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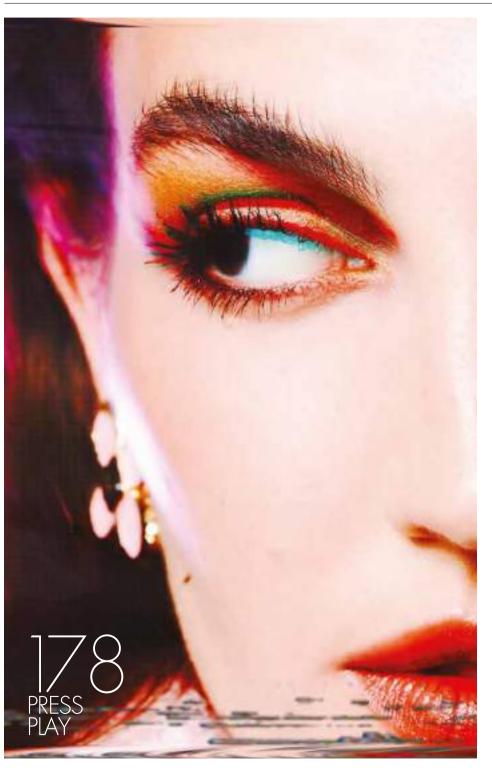
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FENDI'S ORIGAMI BAG FUSES FASHION AND FUNCTION AS IT SEAMLESSLY TRANSITIONS BETWEEN A BUCKET BAG AND A TOTE



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PRADA'S ETERNAL GOLD UPPER ARM BRACELET EXUDES MODERN FLAIR AND TIMELESS ELEGANCE



THE Shoe

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Proud & Strong

That's the mood this month, as we start a new season with a renewed sense of worth, of style, and of purpose. The September BIGGEST FALL TRENDS issue is positively filled with all the newest looks, latest launches, and coolest microtrends you need to showcase your own personal style. Let your creativity and individuality soar as the buzzwords of the season are Bold and Beautiful, often hand in hand whether in fashion (pretty winter florals and out-of-this-world silver, welcome to Fall 23/24), accessories (we see you, oversized bags and dainty embroidery), or beauty (hello, bright lips and goth eyes).

Speaking of creativity, our Coverstars Dhaffer L'abidine and Tuba Büyüküstün lead the way as they take the cinematic world by storm thanks to their incredible talent and roaring energy. They inspire and entertain, and we hope this issue does



EASING SLOWLY, SOFTLY INTO A NEW SEASON WITH DELICATE NEUTRALS.





1. SUNGLASSES, LOEWE EYEWEAR; 2. PANTS, SACAI; 3. SNEAKERS, DOLCE & GABBANA; 4. SCARF, TOTEME; 5. NECKLACE, BALENCIAGA;

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The Saudi-Lebanese jewelry designer is

passionate about making women look and feel

beautiful and confident. Her work is inspired by

repetitive pattern and is a symbol of resilience

and immortality. She talks to ELLE Arabia about

makes her designs so popular. What are some

of your most popular pieces? The bullet ring

and the Happiness necklace from my latest

collection. The necklace is easy to wear and

clients stack it with other designer pieces such

as Cartier and Van Cleef and Arpels.. How do

the shape of a triangle which appears in a

her latest collection 'Happiness' and what

MEET... Designer Dina El Jisr

you balance color, texture, pattern in your designs? I start by balancing the colors using intuition and experience. Texture varies for each design. If it's just gold, adding texture can occasionally give it a spark. I also constantly look at what my clients are wearing, their skin, hair, and eye color and create design based on that. If you were not a jewellery designer, what would you be doing? I can't imagine my life without my jewelry line, but if I have to add to it, then anything to do with design, whether it be in fashion, sculpture, product design, or own my restaurant since I love to cook.





HOST...An After-Summer Summer Party

The holidays may be over but we're not ready to say goodbye yet to the Spirit of Summer.





