introduced to the audience as an actress and it was such a huge success and this year, with Rageen Ya Hawa, it really was my big break as an actress. It was another successful movie for me and has made me truly excited to share my next projects, including Monaataf Khatar which we just finished shooting and will be aired on Shahid streaming network.

**How is where you are today different from where you thought you would be?** If my young self (little Salma) payed me a visit now, she would be very proud and happy for me; none of this was ever in her wildest dreams. She has always believed in her capabilities though and I owe her a big thank you. I'm super grateful and can't wait to go on to bigger achievements with her.

**How has being a public figure shaped you?** Sometimes I forget about it, trying to enjoy the most of myself as a human being. But it also gives me a sense of responsibility to give back to the community and try to influence other with kindness and goodness.

**What do you love about representing women in the Middle East?** To tell the world we have talent! We have so many strong and influential women. We have a voice and the world needs to hear it.

## Salma's MUST-HAVES

**THIS SUMMER, MY GO-TO SONG THAT I'LL BE PLAYING ON REPEAT IS...** EVERYBODY IS FREE TO WEAR SUNSCREEN  
**YOU'LL FIND ME READING...** THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE BY ELIF SHAFAK.  
**WHEN I'M NOT WORKING, I'LL BE HEADING OFF TO...** ITALY!  
**MY GO-TO JEWELRY...** ARE A BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF EARRINGS

PHOTOGRAPHER: ROBERTA KRASNIC @ STUDIO REPOSSI; STYLIST: FRANCESCA OTTAVIANI @ STUDIO REPOSSI; MAKEUP: MANOJA SPAZIANI @ SIMONE BELLI AGENCY; HAIR: DANILLO SPACCA USING LABELMITA; VIDEOGRAPHER: DAVIDE CECCHINI; ASSISTANTS: PHOTOGRAPHER ASSISTANT: CHIARA RUPPI; STYLING ASSISTANT: VALERIA SCARPONI; LOCATION: HOTEL DE RUSSIE

Catsuit, Saint Laurent  
Platinum Emerald Necklace with Pear Diamonds, Round Emeralds, Round Brilliant-Cut Diamonds and Pave Diamonds  
All by Bulgari





"MY HOME IS MY SANCTUARY, A PLACE WHERE I DECOMPRESS AND RELAX. I FELL IN LOVE WITH THIS HOME AS I DROVE PAST IT ONE DAY"



"My fashion style is a varied mix of relaxed feminine with a blend of tougher, more street androgynity. I have always loved and continue to love monochrome black and white and a pale shade of nude pink. Comfort and soft textures are both very important to me. I love my new line of skirts and trousers which I have developed with a sculpting elasticated waistband providing extreme comfort."

INSIDER:  
**THE MAGIC OF CHANGE**

AYESHA DEPALA  
TAKES US INSIDE HER  
BEAUTIFUL, TRANQUIL  
AND MINDFUL WORLD

"My style in my home is natural and neutral with browns and beiges accented with a host of different textures in the form of wood textures. I brought back brass vintage oil lamps from South India as I love the warm light that fire brings to a room."



"I'm working on a new line of hand block printed textiles that we have developed and executed in Jaipur in Rajasthan with the help of my talented sister Natasha who is also in the textile trade, much like my mother and father. My parents had a block printing factory in Kashmir in India in the early 70s, the first of its kind in all of Northern India. I am delighted to have reverted back to my roots and to keep the family's Heritage alive."



"My new line is called natural Alchemy and is inspired by the magic of change which is an inherent gift we are all naturally predisposed to. I want to honor nature and all the gifts it brings us in terms of the food we eat, in terms of the medicinal plants it provides, and also in the clothes we wear. I use natural fibres such as linens, cottons and silks in my new line."



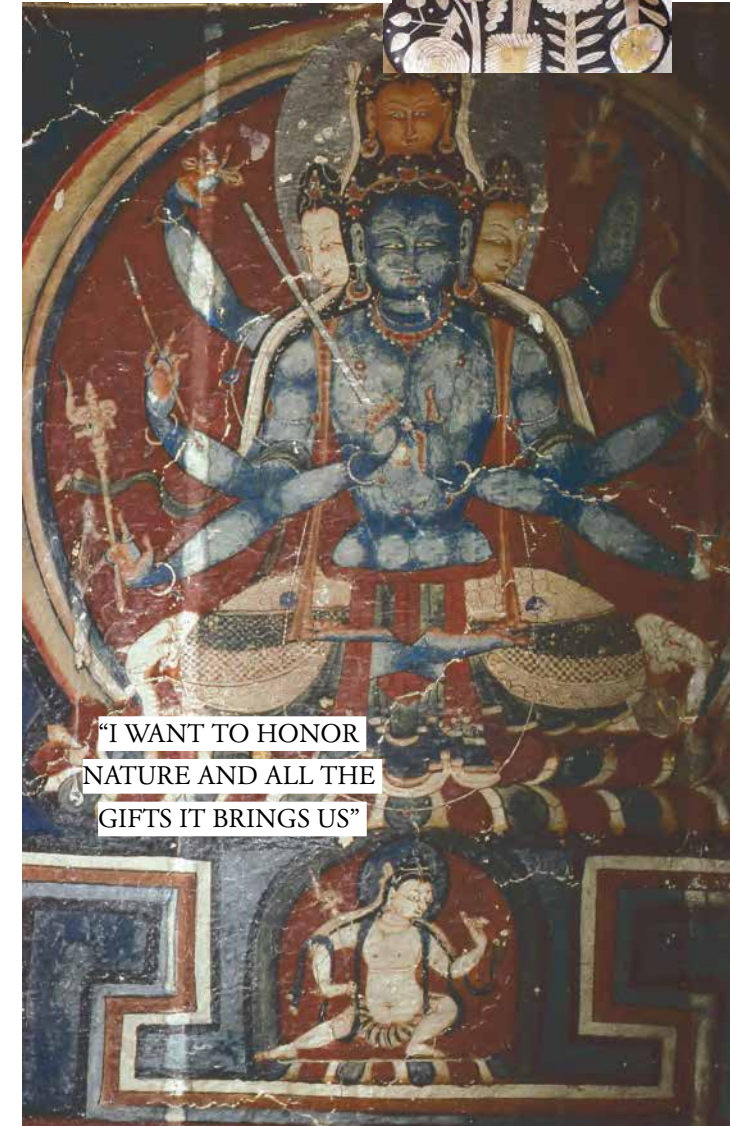
"My home is my sanctuary, a place where I decompress and relax. I fell in love with this home as I drove past it one day. It's close to the kids' school, the beach, my office, my yoga and my reformer workout studio and also in close proximity to most of my friends. What I most loved about my home is its openness, providing lots of sunlight. I chose to decorate it with lots of plants both inside and outside as the verdant shades of nature make for a very soothing space."



Feature



"The cushion covers on my couches are all designed and printed by me, the linen table mats and cushion covers are all hand embroidered in shades of nude and grave French knots by my in house skilled embroiders."



"I WANT TO HONOR NATURE AND ALL THE GIFTS IT BRINGS US"

• IN LOVE WITH... super soft sheets from Beltrami Italy, Manjunath Kamath art, vintage Tibetan Buddhist Thangkas and Magoto Kagoshima ceramics, vintage Dutch Delf tuliperes, Havy Kaha and Hideaki Kawashima art, anything Rodin, and L'Officiene Universelle Buly in Paris is my favorite shop • COVETING... deeper knowledge of the cosmos. This year I am diving into astrology and astronomy. • MY GUILTY PLEASURE IS... sweet stuff, like Victoria Sponge cake! • I LOVE TO INVEST IN ... my body, a weekly massage and a Hastens mattress. • WHEN I'M NOT WORKING YOU CAN FIND ME .... at a festival, a wellness retreat, Yoga classes with Nitai exploring human consciousness

# DEMOTIVATED



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## to move?

EXPERTS SAY FITNESS SNACKING CAN HELP REPAIR YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EXERCISE. HERE'S WHY.

**R**aise your hand if you're struggling to find the motivation to move. You're not alone. A study conducted at McMaster University found that while mental health issues like anxiety and depression prompted some to exercise in a quest for stress relief, they proved to be a barrier to physical activity for others. And fitness snacking – entirely unrelated to your mid-afternoon cookie break – may just be the solution.

For the uninitiated, fitness snacking is defined as short bursts of movement interspersed throughout the day (think: 20 seconds of bodyweight squats, 60 seconds of jumping jacks, climbing a few flights of stairs, or even dancing to Charlie Puth's "Light Switch") as opposed to working out for 45 or 60 minutes at a stretch. If it elevates your heart rate, it counts. Dubbed one of 2021's biggest fitness trends, the concept of bite-sized exercise is hardly new. While it echoes the patterns of high-intensity interval training, it came into prominence because of global lockdowns, increasingly sedentary lifestyles, and the subsequent boom in digital fitness. And it continues to win the praise of experts worldwide.

WORDS: SAMIA GAYUM

"One of the biggest mistakes I see people make is thinking that they need to exercise in a certain way to be fit," says sport and exercise psychology consultant Hannah Winter, emphasizing that there are endless ways in which people can bring movement into their day-to-day lives. "I often hear

people say that they 'should go to the gym' or 'should run' – only to find out they hate the gym or running. One of the most important things is to find the type of exercise you enjoy. If an individual found that short bursts of exercise were something they enjoyed and could stick to, I would be supportive."

Part of Hannah's role involves assisting individuals with their mindset in order to achieve their goals, so she's also on the 'start small' bandwagon. "I would encourage anyone getting started on their health journey or returning to exercise after a long time to start with realistic goals. The objective should be to build some simple keystone habits that, over time, become routine and form a solid foundation from which to build upon. The mind can become an obstacle at first – thoughts like 'I can't do this' or 'I'm not an exerciser' can be overwhelming, but breaking fitness down into manageable objectives can make it more achievable. And once you start seeing that you can do it, you realize that your mental narrative isn't true. After all, achieving any goal comes from small daily actions."

Explaining who would benefit most from this approach, she says, "If someone was to have work or family responsibilities that prevented them from fitting longer forms of exercise into their day, fitness snacking could be a great fit. It could also be a good option for someone who is lacking motivation or has struggled to maintain consistent exercise habits." As for those days that call for more snacking than fitness snacking? Give yourself a break – and reach for the Oreos instead.

**CHILL & UNWIND**

"I love baking cupcakes with my children. We all get involved and make a mess of the cream topping, but it still turns out to be delicious! Another way I love to unwind is by enjoying a cup of tea while watching whatever is trending for the moment on Netflix – I am a particular fan of crime documentaries."



**PICK-ME-UP SCENTS**

"As part of the Arcadia collection, we have our scented candle range which includes three variants, each named Trapped Freedom, Controlled Chaos, Loud Silence. They are my go-to scents as they were created during the pandemic, a time where many of us felt more grounded and grateful for the life we have."



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**WORKING WITH LEGENDS**

"Earlier this year, we launched an exclusive collection with boxing legend Muhammad Ali, which was a very humbling and proud moment for myself and the brand. You can soon expect new collaborations, product lines and editions."

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**FINDING INSPIRATION**

"Arcadia scents are all inspired by nostalgic memories that we can all relate to. As such, the fragrances are more inspired by time rather than place. No. 1 Royal Orchard is a scent I created as a tribute to my late mother may her soul rest in peace and it reminds me of special moments we shared when exploring niche perfumes around the world as perfumery was also her passion."

*Snapshots:*  
**AMNA AL HABTOOR**

THE EMIRATI ENTREPRENEUR AND FOUNDER OF ARCADIA DISHES TO ELLE ARABIA ABOUT WORKING WITH LEGENDS, HER FAVORITE WAY TO UNWIND, CHILDHOOD MEMORIES, AND MORE...



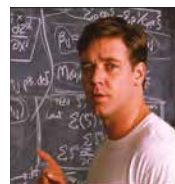
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**SCENT DIRECTION**

"Musk, musk, musk – it works beautifully as a base note to all perfumes, no matter the occasion or time of day. Musk elevates the overall scent while increasing the duration of how long the scent lasts, so it is a perfect note to have in a perfume or even on its own as an oil."

**FITNESS SECRET**

"Yoga, without a doubt helps me stay active, mentally and physically fit."



*Inspirational Movie:*  
A Beautiful Mind



*Favorite Podcast:*  
The Dukkan Show



*Netflix Series:*  
Succession

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GAME, SET, STYLE MATCH... Sporty chic is taken to great new heights with the uber-cool collaborative adidas X Gucci collection.