ONO U R RADARThe Cult Buy... Supersized Shoppers KHAITE In canvas or leather, these XXL bags offer a chic yet cavernous way to carry all your THE ROW endlessly useful must-haves and then some. MÉTIER LOEWE

If you are an aspiring designer and haven't applied to the Dolce & Gabbana x ADMAF Design Award 2023, you better run (not walk) as submissions close 30th of October. Open to current students and recent graduates, the award is split over three categories - fashion, jewelry, and fragrance - and will see three winners awarded a 6-month internship program in Milan. For more information and to apply, head to Admaf.org/ dolce-gabbana-awards

Last Chance!



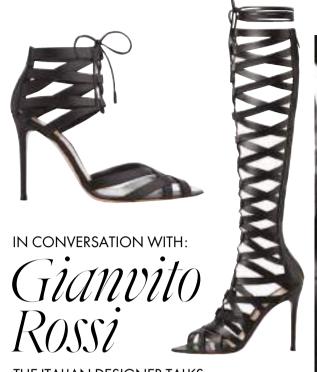
WHO: Claire Waight Keller x Uniqlo WHAT: Under the name "UNIQLO:C" - the curated capsule offers timeless staples that bridge a boy-meets-girl style. Think classic trench coats, plaid parkas, pleated maxi skirts and more, all in a rich color palette of blush pinks, mustards and navy blues.



Trending...Winter Florals

booming pieces we have on our wishlists.

Clockwise from above left: GUCCI FOR NET-A-PORTER OTHER; ULLA JOHNSON; ETRO; ZIMMERMANN; MIKE JOSEPH;



THE ITALIAN DESIGNER TALKS DESIGN PHILOSOPHY, LEARNING FROM THE BEST AND WHY THE PUMP HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART.

FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE ART OF SHOE MAKING... I have many memories, but the ones that I cherish the most are connected to the "Veglie." Once our collection was ready in the factory, it had to be finalized in just one night! We stayed there until daybreak to complete everything; the whole team was involved, all of us working together for the same dream. We were exhausted by the end of it, but the the feeling of excitement when you see the new styles being born...its indescribable!

THE FIRST DESIGNS TO COME TO LIFE... Were pumps. I started to study and experiment on the





perfect silhouette and shape of a shoe - and over time the pump became a sort of archetype for all my creations.

LEARNING FROM THE BEST... My father was a shoemaker who started his activity during the Second World War and step-by-step was able to transform it into a successful business. From him, I learnt not only the secrets of the job but also the true savoir fair of an artisan. He was a very strong and disciplined man, and his work meant the world to him.

NOTHING COMPARES TO THE CRAFTSMANSHIP OF ITALIAN SHOES... I believe quality is always key and that is why I spend so much time on each new development. My approach to product development is like an "Atelier", where everything is special, and nothing can be anything but perfect. This requires lot of time, and when you think about it, this is the true essence of luxury.

MOODBOARD INSPIRATIONS AT THE MOMENT... I am currently finalizing the collection presentation but I can't say anything more about it. You know what they say: the element of surprise is a part of the magic!

PICKING JUST ONE IS DIFFICULT... I have created more than 10,000 models and designed even more styles, so it is very difficult for me to choose just one as my favourite. But our signature styles like the Vamp or the Metropolis are always part of our collections and remain at the core of the brand because they are the result of accurate studies and research, and therefore characterized by flawless lines and perfect proportions. A "perfect

CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN WOMAN... Middle Eastern women are sophisticated; they have a deep understanding of luxury. My ideal pair of shoes for the Arab women would be something bold, yet elegant, just as her spirit! Something ornate and intricate that relates to her personal style.



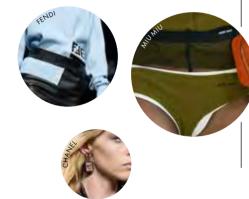


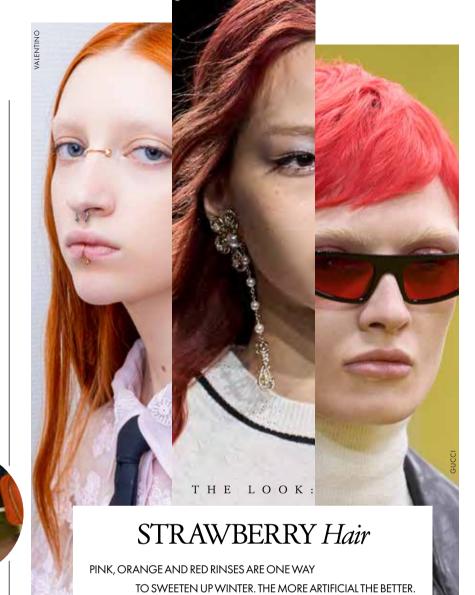


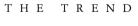
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GO-GO-LOGOS