*fashion*

*Into your own...*

THIS SEASON, THERE'S A VIBE FOR EVERY WOMAN. FROM VIVID COLORS TO CHIC NEUTRALS, AND FROM STATEMENT SILHOUETTES TO RELAXED ELEGANCE – NOW IS THE TIME TO EMBRACE YOUR STYLE.



# WALK

Jacket, Saint Laurent; Body, Zara

# THE

Soft hues and feminine silhouettes take on a decidedly modern attitude this season

# LIGHT



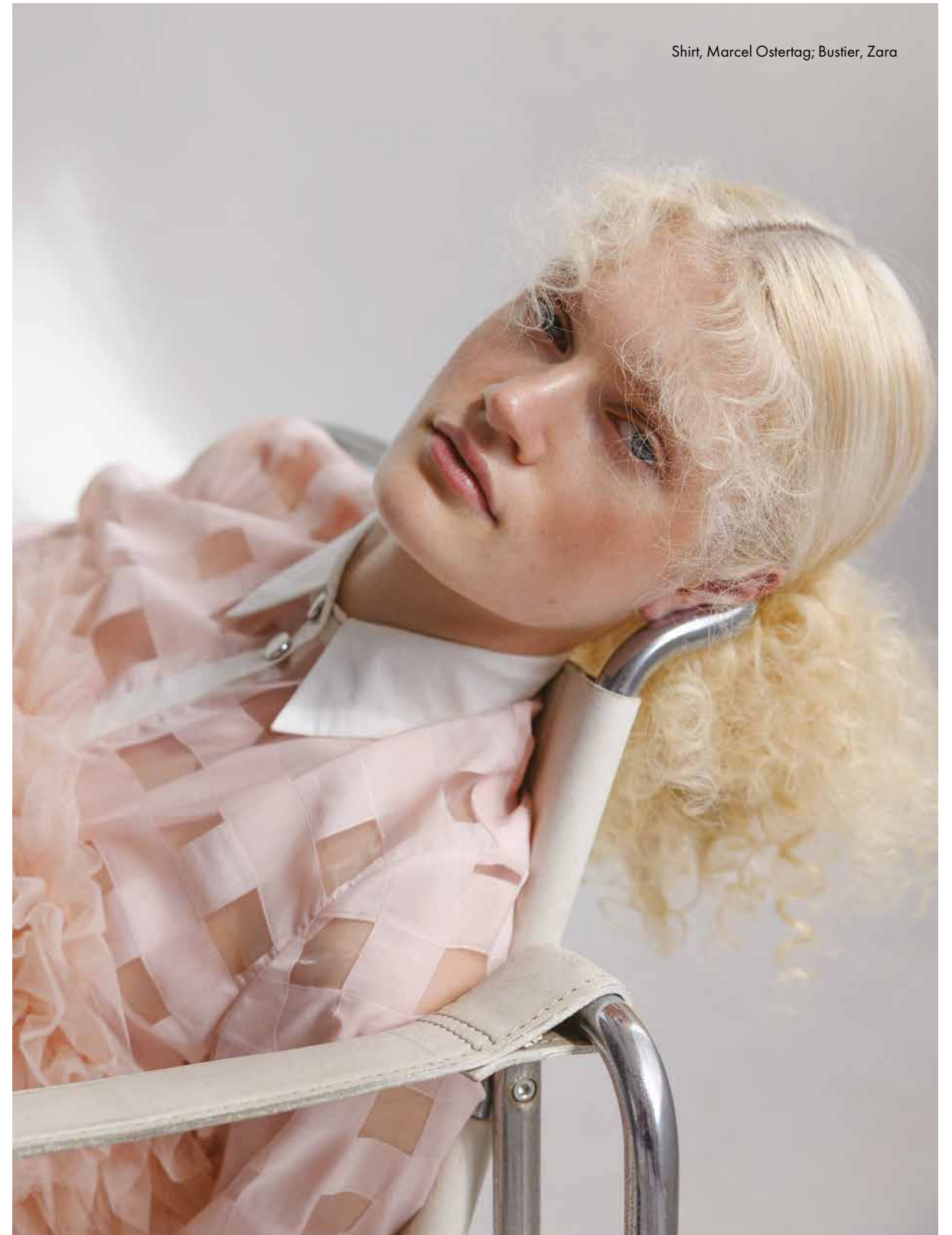
Dress, Marcel Osterlag; Sandals, Aquazzura



PHOTOGRAPHY BY SEBASTIAN HEBERLEIN STYLING BY BETTINA SCHÖNFELDER



Trousers, Loewe; Top, Josh V; Bag, Balenciaga



Shirt, Marcel Ostertag; Bustier, Zara

Top & Volant, Second Female



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Trench Coat, Josh V



LET'S

# PLAY

Summer sets us free with fun fair colors and playful silhouettes

PHOTOGRAPHER & ART DIRECTION JOHN SANSON

STYLIST HARRIET NICOLSON



Left page:  
Top & Skirt, Casablanca  
Earrings, Alexandra Kim  
Shoes, Malone Souliers

This page:  
Jacket, Racil  
Swimsuit, Bezzant  
Shorts, Jacquemus  
Earrings, Roxanne Assoulin  
Shoes, Salvatore Ferragamo

**Right page:**  
Dress, Cecilie Bahnsen  
Necklace, Celeste Starre  
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Shoes, Bottega Veneta

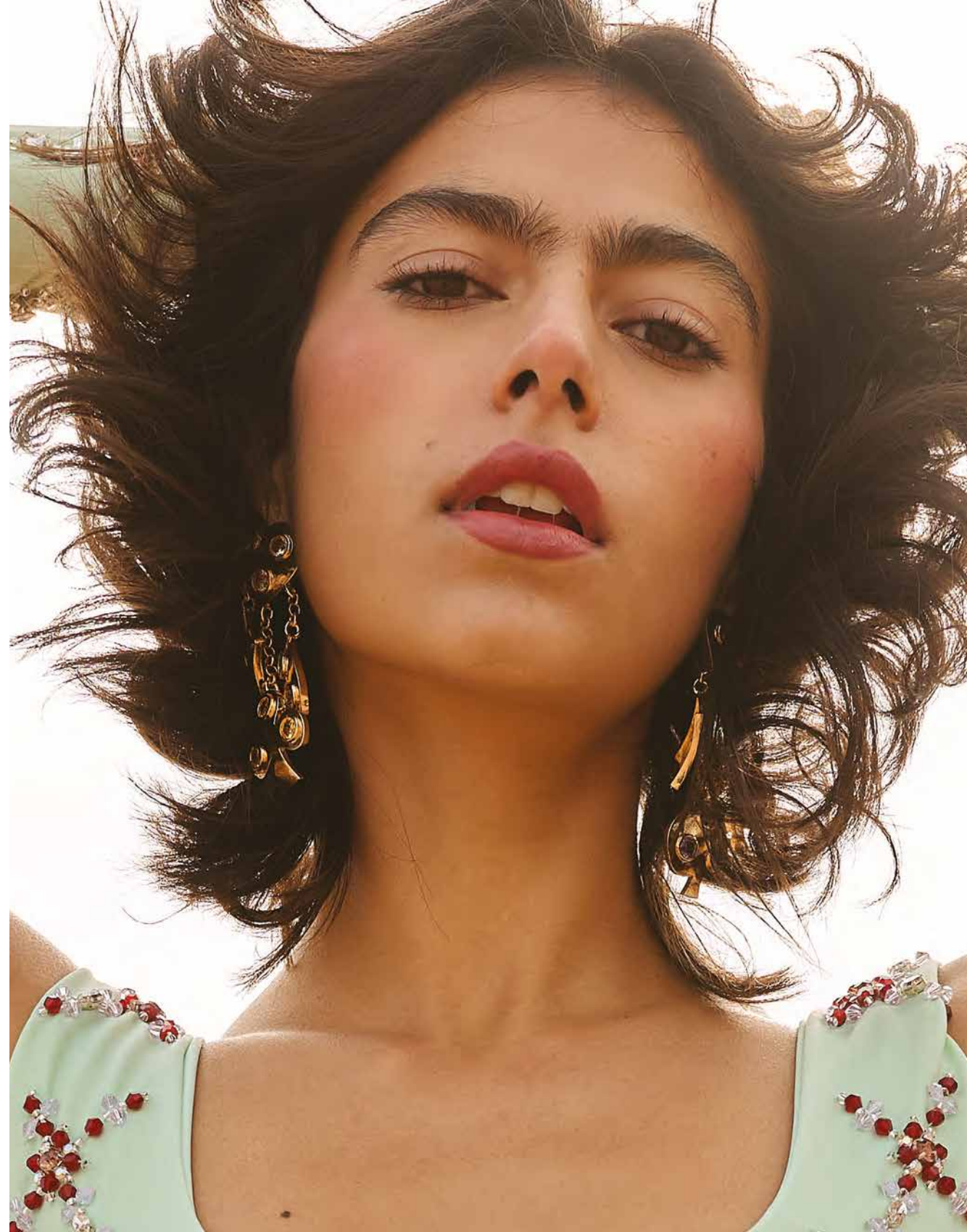


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Dress, Anna Mason  
Shoes, Pierre Hardy  
Earrings, Arte Nova





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**Left page:**  
Unitard, Emilio Pucci  
Bag, Jacquemus  
Necklace, Celeste Starre  
Shoes, Gianvito Rossi

**This page:**  
Bikini & Earrings, Oceanus Swimwear

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# vibes

Take on the scorching temperatures in  
equally fiery hues of red, orange and fuschia

PHOTOGRAPHER CHRISTOPH KLUTSCH  
STYLIST SHIMA KHAZEI



Dress, Roberto Cavalli; Jacket, Alessandra Rich; Boots, Paris Texas

Jacket, Moncler; Dress, Lu Li Lina



Dress, Samantha Sung





Dress, Lu Li Liner; Pants, Pierre L. Mascia; Boots, Saint Laurent



PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRISTOPH KLUTSCH; STYLING: SHIMA KHAZEI; MODEL: MARIANGELA BONANNI @BRANDMGMT;  
HAIR & MAKEUP: SUZANA SANTALAB C/O BIGOUDIUSINGBABYUSS PRO & MILK MAKEUP



Top & Skirt, Paco Rabanne

# *Black*

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# *White*

Amid the season's riot of color, a respite beckons with monochromatic dreams

PHOTOGRAPHER **SEBASTIAN HILGETAG**

STYLIST **C.C. POLLA**



Blouse, By Malene Birger; Pants, Luisa Spagnoli

Full Look, By Malene Birger



Blouse, Sandro; Pants, Scotch & Soda



Blazer, Saint Laurent; Pants, Bottega Veneta



Blouse, Cinq à Sept; Pants, The Row

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# NAUTICAL CHIC

Cool neutrals with a pop of sea & sky blues  
take us on a journey to new horizons...