YOU DON'T NEED TO SPELL IT ALL OUT, JUST A SPLASH IS ALL YOU NEED. THIS IS LOGOMANIA LITE.

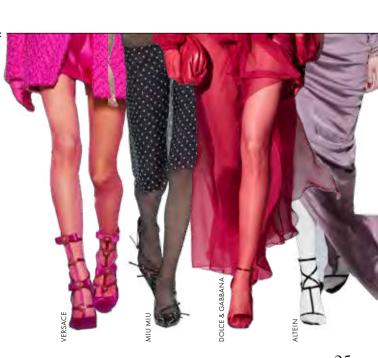






THE EASY **UPDATE**

NOW IS THE TIME TO PRISE YOURSELF OUT OF THE BLACK 70-DENIERS. SHEER OPAQUES IN SHADES ICE WHITE TO SUGAR PINK MAKE FOR IMPRESSIVE LEG WORK (AND, YES, YOU CAN WEAR THEM WITH SANDALS).







THE LOOK:

SPECS Appeal

CANCEL YOUR CONTACTS. YOU DON'T NEED 20-20 VISION TO SEE THAT OPTICALS ARE HAVING A MOMENT, FROM '70S-STYLE AVIATORS WITH TINTED LENSES TO GEEK CHIC CAT-EYES.





THE TREND: ALL

BLACK TIE, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT. WEAR YOURS WITH THE SAME **ENTHUSIASM AS** PIERPAOLO PICCIOLI, WHO PUT ONE WITH EVERY SINGLE LOOK AT VALENTINO.

TIED UP





CHANEL A GALAXY OF STARS CAME TO THE CITY OF ANGELS FOR A LOOK AT LA THE COCO WAY





THE FASHION PACK'S PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A MAJOR WORKOUT. THE DESTINATION SHOW IS BACK, BACK, BACK, COVERING GROUND FROM CENTRAL AMERICA TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. AIR MILES TOTAL? A LOT.



TO SEOUL AND THE FORMER ROYAL PALACE GYEONGBOKGUNG FOR THE FINAL GUCCI SHOW BEFORE SABATO DE SARNO TAKES THE HELM







- AND IT'S WORKING FOR YOU IN 2023. THE COLD-SHOULDER DRESS (OR TOP) IS HEATING UP ONCE MORE.



ART WORKS

IT'S PLAY TIME: ALL MANNER OF TRINKETS AND CHARMS INVITE A CLOSER LOOK. AN ELEVATED TAKE ON ART SCHOOLJEWELS, THEY'RE GUARANTEED TO MAKE A STATEMENT - AND MAYBE SOME NOISE (LITERALLY).



























The collection refines to perfection the sartorial elements that can be described as archetypal: the tunic, the peplum, the cape, and the stole.



INSIDER

POETRY IN MOTION

FOR DIOR'S HAUTE COUTURE **AUTUMN-WINTER 2023-2024** COLLECTION, MARIA GRAZIA CHIURI ILLUSTRATES THE STRENGTH AND FRAGILITY OF **FEMININITY**



Maria Grazia takes up the poetic gesture of couture merging dress and body.





"In the Atelier, there are no paper patterns, as the sketched form is morphed into a dress in the image of the imprint, embracing the body's singularity."

The shimmering textures of the sixties enjoy a revival, embellishing long skirts and dresses.





ANATOMY OF A BAG

We take a closer look at Bottega Veneta's Winter '23 HOP bag









THE INSPIRATION

The GO-14 bag breaks boundaries in the Louis Vuitton leather goods saga. It's where passions collide: a designer's vision, the secrets of a trunk master, and the genius of an artisan. The GO-14 marks both a beginning and an apex. It's a bag of initiation, one of Nicolas Ghesquière's earliest creations. That's why it's codenamed GO-14 - Ghesquière October 2014, the very moment it strutted the runway for Louis Vuitton's Women's Artistic Director debut. Now, in 2023, it's back with a bold twist: malletage.

THE DNA

Malletage ushers in the vibe of historic trunk crafting. This elegant crisscross pattern once lined the interiors of trunks. The clever galon trim secured documents, no matter the journey's twists. Nicolas Ghesquière rekindled this Louis Vuitton marvel, featuring it in his maiden collection, breathing new life into this unseen luxury. "There are some universal codes that exist solely in Louis Vuitton. It was about reappropriating and transposing them into a new setting," said Ghesquière. This became his signature, a visual language for attire and accessories, a storyline woven through.

THE DETAILS

This season, the GO-14 emerges as a plush lambskin wonder. Its supple malletage dances over it, highlighting curves and plush comfort. A canvas of hues awaits, from stark black and white to toasty, nuanced shades revealing its tactile finesse. The GO-14 is a chameleon, adapting to moods. Sling it over the shoulder with its chic chain that's like liquid gold. Drape it on the arm or hold it, the chain doubling up like elegant punctuation marks. A classic handle seals the deal, radiating sophistication eternally.







Dark Deluxe

FOLLOWING A DECIDEDLY PINK-HUED SUMMER, WE'RE READY FOR THE MORE SOPHISTICATED PALETTE OF BLACK WITH A TOUCH OF GOLD!







VALENTINO GARAVANI

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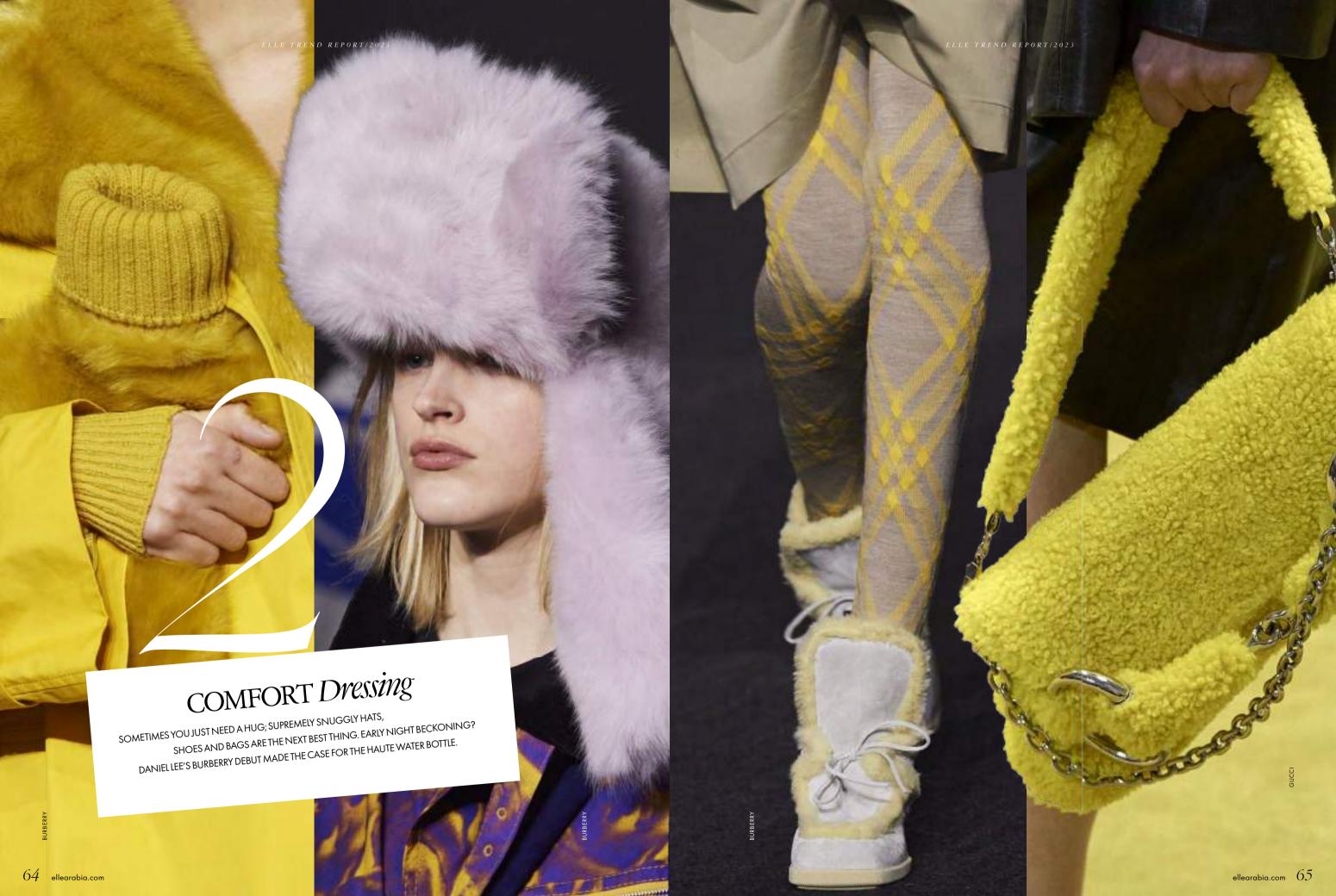