PHOTOGRAPHER **ADAM MAYER**

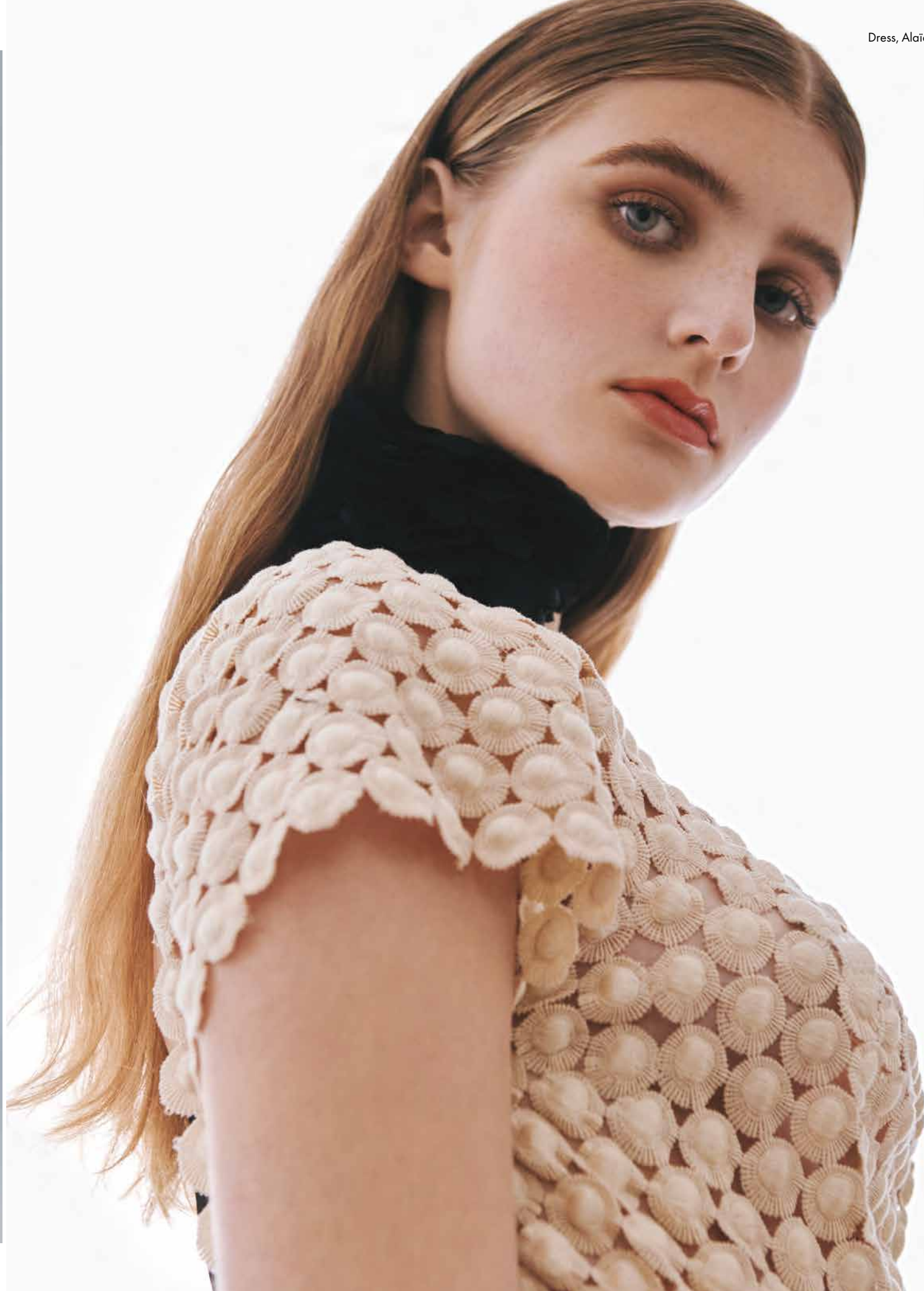
STYLIST **THERESA DEMARIA**

Sweater, Marc Jacobs  
Pants, Alexandre Vauthier  
Bag, Christian Louboutin  
Shoes, Saks Fifth Avenue





Top & Pants, Vivetta  
Bag, Studio Amelia  
Shoes, Schutz



Top, Tanyataylor  
Jeans, Etro  
Bag, Balmain



Dress & Skirt, Balmain  
Shoes, Christian Louboutin

Top, Maison Rabih Kayrouz  
Shorts, Cinqàsept  
Shoes, Schutz



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beauty

**KISSKISS BEE  
GLOW**  
Guerlain's new  
honey-infused tint  
balm is made of  
98% natural-origin  
ingredients. The  
creamy, hydrating  
formula has a hint  
of shine and plumps  
up your pout in six  
flower-inspired  
sheer shades.

*Come fly with me...*

THE LATEST SUMMER COLORS AND TRENDS YOU'LL  
WANT NOW, A LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL SYNERGY  
BETWEEN BEES AND SKINCARE + WE REVIEW THE  
BEST BEAUTY AND WELLNESS ESSENTIALS FOR  
YOUR HOLIDAYS...





HD Skin Foundation,  
Make Up For Ever;  
Soft Matte Concealer,  
Nars; Brown Obsessions  
Palette in Toffee &  
Caramel, Huda Beauty;  
24 Hr Brow Setter Gel,  
Benefit Cosmetics; Lip  
Glow in Coral, Dior  
Beauty

PHOTOGRAPHER NICOLETA BURU  
STYLIST NATASHA SINGH  
HAIR & MAKEUP SARAH SEQUEIRA

# BLOSSOMING BEAUTY

Look to flora and fauna's sunshine  
colors for some seasonal joie de vivre



Reboot Foundation, Make  
Up For Ever; Modcon Liquid  
Blush in Dewality, KVD Beauty;  
Sapphire Obsessions Palette,  
Huda Beauty; Gimme Brow,  
Benefit Cosmetics; Lip Glow  
Oil in Pink, Dior Beauty



Eaze Drip Foundation,  
Fenty Beauty; Love  
Tint, Benefit Cosmetics;  
Norvina Palette 3,  
Anastasia Beverly Hills;  
Brow Fix, Charlotte  
Tilbury; California Kissin'  
Balm in Poppy, Benefit  
Cosmetics



Backstage Face & Body  
Foundation, Dior; Soft Pinch  
Blush in Lucky, Rare Beauty;  
Modern Renaissance  
Palette, Anastasia Beverly  
Hills; Precisely My Brow  
Pencil, Benefit Cosmetics;  
Stunna Lip Paint in  
Unlocked, Fenty Beauty



Very Valentino Foundation,  
Valentino Beauty; Light  
Wand in Pinkgasm,  
Charlotte Tilbury Beauty;  
Monochromance Gradient  
Palette, Hindash; Caution  
Mascara, Hourglass  
Cosmetics; California  
Kissin' Balm in Peach Pink,  
Benefit Cosmetics

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Beautiful Skin Foundation,  
Charlotte Tilbury; Forever Skin  
Correct Concealer, Dior Beauty;  
Liquid Blush in Torrid, Nars;  
Wild Obsessions Palette in  
Python, Huda Beauty; California  
Kissin' Balm in Pink Rose, Benefit  
Cosmetics

**Star Launch:  
DR. BARBARA  
STURM x  
AQUAZZURA**

The secret collaboration has finally dropped and it consists of a brand-new shoe collection as well as a foot spray. Formulated with a rejuvenating plankton extract to relieve tired legs, hyaluronic acid for smoother skin, and noni fruit to deodorize, the alcohol-free mist is ideal for anyone who doesn't want to give up their 9-inch stilettos!



**Sweet  
SUNSHINE**

If dark spots and hyperpigmentation are your concerns, this vitamin C power house from Sunday Riley is packed with radiance-boosting and skin tone-evening abilities to help fade even the most stubborn of spots. Works like magic!

**Bed HEAD**

Scalp freaking out with the change of seasons? Laced with a nourishing cocktail of moisture-balancing honey and prebiotics, this leave-on lifesaver – applied to dry roots at bedtime twice a week – will help put an end to itch and redness in no time.



**Tata Talks...  
WITH SKINCARE  
ENTREPRENEUR  
TATA HARPER**

The moment I understood that food provides essential information for my body, it completely transformed how I look at a balanced plate. Nowadays, we've lost variety in our diets, and that lack of nutrition impacts us as we age. To correct this, it's time to incorporate more things into your meals. For instance, let's talk about foods for beautiful skin. It could be an already familiar part of your diet like dates, which are rich in antioxidants. I also love foods high in vitamin C like citrus fruits and cruciferous vegetables, which help enhance your collagen production. Vitamin A carotenoids are also incredible for producing healthy skin—you can find this compound in melons, papaya, and tomatoes. Personally, I love eating nuts and berries for breakfast or my afternoon snack. Whenever I'm hungry, I'll reach for a dose of walnuts (my favorite brain food) or glow-enhancing pomegranates, strawberries, and blueberries. Try incorporating these foods in your day to boost longevity and glow with every bite. And if you want the perfect skin food for your whole body, pick up a bottle of my new Resurfacing Body Serum, which contains 25 ingredients for a beauty snack that will treat you to nutrients from head to toe.

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- BEST INTENSITY**  
ROUGE COCO FLASH IN BEAT, CHANEL BEAUTY
- BEST HIGH SHINE**  
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# COME *fly* AGAIN

FANCY A LITTLE GETAWAY TO NEW YORK OR ELSEWHERE? GO FOR IT, FINALLY! WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR **BEAUTY AND WELLNESS** ESSENTIALS, TO ARRIVE **FRESH AND CHIC** AT OUR DESTINATION. FOLLOW OUR PROFESSIONAL CHECKLIST. **BON VOYAGE!**

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MODEL ILONA SMET/KARIN MODELS

**Left page:** Wool Jacket, Cabas Vertical Tote In Triomphe Canvas, Both Celine; Hooded Sweatshirt, Holiday Boileau; Striped Cotton Shirt, Suede Bag With Fringes, Both Ralph Lauren; Denim Jeans, A.P.C.; Leather Moccasins With Faux Fur, Gucci; Aviator Sunglasses, Ray Ban; Cap, Calvin Klein; Aluminium Suitcase, Rimowa



## 1 HYDRATE FROM THE INSIDE

**Drinking water is important** for the health of your cells, circulation, renal function and for your skin. Water will also replenish any fluids you lost in flight. Sophie, an air hostess from the French airline, La Compagnie, confirms: "Our occupational physician recommends that we drink a liter of water every four hours or drink apple juice cut with water". In addition, **avoid alcohol** intake, including the tempting champagne bubbles as this will further dehydrate you. Beware of carbonated drinks and instead opt for drinks infused with thyme, rosemary or lemon balm. And even if you are not thirsty, drink cool or room temperature water.

### ELLE FANNING Actress

"When I'm flying, I take my makeup off. I can sleep really well on flights. If it's a long flight, I will sleep the fourteen hours or however long. I really like the sound of the plane. It helps me sleep. And I drink a lot of water! I was not doing well with that, and I was getting really dehydrated. So, now I try to challenge myself."

## 2 HYDRATE FROM THE OUTSIDE

"In flight, the main enemy is dry air. It promotes dry skin. Your pores dilate and your skin can become shiny"

explains H el ene Salat-Baroux, Training Director at Caudalie. "The humidity level in the cabin is 5%. Plane cabins are pressurized to simulate a 6,000 to 8,000-foot elevation on Earth, and your blood absorbs less oxygen at those altitudes". The right attitude to adopt:

**Relax your face.** Some airlines give out a hot towel when boarding the plane or before meals. Use it to relax your face, open your pores (and wash your hands after). Your skin will better absorb the serum and the moisturizer that you will layer on next. Remove your makeup with a smart all-in-one product that cleanses and moisturizes at the same time

• **Our pick:** *Embryolise.*

**Refresh your skin** with a fragrant moisturizing mist and immediately apply moisturizer on top in order to lock in that hydration. Otherwise the plane air will rob the skin of the moisture gained from the mist.

• **Our pick:** *Cactus mist by Kiehl's*

**Hydrate** as much as possible with another layer of moisture, and another... And don't forget your lips!

• **Our pick:** *face-lifting moisturizer by Caudalie + Hydragenist Nutri-Plumping Lip Balm, Lierac*

### ELLE TIPS

**Exfoliate "post-flight":** *Dry skin can create surface dead skin cell buildup, which can cause oil and bacteria to be trapped under the skin, resulting in an increase of breakouts a day or two after flying.*

• **Our pick:** *Dior Prestige, Le Sucre de Gommage*

**Hydrate "post-flight"** *by applying a mask inspired by honey plasters to restore and plump the skin*

• **Our pick:** *The Honey Cataplasme Mask Abeille Royale by Guerlain.*

**Right page:**  
Parka, Army By Yves Salomon  
Cotton T-Shirt, Le Vif  
Vintage Denim Skirt, Celine  
Rings, All Pascale Monvoisin





### 3 KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET

You only have to watch a packet of crackers swell and deflate to understand that flying has an effect on our bodies.

#### Before departure:

- Limit salt to counteract water retention - Like Aliza Jabes, President of the Nuxe Group, eat "a vitamin-packed breakfast, with seeds, cereals, fruit, chia seeds".
- Buy dried fruits. It will be better than eating chips or other savory snacks.
- Don't drink alcohol the day before a flight and avoids fatty foods, prioritize fruit and vegetables.

#### During your flight:

Depending on the airline, some make a real dietary effort. On the French airline, La Compagnie, they offer a "bistronomie" lunch cooked by the best Chefs, such as David Toutain, Frédéric Duca, Florent Ladeyn, including the pastry maestro, Yann Couvreur.

When flying at night, a lighter snack is offered to help you fall asleep. Otherwise, take inspiration from model Ilona Smet, who, following the advice of her mother, supermodel Estelle Lefebure, limits herself to one apple on the flight.

### DID YOU KNOW?

According to a study by the Fraunhofer Institute, due to the difference in pressure and humidity, our ability to detect tastes is reduced by about 30%. At an altitude of 8,000 meters, the pressure in the cabin is low our blood is less oxygenated. Our smell and taste receptors are less sensitive. The strain on our hearing also deregulates our sense of taste, both sweet and salty. Sweet and savory flavors enhanced, hence a particular craving in flight for... tomato juice.

LeftPage: Silk Shirt, Stella McCartney  
Eye Mask, Fragonard

### 4 RESCUE YOUR HAIR

On a plane, our hair becomes flat - it's a fact. Even if you try a Joan Collins-style blow-dry before you leave, you can't escape the cabin air conditioning and fluctuating air pressure. The solution: Apply a dab of moisturizer to the tips before leaving home and tie it up in a bun during the flight so that you look chic when you land. Shampoo and conditioner mandatory on the ground!

#### • Our pick:

- **Before flying:** *Oil-in-Serum Youth Scalp & Hair, Guerlain*
- **On the ground:** *Shampoo and mask Bain satin, Kerastase*

#### RUTH MALKA Director of Karin Models

"The first piece of advice I give to my models is to dress comfortably. Put on sneakers, take them off on board, and wear slippers or socks. Slip a scarf in your bag, to protect yourself from the air conditioning. On arrival, if it's the morning, take a good shower, thoroughly hydrate the skin and take a walk in order to adjust to the new time zone and avoid jetlag... If it's night time, a good bath to relax, hydrate the body and the face, a good dinner, a little reading and "dodo" to be on top form for the day of the photoshoot."





**BELLA HADID**  
*Model*

"I use my mom's advice, keeping my skin as good as it can be. Therefore, I wash my face as soon as I get settled on the plane, I have all my serums and my night cream. And then I fall asleep and do it again when I wake up. So, by the time I get off the plane my face is well rested and moisturized. And I always have a concealer with me, especially when I'm super-tired to get rid of those dark eye bags."

**5 PREPARE YOUR SURVIVAL KIT**

Of course, there is no question of turning your flight cabin into a mini spa. Even though some companies provide a travel kit. Add magnesium, vitamin C, paracetamol, solid toothpaste to chew (Respire) and so you don't run out of anything.

**6 HANDS UP**

Avoid giving yourself a manicure during the flight, as the smell may bother the other passengers. Limit yourself to a hydroalcoholic solution to clean your hands and to nourishing cream to moisturize... only after reading your favorite book or ELLE magazine!

• **Our pick:** *Miss Dior Purifying Rose Jelly for the hands+ Dior Prestige Rose Hand Cream*

**LESA HANNAH**  
*Journalist, Canada*

"Before a long flight I pack a reusable water bottle, toothbrush/toothpaste, facial mist, Weleda Skin Food for my hands, lip balm and a sleep mask. I also make sure I board wearing no makeup, so I don't have to deal with trying to wash my face in the airplane washroom. If it's a red eye, I will try to go to sleep as soon as I can, but I always take a nap as soon as I can get in my hotel room so that I can feel somewhat human again".

**7 TAKE IT EASY**

A long haul flight means a few hours in the sky with nothing to do, devoid of the distractions of daily life. You can dream, sleep, relax, and why not meditate. Airlines have developed programs. On La Compagnie, for example, a meditation channel developed by Petit Bambou is available.

- Breathe in, breathe out.
- Isolate yourself in your bubble with anti-noise headphones
- Wrap your neck in a perfumed cashmere scarf.

• **Our pick:** *Aromatic Stress Treatment roll-on from Tata Harper. Put some in your hands, rub it on and breathe in.*

**8 FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**

The dry cabin air and the few hours spent reading or watching a movie have a devastating effect on the eyes. They burn and are irritated. Rehydrating them is a must, especially if you wear contact lenses. It is better to remove them and to wear eyeglasses.

• **Our pick:** *Pure Moist to Clean + Systane Ultra to moisturize*

**On the ground:** *Yuj Lavender Eye Cushion or Patch EyeDecompress de TALIKA*

Right page: Wool Jumper, Acne Studios Rings, All Pascale Monvoisin







Left Page: Suede Jacket, Celine  
Sweatshirt, Le Vif  
Vintage Denim Jeans,  
Acne Studios  
Leather Belt, Suede  
Bag With Fringes,  
Both Ralph Lauren  
Air Force 1  
Trainers, Nike



## 9 MOVE THAT BODY

Dry air is not the only adversary of the traveler. "The pressurization of the cabin leads circulation, which is responsible for the sensation of heavy legs" confirms our Caudalie expert.

### Before flying:

- Put on compression stockings if necessary and take a veinotonic (such as Drainophytol or Daflon)
- Apply heat patches to areas of tension (neck, lower back)
- Take magnesium

### In the sky:

- Without leaving your seat, rotate your ankles and wrists.
- Walk down the aisle, taking the opportunity to stretch wherever you can in the cabin.
- Apply a leg lotion (which can be applied over your stockings or tights).
- **Our pick:** *Clarins Heavy legs.*

## 10 GO MAKE-UP FREE

Dry cabin air and foundation do not mix well. Be sure to remove that makeup to better moisturize your skin during the flight. For those who can't do without the make-up step, swap the traditional foundation for a non-comedogenic tinted cream that allows the skin to breathe better and avoids skin rashes during the flight. In any case, don't forget to rehydrate the skin

• **Our pick:** *Hydro Boost Cleansing Wipes, Neutrogena*

**Before landing:** to hide the possible tiredness and the jetlag, there is nothing better than a touch of mascara to awaken the eye, a dusting of bronzer to add a healthy glow and a red lipstick to inject a pop of color. All of course, on top of hydrated skin.

**The perfect combo:** *Clarins Beauty Flash Balm + Touche Eclat D'ysl Beaute + Terracotta Bronzing Powder Guerlain + Diorshow Iconic Overcurl Mascara + 999 Lipstick Rouge Dior + a fix spray for a refreshing finishing touch*

## 11 HEALTHY BLOOD FLOW

Compression stockings, socks or tights may be prescribed by your doctor. But not always. For example, if you suffer from severe arteritis (poor blood circulation in the arteries), venous compression could make it worse.

- If you have no history of phlebitis, no symptoms of venous insufficiency, no varicose veins, no heaviness or oedema in your legs, you do not normally need to wear a compression device.
- If you need to wear them, the best practice is to put them on in the morning when your legs are least swollen and keep them on until the evening. If you decide to take them off during the day, there will be no turning back.

**With or without,** opt for loose trousers, avoid boots, slim jeans and belts which accentuate venous stasis. And don't cross your legs in flight (or anywhere else!). Move around, flex/extend, rotate your ankles and go to the toilet every two hours.

### CHRISTINE NEGRONI Journalist broadcaster

specializing in aviation and travel,  
"I recommend wearing mostly cotton or clothes made of natural fibers such as linen, silk, cashmere. As for shoes, I strongly recommend putting them back on before landing: The riskiest part of a flight is the landing, and it should be mandatory to wear your shoes during the descent time. In the case of evacuation, the ground could be very hot or cold or covered in oil, you don't want to be barefoot."



# "WHAT LOCAL BEAUTY MUST-HAVE SHOULD YOU BRING BACK IN YOUR SUITCASE?"

CLASSIC OR TRENDY, ORGANIC OR NATURAL, IF YOU COULD ONLY BRING ONE PRODUCT BACK FROM YOUR TRIP, WHAT WOULD IT BE? OUR LOCAL BEAUTY EXPERTS AT ELLE WORLDWIDE HAVE AN ANSWER. FOLLOW THE GUIDE.

COMPILATED BY VIRGINIE DOLATA AND ESTEE JAILLON



**FROM FRANCE:** *La Creme Rose de Jouvence, La Provencale*

"This new brand from L'Oréal group is organic and fulfil a very selective and demanding chart from the Ecocert, a French organic certification organization and Cosmos European. The hydrating and pro-aging formula founded on fruits and oils." *Elisabeth Martorell*

**FROM UK:** *the Ffern perfumery*

"I love this brand Ffern! They It is a fragrance brand based in the home county of Somerset, they produce small batches of unique, organic scents each season." *Jennifer George*



**FROM USA:** *Anything from Tata Harper*

"They offer an amazing skin and body care range. Many of the ingredients are grown on her gorgeous, organic farm in Vermont (the photos are unbelievable) and put into bright green glass bottles. The textures are so luxurious, and the formulas are both effective and clean." *Margaux Anboubia*

**FROM MIDDLE EAST:** *A Charcoal soap*

"It's super exfoliating and cleansing. It also smells divine!" *Dina Kabbani*



**FROM THAILAND:** *"Thann" Eastern Orchard Intensive Hydrating Facial Mask Set.*

"It's another Thai brand I always use in addition to 100% organic products. I often go to their spa as well. This mask has just been released. It's an intensive hydrating bio-cellulose facial mask enriched with natural extracts such as organic green tea extract, black tea fermented organic pineapple extract with hyaluronic acid, Vitamin E, and AHA revealing a hydrated, nourished, smoother and radiant complexion." *Mallika Boonyuen*



**FROM INDIA:** *Kama Ayurveda's Coconut oil.*

"Absolutely magical. Works for dry skin, gives an amazing shine to the body and keeps it supple all through the day. And it's made in India!" *Kamna Malik*

**FROM DENMARK:** *Rudolph Care, Acai Facial Oil*

"We have so many great brands here, so the list is long: Tromborg, Nuori, Beaut Pacifique, Amazing Space, Karmameju, Kjaer Weis to name a few. But if I have to narrow it down, I would go for this Rudolph Care Acai facial oil which certified organic. It protects the skin and gives you the best glow!" *Maria Frederikke Munch Thorgaard*



**FROM BELGIUM:** *Anything from Chant d'Eole*

"This brand new natural Belgian brand offers cosmetic products for women and men made with ingredients derived from wine. Divine and 100% Made in Belgium!" *Marie-Noelle Vekemans*

**FROM BRAZIL:** *Anything from Hero Beauté*

"It is a new brand designed by Helder Rodrigues, a makeup artist who has been a long time ELLE contributor. It is sustainable, natural, high performance and beautiful." *Pedro Camargo*



**FROM GREECE:** *The new Queen Bee Eye Cream Apivita*

"By the the internationally famous Greek brand Apivita, it is enriched with royal jelly, propolis and honey which revives the eye area and protects the sensitive zone from blue light!" *Rozina Kouri*

**FROM SPAIN:** *Olive Oil*

"One of our best locally sourced products in Spain is Olive Oil, many of them are masterpieces. I really recommend, for inside and outside." *Blanca Gonzalez Rufini*





**FROM SWEDEN:** *Anything from (M)Anasi 7*

"It is a beautiful Swedish makeup-brand by makeup artist Susanne Manasi Persson. Small batches of eco-produced makeup. "All over color" can be used as a lipstick or a blush." *Carin Hellman*

**FROM KOREA:** *Lip Balms Amuse, Melixir or Laka*

"Because of COVID19, we, here in Korea, do not wear anywhere near as much makeup as we used to. Instead, we're in love with vegan lip balms these days. I especially recommend these 3 products." *Younji Jung*



**FROM JAPAN:** *Tatcha Moisture, the Dewey Skin Cream*

"Many local beauty products have appeared in the past years, such as Kogendo Spa, Makanai, DHC, Hada Labo, Sekkisei, Damdam... You must try Japanese skincare items that contain the traditional ingredients. They will make you feel the blessings of Japan." *Taeko Kamazawa*

**FROM NETHERLANDS:** *Anything from Ellis Faas*

"We have a few great products! Of course, Ellis Faas is our pride and joy. The late makeup artist was exceptionally creative with color, and so is her makeup line. Not really something local, but the American brand Bloomeffects uses our famous Dutch tulips in their products! And I absolutely love the brand IKA - it launched last year, and they have a beautiful aesthetic and amazing lipsticks with great color payoff and moisturizing properties." *Shanice Zoetewij*



**FROM ARGENTINA:** *Yerba mate*

"It is a national treasure in Argentina. Due to its many properties, yerba mate (bot. *Ilex paraguayensis*), which is very popular and ingested as an infusion, has been adopted far beyond the cosmetic industry. This "South American jewel" contains vitamins A, C, E, B1, B2 and B compounds, riboflavin, nicotinic acid, pantothenic acid, magnesium, calcium, iron, sodium, potassium, manganese, silicone, phosphate, sulfur, hydrochloric acid and chlorophyll. The active ingredients are extracted from the leaves and are key to include in gels and creams used in beauty treatments due to their regenerative, energizing and exfoliating nutrients. Ultralight Facial Cream Casa Nera, which is made with yerba mate, is deeply hydrating, antioxidant and nourishing, quickly absorbed during the day and/or at night." *Arlette Barrionuevo*