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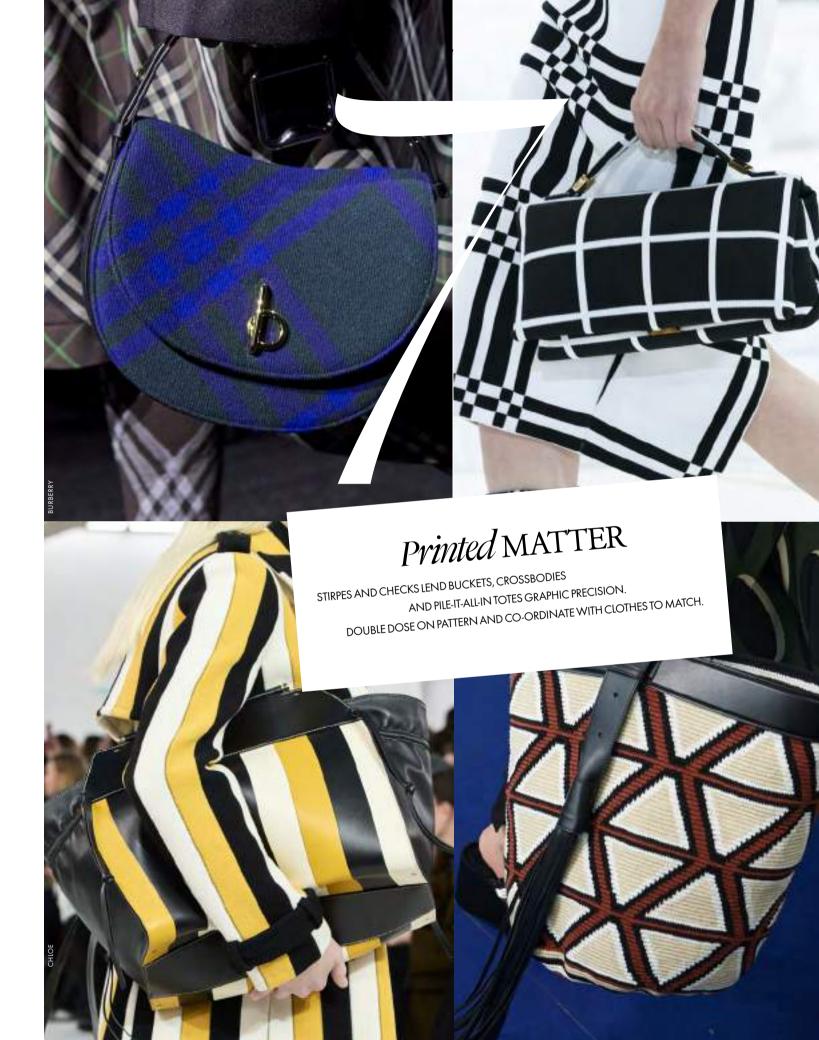
