**FROM HUNGARY:** *Coffee Espresso Anti Fatigue*

*Eye Contour Cream* by Phi Nature's Lab

"The local must-have to me." *Monika Fodor*



**FROM ITALY:** *Bakel skincare*

"Made in Udine! They create completely clean and effective products. Right from the start, Bakel avoided



the use of unnecessary or controversial ingredients for the skin choosing only active ingredients that provide real benefits. They are certified vegan, cruelty free, gluten free and tested for heavy metals. Their anti-age range is amongst the best on the market, and I'd recommend trying one of their serums, like the new Pepti-tech." *Michela Motta*

**FROM TURKEY:** *Gulsha*

"It is a Turkish beauty brand, the products of which based/swear on rose oil. I adore each product they offer. I love the smell of roses! Also check out @atolyepatika, a young woman's brand obsessed with nature, plants, flowers... I love and respect her attitude and effort." *Suzan Yurdacan*



**FROM HONG-KONG:** *Factiv Hyaluronic Acid*

"A must-have. A few pumps of the serum leave the skin looking plump and smooth immediately. Use a dime sized dose of this weightless formula whenever your skin is feeling dry, dehydrated or distressed, you'll notice an instant improvement." *Younie Tsang*



**FROM CZECH REPUBLIC:** *Mcely Bouquet*

"I love Mcely Bouquet - made at Chateau MCely - boutique hotel near Prague by the owner Inez Cusumano. I love their Cleansing Butter and Rose Facial Serum. Super-efficient and clean." *Anna Machova*



**FROM CHINA:** *Maogeping Makeup*

"It's so hard to name just a few. Maogeping, created by the famous Chinese makeup artist Mao Ge Ping, has been praised for its highlighter. The packaging looks expensive as well. Also, To summer Candles, essentials oil diffuser and any fragrance with a note of Bamboo, Orchid and Tea is a good way to instantly transport yourself to a Chinese garden through scent alone. Chic and elegant." *Lettie Tseng*



**FROM GERMANY:** *Anything from Dr.Hauschka*

"Our Must-have beauty product produced in Germany the Dr.Hauschka range. Rose Day Cream is perfect for dry skin." *Barbara Huber*



**FROM POLAND:** *Mokosh*

"My favorite would be Mokosh Body Butter Icon Vanilla with thyme - you have to try it to get the hype. Also, Ministry of Good soap's apricot - face wash foam - gentle to the skin, effectively removes makeup. It has an appetizing smell and texture." *Joanna Lorynowicz*



Right page: Wool Coat, Waterproof Shorts, Both Miu Miu Sweatshirt, Ralph Lauren Bum Bag, Isabel Marant Earring, Stone Ring, Fendi Pocket Mirror, La Compagnie



# Angelina Jolie

## “THE BUZZY BEE”

ACTRESS, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, SCREENWRITER, LONG-TIME ACTIVIST, ANGELINA JOLIE IS ALSO THE **GODMOTHER OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM** LAUNCHED BY GUERLAIN AND UNESCO, “WOMEN FOR BEES”. IN CAMBODIA, A COUNTRY DEAR TO HER HEART, THE BUZZ-Y JOLIE WILL BE OVERSEEING TWELVE WOMEN TRAINING TO BECOME **BEEKEEPERS**. AN INITIATIVE THAT IS FAR FROM BEING... SUGAR-COATED!

INTERVIEW BY **VIRGINIE DOLATA**  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY **IAN GAVAN**

**FRIDAY 6PM, AN APRIL DAY:** Angelina Jolie appears on my computer screen. No, I am not watching “Eternals” on Netflix or “Those who wish me dead” on Canal+ and I am not hallucinating. She is there, via Zoom, smiling, barely made up, her skin perfect, her long hair loose and sweeping around her face. There is interaction, as she starts to respond to my first question. There is even a form of complicity, between women, between mothers, that quickly takes hold. Jolie has a gift for making you feel that you belong to the same community. Well, almost, except for a few differences, of which she is well aware. And that’s what this e-meeting is all about: discussing this wonderful cohort of women training to become beekeepers, resulting in increased autonomy, individual and local economic benefits, and an environmental impact that is positive to all, including the bees.

Angelina Jolie is a woman of conviction and action who has been using her worldwide fame for years in the service of humanitarian, environmental and feminist causes, with a real vision of the world and a sincere empathy for others. For almost twenty years, this mother of six children (three of whom were adopted) has been working in Cambodia with her MJP (Maddox Jolie-Pitt) foundation, contributing to the alleviation of extreme rural poverty, environmental protection and wildlife conservation. MJP also supports healthcare, education, agriculture and women’s empowerment programs.

To top it all off, Jolie is also a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations High Commission: “I’m doing a lot of my work as Special Envoy with the UN, especially with the crisis in Ukraine and other parts of the world. Recently, I have been working in Washington D.C. on the Violence Against Women Act”, she adds.

With 69 films to her name, we hardly touch on upcoming film projects: “I have no plans for this year. I might do a film called “Without Blood” by Alessandro Baricco, a wonderful Italian writer. It’s about people in a post-conflict civil war situation, trauma and the human condition”. A fitting theme for Jolie, as was “First they killed my father” (2017) or “In the Land of Blood and Honey” (2012).

Today, the Guerlain muse (whose symbol has been the imperial bee since 1853), is the proud godmother of the “Women for bees” programm which is continuing in Cambodia, after a first phase in France, in 2021. This year, 12 Cambodian women will be trained in Siem Reap (The Samlot District) and in Tonle Sap, a UNESCO biosphere in the Angkor Archaeological Park. These women, entrepreneurs, will learn about the creation and management of a sustainable beekeeping system. But also, the importance of bees in their environment and in the Kmer culture. Discussions with Angelina Jolie about commitment, female solidarity, empathy and bees, as hardworking as... Jolie!



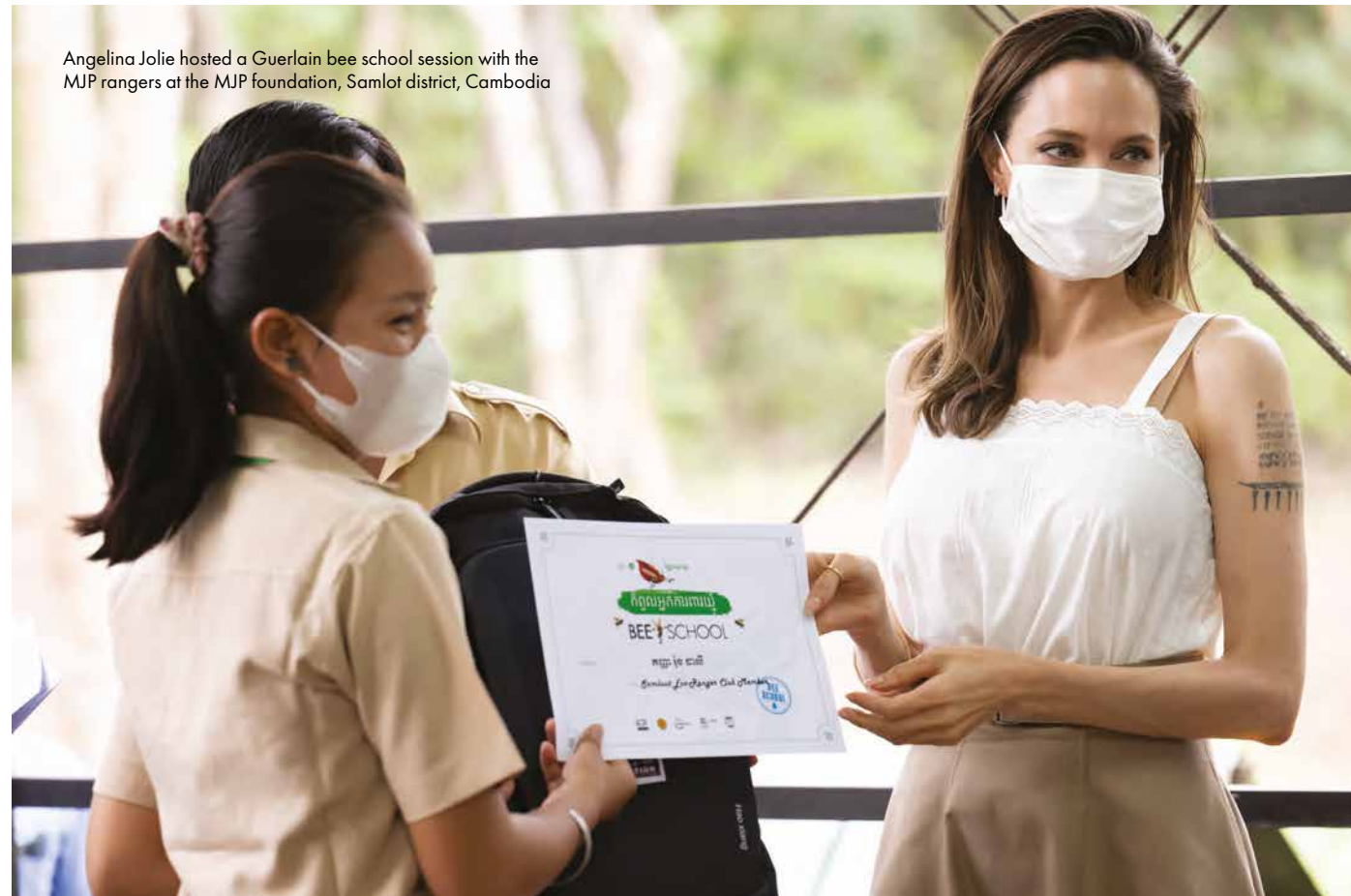
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Angelina Jolie joined by beekeeper Aggelina Kanellopoulou, A graduate from the first women for bees cohort, who participated in a small-scale beekeeping training with eastern honeybee (apis cerana) and Eric Guerin (UNESCO local bee expert) At trapeng ses village.



Angelina Jolie with her daughter Shiloh at her home in Cambodia, February 2022

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Angelina Jolie hosted a Guerlain bee school session with the MJP rangers at the MJP foundation, Samlot district, Cambodia

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**ELLE:** You have spent 20 years working on the refugee crisis and conservation issues, you founded several schools for girls, and your own foundation in Cambodia, MJP... In other words, you are "super active". What triggered this huge commitment?

**ANGELINA JOLIE:** If you have the opportunity to meet the people I have, globally, especially the people who have been displaced by conflict and have gone through tremendous things as human beings, you are fortunate enough to become deeply connected to the human condition through these survivors and wonderful families. Then, it becomes your honor, your happiness to be able to do anything to be of service. I've worked with girls' schools in Afghanistan as well as other parts of the world and in Cambodia for about twenty years with all the wonderful people in Samlaut. They have a totally local staff, which is very important to me - locally run - and so... it's a pleasure.

**ELLE:** Was there a starting point that made you reflect on the state of humankind and become so empathic towards others? Something in your past?

**A.J.:** (laughs softly) It seems we should all have this big moment ... It's many things, like it is for many people, the many layers that grow the woman we become. Of course, I had a very thoughtful mother who was a very compassionate, kind human

being who taught me a lot and led by example. Then, I was able to travel and meet people. For me, Cambodia was one of the places that had a big impact because it was the first time, I met people who had been refugees and who were post-conflict returning to landmine areas. And so, I was able to understand the cycle of not just the conflict itself but the years as a refugee, and the camp and then the return to an area that was still affected by war. Now that same area is de-mined, it has become my home with my family, and we have our project. We work with thousands of people. And so, you see these cycles. And then, of course, becoming a mother. When you become a mom you wake up every day with a little bit more awareness, because your life belongs to someone else. Indeed, there are many compassionate people, you don't have to be a parent, but there's an additional awareness when you have become one!

**ELLE:** Today, you are once again the godmother of the "Women for Bees" initiative led by Guerlain and UNESCO in collaboration, this year, with MJP, your foundation. What is its goal and mission?

**A.J.:** It has a few realistic missions. For me, the thing about it is that often we talk in these very broad strokes about saving the world. And we talk about all of the pollinators in the world and how they're dying and how important they are. What is important about this initiative is that there is very real science

to it: how to study, protect and understand the different bees, bee species and best practices. There is also the understanding and respect for cultural heritage, for the different countries in the world that have very particular ways of beekeeping that need to be preserved. And then also at the heart of it is women's training, skills, and ability to be entrepreneurs themselves and survive. When you mix the science and survival of the species with also the community and the families being able to thrive and survive, then you've put a piece together and so that's what this project does. It will train women and it will offer protection and awareness for different causes. It will also hopefully make these communities have a potential for economic growth. When a woman has a job, she also is more protected, and many other things follow.

**ELLE:** And these women, "designers of change", will gain knowledge and pass it on to others?

**A.J.:** Absolutely and we know that as a fact. It has been studied that when women are given certain skills or even food, whatever a woman is given, she tends to the way she shares it. You can map out how it multiplies.

**ELLE:** Do you feel that women play the key role in our society?

**A.J.:** Absolutely. And it's sad that we have to say that. It's not understood or respected. There are women in Afghanistan

who are still fighting to have an education beyond sixth grade and so many other injustices against women globally. It's quite shocking the more you read about it - I've studied it for years but every day I feel like I read something new, and I am shocked again and again by the treatment and the injustice and the lack of accountability for crimes against women.

**ELLE:** Can we learn from the past?

**A.J.:** We are capable of learning from the past, but we also repeat the sins far too often and, in some areas, we are sliding back when we should be well ahead. What we are seeing, which gives me hope, is when women come together, they are gaining a little more voice, a little more presence, a little more power, and position as they are pulling each other up and working together. This is one of the beautiful things we are seeing with this initiative "Women for bees". I was with the women in France when they were doing their training (last year, in the Sainte-Baume hills of Provence) and then I was with one of the women beekeepers, Aggelina Kanellopoulou, who came to work with the women of Cambodia. I watched them start to work together and saw this sisterhood and networking that's real. They are understanding the science, they are conducting business, they are really succeeding together. I know we are going to see more and more of that in years ahead.

**ELLE:** It is a matter of woman empowerment, led by women for women: the Guerlain CEO, Veronique Courtois, the Director General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, these 12 trainees, you, and the bees.

**A.J.:** We need it! We need each other, we really do. The older I get, the more I feel we connect differently as women at different stages in our life. And I think we grow even closer as we grow older, as we've gone through different things. I can go anywhere in the world, and I can look at another woman and we just have an understanding, our lives may be very different and there may be much I don't or can't understand but there is a shared understanding of being a woman. There's a connection and an unspoken understanding for each other that we should really do more and more to push forward, because when it works it is extraordinary. When we are together, we are such a force.

**ELLE:** How long have you been working on this "Women for bees" initiative in Cambodia?

**A.J.:** My project in Cambodia has existed for 18 years and so we've been protecting the environment there for nearly two decades, working with the local community, because it all goes hand in hand. We've also turned many of the poachers into rangers, given them different jobs to be able to protect instead of hunt.

And then a few years ago, we started working with bees, and bees for the community. We are always working on different things together and finding different ways forward. That was around the time also that Guerlain came with me to do one of our shoots in Cambodia (ed: she brought Guerlain to Cambodia in 2019 to film the most recent Mon Guerlain commercial). Guerlain, and UNESCO, have a long history of working with bees, through various projects.

**ELLE:** Is it quite unique that a beauty brand like Guerlain and an organization like UNESCO came together to create such an initiative?

**A.J.:** At first glance, it seems like it. But if you connect the fragrance industry, and the flowers and the bees and the importance of it all, you can see where there is a connection. Guerlain have been conscious of their sourcing and conscious of how bees relate to their own needs but also aware of the whole cycle. We approached it as three different entities (including MJP) with different experiences with bees. Guerlain is committed to helping with the work that UNESCO is doing. Now, working alongside them, we are able to spread the work and training to women around the world.

**ELLE:** How was your first meeting with these women beekeepers?

**A.J.:** They were wonderful. I was more moved than I was expecting to be, because it wasn't just that they had a nice few classes and got a certificate. They'd been working so hard,

sweating, and learning. They are very impressive. Some of them had switched what they were doing in their lives... you know, the different things that bring a woman to even be able to have a few weeks available to have some training!

**ELLE:** This program started with 8 young women last year in France and 12 this year in Cambodia. Who are they?

**A.J.:** They have different backgrounds, but they have the same commitment, as very serious professional women, understanding the hard work, the management, the science, the care, the practical fieldwork and just how impressive and dedicated they all are. To see them start to work together was just so special. I imagine just even the expertise that they can share and the learning about each other. I noticed a woman from France was so surprised at the bees in Cambodia.

**ELLE:** Are the bees different?

**A.J.:** The bees and the hives are different. I didn't know until I went. And then you start to learn about the different species, why they're so important, how they are engendered... and then you are working also with the community to find

alternative ways of making funds or farming so that you can help. A lot of people that are causing the damage don't want to! They just don't have the basic needs and training that they could have. Within our foundation there are rangers, young kids who are "environmental rangers". They also took part in a beekeeping program, training with the women. They were teaching them about the bees, so it was great to see the transfer of knowledge to the younger generation of boys and girls. Of course, we are focused on women, but we know that the women will train the men. There is a Cambodian man who runs my foundation in Cambodia and he's extraordinary and he's the one who helps work with all the women as well-

so, yes, it of course expands beyond women, but we put them at the center.

**ELLE:** Today, close to 75% of all cultivated plants and 90% of wild flowering plants depend on pollinators, including bees. Do you believe that people realize how precious the survival of bees is to our own survival?

**A.J.:** We all know in the back of our minds how important it is to have forests, environments, natural habitats. We all know the dangers of climate change. We know it. I think sometimes we are so overwhelmed by it that we freeze. We are saddened by it, but we don't know what we can do to stop it. It is very important that we look for very specific, practical ways that we can make change together and try to grow in awareness - because there is so much to learn.

**ELLE:** By educating more and more people?

**A.J.:** Something like the bees and the pollinators, there's a lot we can do, and it's exciting to be able to share that with people. There are some issues in the world that are so beyond



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management but with something like this, even young children can help to plant the right seeds for the right flowers or even have little hives. In urban areas, you could have it on top of your apartment building, on the roof, anywhere!

**ELLE:** Last year, you did a photoshoot with Dan Winters for National Geographic for "Beeday" (on 20th May every year). It resulted in a portrait covered in bees, to raise awareness around their disappearance. Were you scared? Do you have good memories of it?

**A.J.:** I do. I don't have a fear of bees. It was actually quite like a meditation because you have to stay so still, and I don't stay still easily! There's a humming, there's this buzzing sound that reminded me of the monks chanting in Cambodia. They buzz so loud, so you're just surrounded by this sound, and you have to just breathe! In a way, it forces you into your body as a being. My children were around it as well. They didn't do exactly what I did but Shilo and Vivienne had bees on them and around them.

**ELLE:** Did you have to do anything specific to prepare for the shoot?

**A.J.:** We couldn't shower for three days (laughs). They said

you can't use any perfume, any products, or lotions. The bees can sting you if they're confused about what you are. If they can smell your odour and your essence, then you're another being. It helps them to settle on you, as if they were settling on another animal. But if you have all these other

**“THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I FEEL WE CONNECT DIFFERENTLY AS WOMEN AT DIFFERENT STAGES IN OUR LIFE”**

scents, they will get confused, which is funny, because of course Guerlain sells perfume, but you're not supposed to have any on when you have bees near you. So, we all were quite dirty and had no makeup on. It was quite nice. It was a moment you don't often have, to just sit there, be present and let this other creature explore you. I like that portrait more than any portrait of me ever done, because it just felt very human and nice.

**ELLE:** Did you practice some yoga before to control your breathing?

**A.J.:** I am terrible at anything like that. I never do yoga, I can't meditate. I did have a bee under my skirt and so honestly, I was spending most of the time thinking if that bee stings me in that one place, it is going to be impossible for me to stay still. I tried not to freak out, because they said the hard part is if you get stung and you react, then the rest of them might start stinging! I was just very conscious of this one bee, but eventually we both made it through together!

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*Learn More About*  
**“WOMEN FOR BEES”**

The five-year old program, "Women for bees" is part of a partnership between UNESCO (MAB-Man and the Biosphere) and Guerlain, as well as LVMH in a broader sense. It has two goals: to protect bees in biospheres and to encourage women to be entrepreneurial by training them in beekeeping.

By 2025, 2,500 hives will have been built in 25 UNESCO biosphere reserves and 125 million bees will be happily pollinating. 50 female beekeepers will be certified, trained and supported to set up their own bee farms, while participating in a vital and socially beneficial project, locally and globally, by becoming members of a greater community.

The commitment to women's empowerment through the "Women for Bees" programme will continue in 2022 with the training of women beekeepers in Rwanda and Ethiopia, followed by the Yunnan Province in China in 2023 and the Amazon.



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Angelina Jolie,  
UNESCO world heritage  
site, Angkor Wat –  
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**By Design**  
Renowned artist Torek Benaoums calligraphy adorns the Absolus d'Orient collection again with his reinterpretation of Guerlain's iconic double G. Drawing inspiration from the new Épices Exquises fragrance, the house's emblem appears illuminated with gold and ochre tones. Reinvented, the double G evokes a shimmering gust of wind sweeping across the desert.

# AN ODE TO THE East

MASTER PERFUMER THIÉRRY WASSER ON GUERLAIN'S NEWEST MEMBER TO THE ABSOLUS D'ORIENT FAMILY, THE IMPORTANCE OF A 'MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE', AND THE FUTURE OF FRAGRANCE...

Thierry Wasser has been Guerlain's Master Perfumer since 2008, and is thus just the fifth Perfumer in the House's history. As an explorer as well as a perfumer, he travels the world on the hunt for the finest raw materials with which he creates the House's many iconic fragrance collections, including the High Parfum collection L'Art et La Matière. It was after his many visits to the region that Thierry created the first fragrance of the Absolus d'Orient collection.

Santal Royal. The fragrance, and the others in the collection that came after it, are a loving ode to the East. The latest member to join the Absolus d'Orient family is Épices Exquises which represents the irresistible essence of an Oriental fragrance: the spicy aroma of cardamom coffee. "With Épices Exquises I wanted to re-transcribe the surprising scent of the irresistibly spicy cardamom coffee I'm given every time I visit the Middle East,"

explains Thierry. "This coffee's unique blend of spices fills my memory with deliciously contrasting sensations: at the top, fresh accents of cardamom mingle with a warm, peppery, sensual base. It's an intoxicating fragrance." ELLE Arabia caught up with the charming perfumer and raconteur during a recent visit to Dubai.

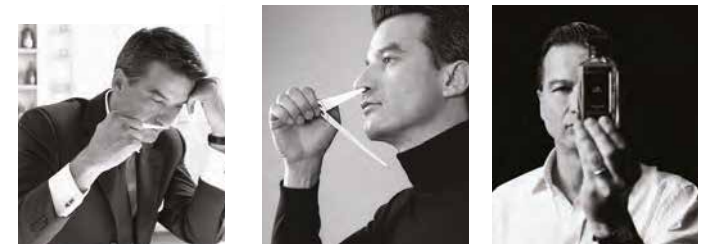
**Thierry on the newest member of the family...** This new member of the family, Épices Exquises, features cardamom, pink pepper and black pepper that together play on hot and cold. It starts out much fresher than one would expect, then it warms up with the oud, the sandalwood. This movement - from cold to warm - is what makes it alive. When you design a fragrance, you have to create moments.

**On the magic of mystery...** This collection - which is so dear to me, as Santal Royal was born here - speaks of the love, the reverence that people here give to what I do. It's such a blessing to me. It's the only place in the world where I feel this passion and love for fragrance. I'm often asked very detailed questions about the fragrance and the exact ingredients in the bottle, but I believe that if you erase the mystery around the fragrance you kill the magic. Fragrance is part magic; it's a trip to another world, it's a trip from your imagination to a place where you feel good.

## Thierry's THREE FAVORITE SCENTS

- I love the smell of baked apricots! They can be sour when raw, but if you lay out the dough, put the fruit on it and place it in the oven, the smell is a delight. I'm always trying to capture that scent, but it comes out too sweet.
- I do love ice cream, I have a machine at home so I make my own. Right now I'm loving the taste and smell of Rose Lukoum ice cream! The base of an ice cream is a crème anglaise - yolk, milk and sugar - then you have to heat it slowly to not curdle the egg yolk. When it's warm enough and fluid, you melt the rose lukoum and it becomes elastic - it's spectacular.
- My fragrance Habit Rouge.

"LIKE AN INTOXICATING WAF OF COFFEE, ÉPICES EXQUISES BRINGS TOGETHER A WARM, FULL-BODIED AND SENSUAL BASE WITH TINGES OF BLACK PEPPER, WOODY NOTES OF OUD, PATCHOULI AND SANDALWOOD"



"SCENTS HAVE A STORY, THEY'RE A PART OF MY LIFE, A MOMENT IN MY LIFE. I DON'T HAVE ANY FAVORITE MOMENTS, BUT THESE SCENTS ARE A PART OF MY LIFE. THE APRICOTS, I SMELLED AS A KID IN MY PARENT'S HOUSE, THE ROSE LUKOUM I DISCOVERED IT WITH DEAR FRIEND WHO'S A CHEF, AND THE FRAGRANCE MEANS A LOT TO ME."