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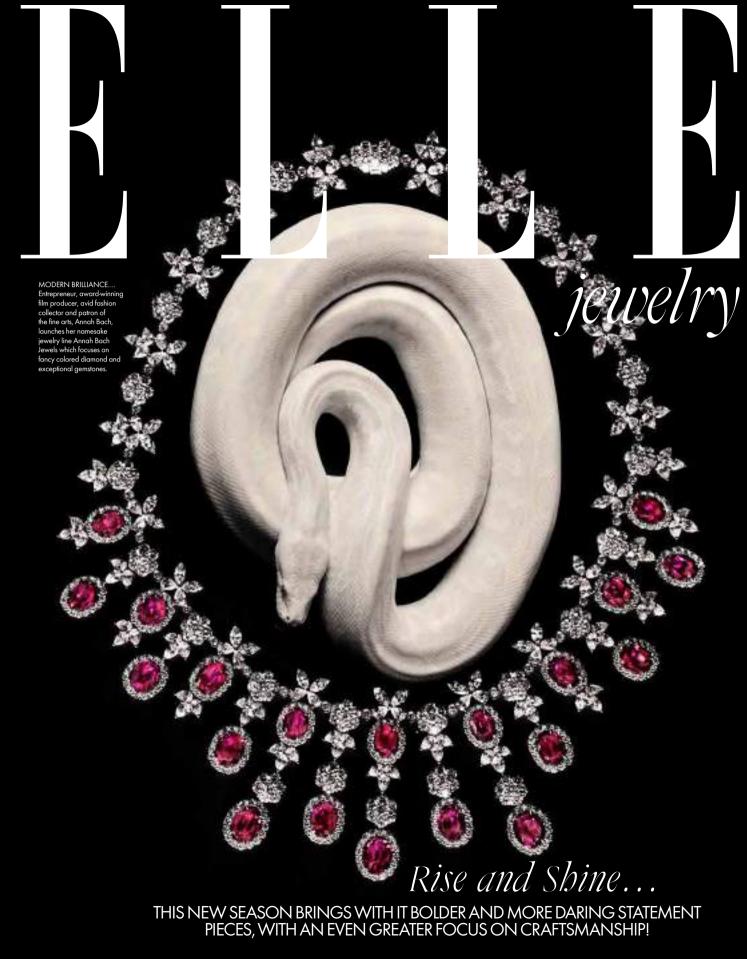
LEBANESE-OWNED BRAND HDESIGNS REDEFINES LUXURY WITH THEIR COLLECTION OF 18K GOLD JEWELRY

Designer Hiba Baydoun and her niece Racil have created a contemporary jewelry line featuring customizable, simple, and affordable pieces that celebrate traditional motifs. Blending sophistication with everyday style, Hdesigns has new and delicate takes on the 'eye', the 'hand of Fatima', the stars, moon, and other iconic designs. With a strong commitment to quality and affordability, their gold jewelry is accessible to all, bringing timeless elegance to every outfit.

"Hdesigns celebrates Lebanese heritage through a fusion of tradition and contemporary designs, making them a rising star in accessible luxury jewelry"



























CHANEL BRINGS BACK A CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC TIMEPIECE WITH THE PREMIÈRE ORIGINAL EDITION WATCH.

In 1987, the House of Chanel created its first ever watch, the Première. Today, the uniquely contemporary timepiece has made its reappearance, brought back to life in its original version and styled in its most cherished quality: timeless appeal. "The Première was the first page in our watchmaking history. It was born out of an absolute freedom of creation, and it initiated a vision, the "Allure of Time" as measured by Chanel," says Arnaud Chastaingt, Director of the Chanel Watchmaking Creation Studio. "This creation is our DNA and a Chanel code through and through. Far more than a watch, the Première is a lesson in style." Inspired by the codes of the House, the Première evokes the stopper of the N°5 fragrance bottle. The supple chain bracelet interlaced with leather echoes the chain of classic Chanel handbags. The black-lacquer dial with golden hands and no numerals underlines the essential: a spirit of freedom and audacity unique to CHANEL.