**On global movements...** While the new scent definitely appeals to the region, Europe has embraced oriental scents as well. People were intrigued at first, then they started liking, then they started loving Oriental fragrances that are now very much in demand not only in this region but in Europe as well, they love it!

**On what the future holds...** My take is that people want more specific notes with big identities, what they call niche fragrances, and this is exactly what our Haute Parfumerie or Les Absolus d'Orient provide. I think there is a path toward more personalization, to be able to fulfill your own desires. The products need to be unique, with the choice to make them your own through personalization, through layering. Once a bottle comes out of my factory, it doesn't belong to me anymore, you have to own your fragrance, you have to live with it, you have to play with it, you have to love it, you have to OWN it, it's not my story that's important, it's what you think about when you wear it.

**On the importance of sustainability...** People are increasingly interested in more transparency in how we do sustainability work - sourcing, packaging, etc. I think we have been silent for 192 years, and now it's time to speak up about what we do. Others are speaking of it, while we've been quietly implementing it all for over a century! We have to say what is IN the bottle, the story in the bottle, the message in the bottle. These are stories that should be told, and people are now ready and avid to get those stories.



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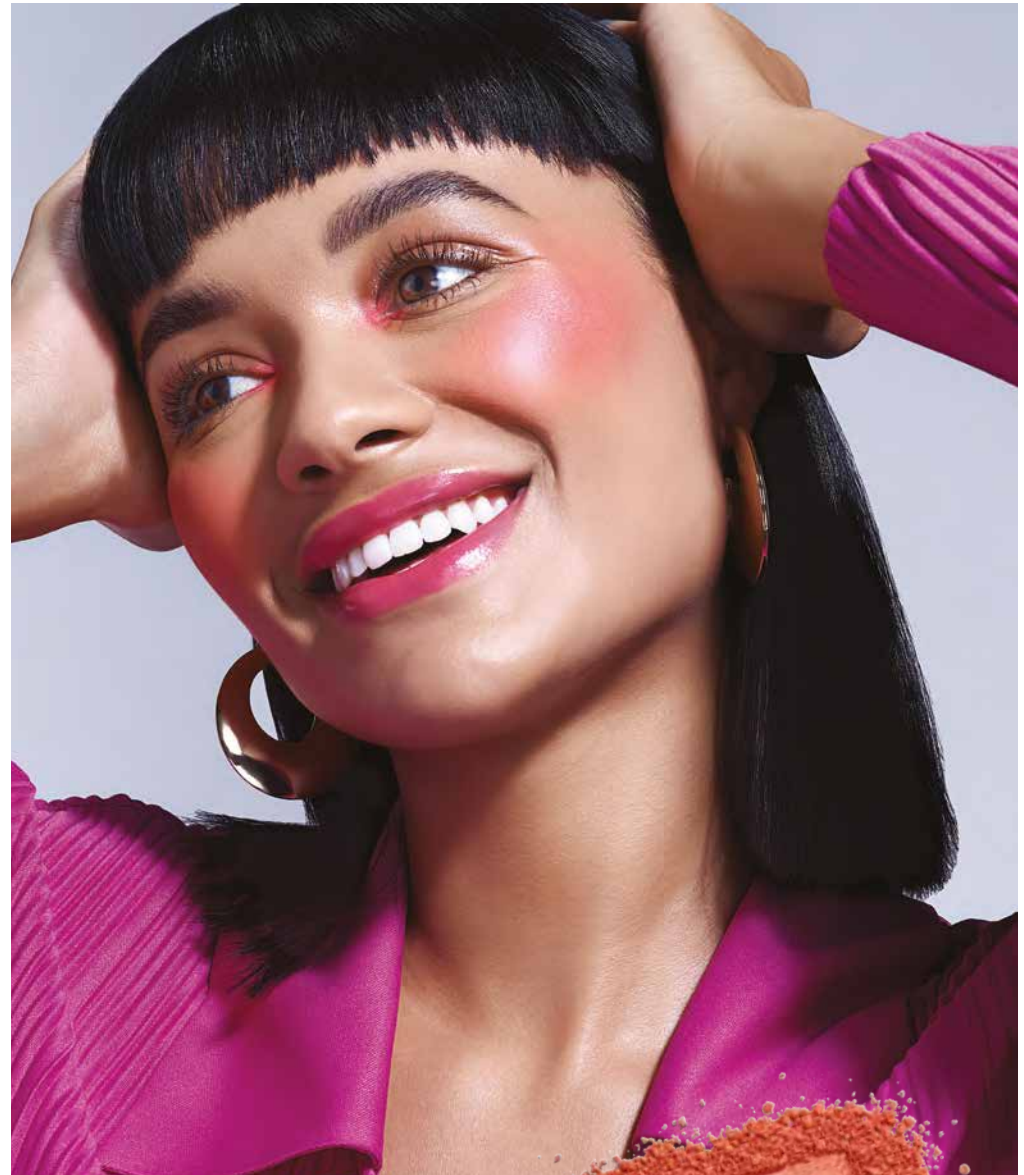


# HALF BAKED

BRIGHT AND JOY-INDUCING, THE NEW WAVE OF GLOW-GIVING MAKEUP TRENDS SEES BEAUTY LOVERS REACHING FOR THE BLUSH BRUSH. HERE, BENEFIT COSMETICS BREAKS DOWN THE STEPS TO NAIL THIS Y2K FLUSH AND BRING THE CHEEKS OF YOUR WILDEST DREAMS TO LIFE!

As our nostalgia for all things Y2K – think low-rise jeans, baguette bags, belly rings – reaches its ultimate peak, Benefit Cosmetics just dropped a brand-new set of 11 blushes that will have your body-glittered young self jumping up and down in pure joy. The Wanderful World collection features pressed powder blushers inspired by dream-like destinations that come in a super inclusive shade range – from sweet pinks and bright peaches to vibrant corals and rich berries, so there’s a hue for everyone! Alongside this, each silky-soft blush applies with an ultra-fine, weightless feel on the skin, allowing more choice in terms of color payoff where you can build your desired intensity; it all depends on your pressing technique, you either get a gentle flush or a bold pop of color – completely up to you!

**HOW TO USE**  
Swirl brush in Benefit Cosmetics' Wanderlust World Blush and sweep onto cheeks. Blend and build as desired on bare face or over your makeup. For soft and dewy (pictured right) go for the Sunny Shade but for big, bright and bold (pictured left) Crystah Shade is your go-to.



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YOUR TOOL KIT

BOX O' POWDERS BLUSH COLLECTION IN SHADE CRYSTAH, BENEFIT COSMETICS

GIMME BROW+ VOLUMIZING GEL, BENEFIT COSMETICS

BOX O' POWDERS BLUSH COLLECTION IN SHADE SUNNY, BENEFIT COSMETICS

BROW MICROFILLING PEN, BENEFIT COSMETICS

ELLE WORD

# Dima Antar

DIAGNOSED WITH SEVERE HEARING LOSS, THE PASSIONATE ADVOCATE IS DEDICATED TO ENSURING EVERYONE'S VOICE IS HEARD



Born and raised in Sierra Leone, Dima Antar (@dima\_antar) moved to Lebanon for a chance to attend regular school life. When she was one-year-old, she was diagnosed with severe hearing loss and had to wear hearing aids in both ears. The doctors recommended that she get help from a speech therapist and attend a school for special needs, but this wasn't what her mom was ready to accept. "She was the only one that helped me in everything regarding my hearing problem," shares Dima, reflecting on how her mom encouraged her to wear the hearing aids and make them a part of her daily experiences. "At the age of 13, things started getting harder as I was being bullied by many students," she says. However, this unfortunate experience only strengthened her spirit to do better and overcome all odds because once she graduated with a degree graphic design, she was able to express her creativity in design. Today, 26-year old Dima is an influencer and advocate for those who are differently abled. She works with clients to create logos, brochures, and all forms of mixed media, even though she can't talk to people over phone calls or listen to voice notes. Her only way to connect to the world is through design and text via emails or messages, including her social media handles where she regularly posts updates about the highs and lows of life. "My message to the world is that 'If there's a will, there's a way'."

START

YOUR FIRST WORD IS...

LOVE  
PASSION  
MOTIVATION  
CREATIVITY  
SUCCESS

"I am blessed to be surrounded by **love**. The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love and receive it in return."

"**Motivation** clarifies a goal. It pushes you towards achieving your goals. If you believe in yourself, then nothing is impossible."

"Work hard in silence; let success make the noise. As a person who believes in hard work, I don't allow my hearing disability to stop me from moving forward. I have always believed in myself and learned from my failures instead of just giving up. Always remember that failure is the key to your success."

"I am passionate about my work. **Passion** elevates you to perform your best and it can make the impossible happen. Live with passion, no matter what you choose to do."

"As a graphic designer, being creative is what makes my work stand out. I love being creative and thinking out of the box. **Creativity** is my best form of expression."



La Roche Posay Anthelios XL SPF 50  
"I never leave home without high protection SPF and this product leaves no visible traces."

Vichy - Normaderm PhytoAction Acne Control Daily Moisturizer  
"This moisturizer is my go-to skin savior to prevent dry and flaky skin"

"NO MATTER THE DISABILITY, PEOPLE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DREAM"

WORDS BY ODELIA MATHEWS

# ELLE

The idyllic Mediterranean resort town of St. Tropez beckons...

*lifestyle*

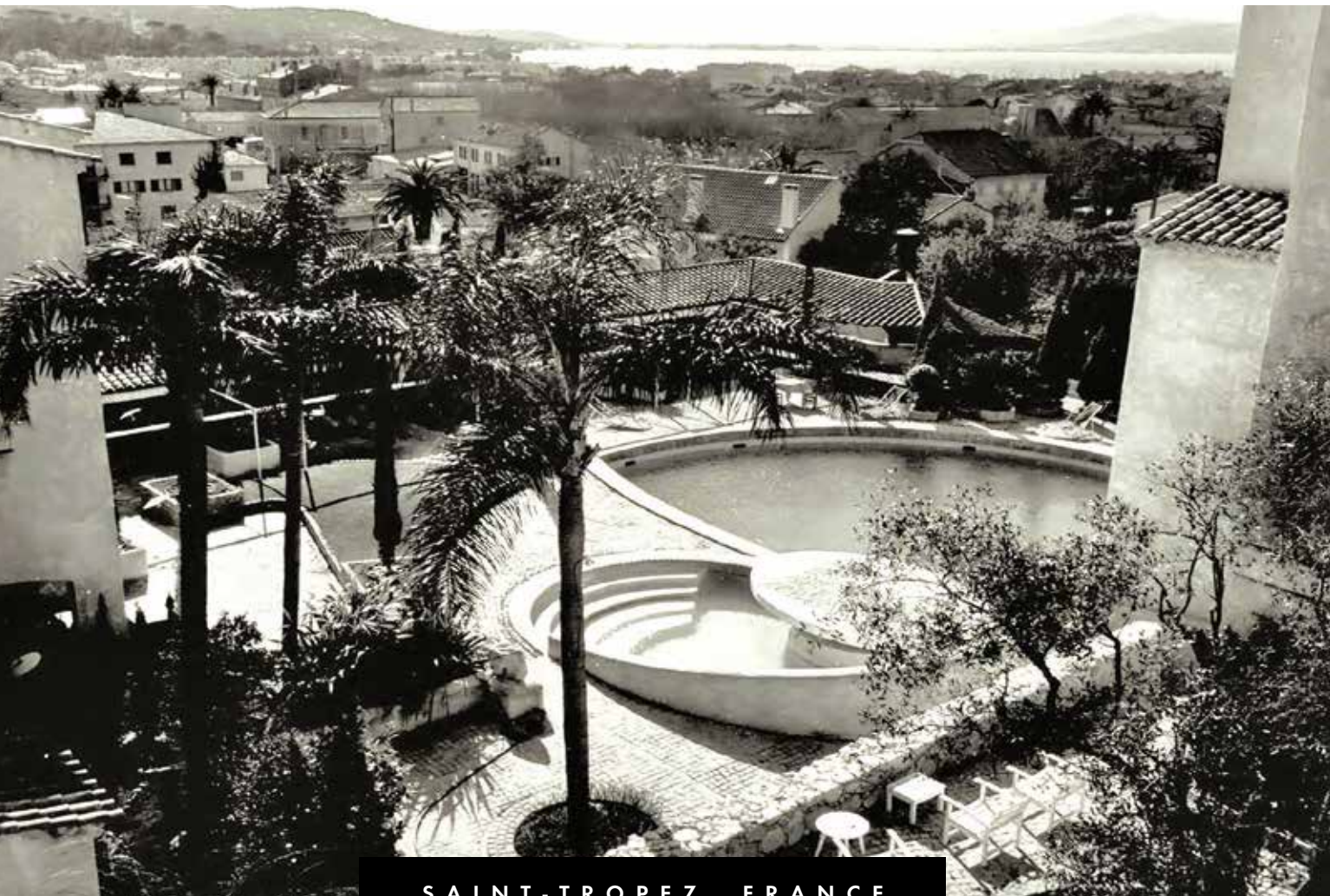


*Just Chill...*

THE HOTTER IT GETS, THE MORE WE WANT TO SIMPLY LEAN BACK, RELAX, AND TAKE IN THE BEAUTY OF OUR SURROUNDINGS – WHEREVER THAT MAY BE!