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A Celebration, of Horological Mastery

Straight from Japan, ELLE Arabia speaks to Thierry Stern, President of Patek Philippe, during Watch Art Tokyo 2023 about its largest exhibition, why the brand remains the holy grail of watches, how they keep their brand identity throughout the years, and more....

After Dubai, what led you to choose Japan as the location for the 2023 exhibition? The Japanese market is one of the top five most important markets for Patek Philippe. The connection between the brand and Japan dates back almost 150 years. This market, being highly mature, has seen a gradual increase in demand for our watches. Nearly 100% of what is sold in this market is bought by local clients. The Japanese clientele is deeply interested in our family business and pays meticulous attention to every detail concerning finishing and mechanisms.

What do you believe makes Patek Philippe the holy grail of watches? First and foremost, we have never ceased our efforts. This is something

that many people might overlook. When quartz watches emerged in the 70s, numerous brands stopped their traditional watchmaking activities, discarding their tools. Families were telling their children that watchmaking was no longer a viable career due to the rise of cheaper and more accurate quartz watches. The prevailing sentiment was that watchmaking had no future. Patek Philippe was the only brand that persisted. At that crucial juncture, our founder declared, "If there's one brand that must endure, it should be us." Consequently, we safeguarded our knowledge, traditions, toolseverything. This historical continuity is vital, especially today. Since 1839, our mission has remained consistent: to craft the finest watches

globally. This commitment to excellence has been entrenched in the tradition of Patek Philippe, unwavering over time. Our approach has always centered on producing the best movements, focusing on accuracy, aesthetics, tradition, and innovation. Our unique strength stems from being a family-owned business with an intrinsic understanding of our product. Unlike many other brands, we don't come from diverse industries. While other brands may have talented CEOs, their expertise spans various domains, such as selling watches today, cars tomorrow, and art thereafter. In contrast, we were nurtured within the watchmaking domain. I know about dial-making, bracelet crafting, and movement development, as did my father and his before him. This continuity is what truly sets us apart. Our commitment to maintaining a standard of innovation and quality, upholding traditions, has been unwavering. We've remained focused on crafting exceptional watches, resisting the urge to diversify into other ventures. In contrast, today, many conglomerates prioritize their retail networks, often overshadowing the pursuit of intricate internal movements. I am already envisioning movements for the year 2037, and I'm resolute in my passion. Passion makes all the difference.

Given the limited production of your watches, what is your advertising strategy? From the outset, our strategy was to stimulate demand. Even when our supply falls short, our communication strategy is geared toward generating demand. We lack an advertising strategy to sell more watches, as our production





capacity is limited. In Japan, we sell double the amount we do worldwide. Our strategy involves not only educating but also helping people comprehend the distinctive qualities of Patek Philippe. Recognizing that we cannot invite everyone to Geneva, we strive to bring a taste of Geneva to the world.

Among all your timepieces, which one are you most proud of? Asking me to choose is akin to selecting a favorite child! I am intricately involved in the creation of each watch. For me, this is the most fulfilling aspect of my role. I wouldn't design a watch if I weren't content with it. Over the years, I've taken pride in all the watches I've crafted. If I had to single out one, it would be the 5970, a perpetual calendar chronograph with a Lemania base. This watch holds a special place for me due to the challenges it posed. I was relatively young when my father asked me to redesign the 3970, a watch with an iconic case but a different movement. He tasked me with finding a new case, as the existing one had to be retired after ample production. Transforming an iconic watch, striving for improvement, was an immense undertaking. The result was the 5970, a remarkable success. It remains in our collection to this day, albeit in a larger XL size. This watch is a point of pride because it marked my decision to incorporate a more aggressive design, including the previously unprecedented feature of an open case back. Today, numerous brands have adopted this approach. That moment was pivotal - it revealed my capacity to create exquisite designs.