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SAINT-TROPEZ, FRANCE

A PICTURESQUE OASIS ON THE COTE D'AZUR, SAINT-TROPEZ CAPTURES THE HEART

It is difficult to explicate how a place can evoke such a sense of euphoria; the glamorous coastal town has old-school charm and an infectious joie de vivre that keeps everyone, even the rich and famous, coming back. If, like most visitors, you are looking for a memorable and chic escape this summer then the first port of call is Hotel Le Yaca, a five-star haven nestled in the old side of town, close to the port and beach, with a stunning pool surrounded by gardens. A few minutes' walk away, nestled in the grounds of the House of Dior's grand chateau, is possibly one of the most beautiful brunch backdrops: Dior Des Lices. Sit under the shade of the towering palm trees and parasols for a bite of petit-déjeuner, followed by a day of strolling around the cobbled stone streets – admiring the quaint houses, chic cafés, and excessive yachts at Vieux Port. For some much-needed sunbathing, head to the hotspot that is Plage de Pampelonne – a three-mile long stretch of sand with crystal-clear waters dotted with a bustling selection of bohemian-style

beach bars and restaurants. Club 55 is a classic where the likes of Brigitte Bardot were once regulars. What to eat? Opt for the vegetable platter and sip a bottle of their very own Le Club 55 Rosé. Of course, it is natural to want to stroll, swim, sunbathe, and repeat in Saint-Tropez, however, between sporadic dips in the Mediterranean, there is the Musée de l'Annonciade – an art museum worth checking out with famous paintings from Matisse to Bonnard! Every Tuesday and Saturday morning, the famous Places des Lices market takes place, where you can shop French country produce, goats' cheese, tomatoes, garlic, olives, fruits, vegetables, and straw baskets à la Jane Birkin. En route back to the hotel, 'Barbarac' is known for its ice cream and is always packed (note to self: don't miss the coconut sorbet and honey gelato). Catch the sunset on the Port du Saint Tropez from the popular red terrace of Café Sénéquier, bask in front of the yachts, people watch, and admire the unique spirit of the wondrous little town.

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WHAT TO DO

**Stay**  
The idyllic Byblos Hotel is a Saint-Tropez icon right in the center of town. With swaying palms, apricot and salmon-pink hued buildings, a mosaic-style pool, and an onsite club and restaurant – it is an escape like no other.

**Eat**  
Insider alert: restaurant BanH-Hoi is a sleek, low-lit Japanese and Thai eatery overlooking the Place de l'Ormeau with a terrace paved down a cobblestone alley. Try the tuna tartare and flambéed banana fritters for dessert.

**Visit**  
The next port along, Port Grimaud, is often referred to as Little Venice. The beautiful town is ideal if you are looking to add a little bit of adventure into your holiday. You can rent an electric boat and explore the dreamy architecture, bridges, and canals.

WHAT TO PACK



SWIMSUIT, BOTTEGA VENETA

BAG, CHLOÉ

TOP, FARM RIO

SANDAL, GUCCI

SHORTS, AGOLDE

LOTION, SISLEY PARIS

# ITALY

SPECTACULAR CITIES, ANCIENT RUINS, AND FOOD MADE FROM THE SOUL FOR THE SOUL... IT'S TIME TO LIVE LA DOLCE VITA!



GIAMBATTISTA VALLI

### THE LOW DOWN

Nestled between land and sea, with sweeping views over the palm-studded Tyrrhenian coast, this vision of Art Nouveau splendor has long been a sanctuary where royalty and Hollywood luminaries come to find solace on the sun-drenched Italian island. Designed by Ernesto Basile and immaculately restored by Olga Polizzi, Design Director of Rocco Forte Hotels, the Belle Epoque interiors bring together the architectural grandeur of the past with contemporary comfort of the 21st century; the renowned Basile room, the frescoed bar as well as the grand mirrored ballroom, have all been restored to their original beauty, while the rooms and suites have been made to reflect an ultra-modern, yet Sicilian oasis of calm and relaxation. Complete with a state-of-the-art spa, Igiea's Italian restaurants and atmospheric bars, you will never want to leave this sweet



## Villa Igiea, Palermo

A HISTORICAL ART NOUVEAU PALAZZO AND A JEWEL IN PALERMO'S CROWN

### WHAT TO PACK



SUNGLASSES, DIOR EYEWEAR

EARRINGS, JOHANNA ORTIZ

WEDGE, BOTTEGA VENETA

SWIMSUIT, ZIMMERMANN

ALTUZARRA

### GOOD EATS

Suspended between the botanic gardens and the Mediterranean Sea, the Igiea Terrazza Bar offers an al fresco experience reminiscent of Edwardian high society; go there to sip on a midday aperitivo under the marvelous frescoes painted by Palermo artist Eugenio (Geno) Morici.



VALENTINO

## Hotel de la Ville, Rome

ROCCO FORTE HOTELS BRING THE GLAMOR OF A BYGONE ERA BACK TO THE CAPITAL



film stars and fashionistas come to hide from the paparazzi's prying eyes. Follow them up to the rooftop Cielo Bar, where sundowners and nightcaps can be enjoyed alongside sweeping views of the Eternal City.

### GOOD EATS

Under the watchful eye of celebrated Roman-born, Tuscan-trained chef Fulvio Pierangelini, the hotel's six food outlets offer an option to wet any palette. For those seeking a real taste of Rome, Da Sistina (with both its décor and food) is an upscale trattoria serving traditional Roman fare with a unique twist. Head there for a delicious bowl of tonnarelli cacio e pepe and a chat with the sommelier who clearly knows his stuff.

### THE LOW DOWN

Sitting atop the Spanish Steps, Hotel de la Ville's enviable setting is a destination in itself making the 18th-century palazzo a vibrant pitstop for tired soles that make their way from the nearby boutique-lined Via dei Condotti or sights like the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona that are just a stone's throw away. Welcoming them from the doors beyond are historic grandeur and contemporary wit that come together amidst the sumptuous antiques, classical bold busts and playful Napoleonic wallpaper. Located over 7 stories, the 100-plus rooms and suites continue this extravagant yet modern Grand Tour theme playing on neoclassical, antiquarian, and archaeological motifs – think king-sized beds with plush velvet headboards, paisley Indian throws and leather-effect doors. At the center of the hotel is the enchanting courtyard, a hidden retreat away from the bustling city that embodies the life and spirit of Italy. There



### WHAT TO PACK



BAG, AMINA MUADDI

LIPSTICK, GUCCI BEAUTY

HAIR CLIP, VALENTINO

SKIRT, ROSARIO

EMILIO PUCCI





## ARIES

20 MARCH - 19 APRIL

The opportunity you have been waiting for is here at last. You'll have to give it everything you've got for the next few weeks, and you're ready for that, but you must think further ahead as well. This is not something you can complete in one go; there's a second stage, early next year, and its long-term results will extend for the rest of the decade. A strong start is always good - but it's a marathon, not a sprint.



## TAURUS

20 APRIL - 20 MAY

You might want to re-think a recent decision. You underestimated your own abilities, and decided not to take the risk; now you realise that you could have risen to the challenge and done quite well, if you had been just a little braver. But will you get a second chance? Yes. Early June will remove obstacles which worried you before, boost your confidence, and show you a clearer way forward. Go for it.



## GEMINI

21 MAY - 20 JUNE

Although you usually like to be the first to try out anything new, sometimes it's a good idea just to stay where you are. That way you get to watch and learn, especially when other people make mistakes. It's also good to wait for companions that you left behind earlier to catch you up, so that you can go forwards together. Their support, plus your smart thinking, will make better outcomes for all.



## LIBRA

23 SEPTEMBER - 22 OCTOBER

A new option for the future is presented to you now. It's not something you'd ever imagined yourself doing, but it intrigues you. Would it affect your close relationships, you wonder? If you were to go off in a new direction, could your people manage without you? Yes, they could. And if they knew that this was something you really wanted, they'd be happy for you. Don't let a misplaced sense of duty hold you back.



## SCORPIO

23 OCTOBER - 21 NOVEMBER

After all the intense emotions of the past few weeks, your personal life becomes calmer, cooler and more manageable. There's a sense that you are both marking out your own space, and setting boundaries; there may even be times when you both want to be alone for a while. Is this the beginning of the end? No, not at all. You're still together, but more tolerant of your differences now. It's better like this.



## SAGITTARIUS

22 NOVEMBER - 20 DECEMBER

To do the things you really want requires time, energy and money, and it's hard to get all three together at once. Yet in the next few weeks the planets combine to give you exactly that. So what would you like to do? Opportunities like this are rare, and not to be wasted on trivialities. Think deep, and bring up all your longsuppressed 'one day, someday' fantasies. Take whichever you like best, and make it happen.



## CANCER

21 JUNE - 21 JULY

You are definitely on your way up - but it's all happening faster than you want it to, and you don't feel that you're in control. There's too much that's new, too much to learn, and too much responsibility. You're supposed to have all the answers, yet you hardly know where to begin. Don't worry, it's all good; you'll soon adjust. If you're still clinging to the past, let go and allow the flow of events to take you forwards



## LEO

22 JULY - 22 AUGUST

Have you ever gone to the airport, found your flight was cancelled, and rather than wait for the next flight, decided to go somewhere completely different instead? This month is like that. The last-minute setback, and the arguments that go with it, show you how much you didn't want to make your original journey after all. The second destination is closer to what your heart really wants, and better in every way.



## VIRGO

23 AUGUST - 22 SEPTEMBER

You seem reluctant to take the final step with something you have been working on for months. Is it because you don't really want it to end? Or because you think that there is more that you want to do with it, to improve or change it, before you say that it's finished and walk away from it? If you admit to either of those, then you're just putting off what you should have done some time ago. Sign it off, and move on.



## CAPRICORN

21 DECEMBER - 19 JANUARY

After months of pushing steadily forward and working hard to consolidate what you have gained, you feel that it's time to ease off a little, and get your breath back. A rest is good - but letting yourself get into a rut is not. So when someone you care for wants to discuss changes to your relationship, don't take it as criticism; it's a statement of belief in the strength of your affection and its potential for the future.



## AQUARIUS

20 JANUARY - 18 FEBRUARY

Rules are not meant to be broken, you say, and of course you're right. But they can be bent from time to time if it makes life easier, and provided that it doesn't happen too often. The rules in love affairs must not be too rigid; they should be tough, yet flexible, to allow for sudden explosions of emotion. Giving in, just a little bit, will let you both take things back to the way they were before and make a fresh start.



## PISCES

19 FEBRUARY - 19 MARCH

You are sensitive to the slightest changes in your environment. This month's easing of planetary pressure will pass unnoticed by most people, but for you it will be like opening a window in a stuffy room; you will feel that you can breathe again. Longterm issues are still there, but they are less urgent, giving you time not only to work on finding solutions, but also to enjoy a new-found freedom, and to have some fun.



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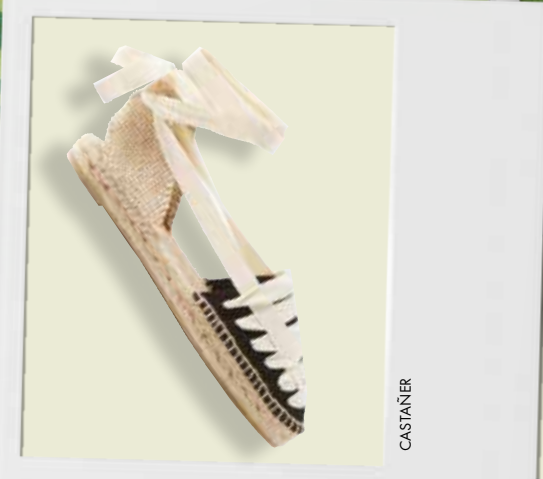
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