WITH 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, GLOBAL

TRAVEL, AND

INTERACTIONS

WITH DIVERSE

MARKETS AND

RETAILERS, I HAVE GAINED

INSIGHTS INTO

WHAT PEOPLE

ANTICIPATE

FROM PATEK PHILIPPE

Balancing form, function, craftsmanship, luxury, and art within a single watch while maintaining brand identity is challenging. How do you achieve this? Achieving this balance is indeed challenging, but it is a matter of time. Three decades ago, I may not have been equipped for this task, but with 30 years of experience, global travel, and interactions with diverse markets and retailers, I have gained insights into what people anticipate from Patek Philippe. Collaborating with my father and the Patek Philippe team has equipped me with the know-how to manage our collections. Time and experience have made it feasible. Today, the process feels intuitive, and I precisely understand the course of action. This isn't something one can outsource; it requires an in-depth understanding of the brand, our end customers, and our retailers, coupled with extensive experience.

In what areas do you believe there is room for improvement? To be candid, there is room for improvement in our ladies' watches. Our focus has predominantly been on male watches, and while we are more than capable of creating stunning ladies' timepieces, time is our limiting factor. The primary challenge lies in finding the resources to develop movements for the ladies' line. For instance, if we aimed to produce 5,000 movements for women, the existing demand for Patek watches is already substantial. Redirecting 5,000 movements from the men's line to cater to women's watches would likely lead to backlash, as this would further extend the waiting list due to limited movement production capacity. Given that we are already operating at full capacity, we often have to reallocate movements from the men's collection to support the ladies' collection.



Patek Philippe, the venerated watchmaker, unveiled its sixth grand exhibition, "Watch Art" Tokyo 2023, inviting horology enthusiasts to delve into the world of intricate timekeeping. The sprawling exhibition provided an immersive experience into the heart of watchmaking excellence. With over 500 timepieces and artifacts on display, the event showcased the entirety of the brand's current collection, along with captivating rare handcrafted pieces that encompass techniques like miniature enamel painting, hand engraving, and micro wood marquetry.

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BEAUTY SECRET

"I have a cherished secret that has kept my skin radiant and glowing. I use soaked Frankincense tears (Luban) in a refreshing water spray. This simple DIY has not only maintained the clarity and firmness of my skin but also ignited the inspiration behind my entire Frankincense skincare line. Frankincense is a natural collagen booster and has been a key ingredient in healing acne scars and brightening dark spots."



HEALTHY & FIT

"I prioritize a diverse and conscious daily eating routine that includes a variety of vegetables, fruits, carbohydrates, and protein. My day unfolds with a nourishing breakfast and lunch, while dinner often consists of refreshing fruits. Strengthening my spirituality through daily prayer is also an integral part of my well-rounded approach to health. True radiance emanates from nurturing both inner and outer selves on a daily basis."



SUPER-FOODS

"Some of my favorite superfoods are honey and black seeds. This potent duo not only fortifies my immune system but also serves as a shield against various seasonal fluctuations Carrots and beetroot are staples too, not only for their nutritional value but also for the natural pink glow they give to my cheeks."



NADA EL AMRANI

WITH A FOCUS ON PLANET AND PEOPLE, THE EMIRATI FOUNDER OF MATIA NATURAL IS A WOMAN WHO BELIEVES IN POSITIVE CHANGE INSPIRED BY CULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY. HERE, SHE SHARES HER OWN PERSONAL HEALTH, FITNESS, AND WELLNESS RITUALS



LATEST RELEASE

"We're on the brink of introducing a ground-breaking addition to our skincare line – a series of on-the-go skincare sticks formulated to shield and rejuvenate the skin barrier against climatic challenges such as heat and humidity. They will soon be available at our store in ETHER by Cloud Spaces for people to purchase."



LESISURE ESCAPE

"My last trip was to Tangier, nestled in North Morocco, which holds a special place in my heart. The captivating views from Cap Spartel that encompasses the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean sea, mountains, and lush greenery have etched unforgettable memories in my mind. Its panoramic sights, golden beaches, rich history, and architectural wonders make Tangier my favorite travel destination."



Favorite Book
"My Story" by HH Sheikh
ohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum
which is about how he built a nation in a very short period of time with the notion of love, giving, perseverance and dedication



Favorite Hangouts The mountains of Hatta or the serene beaches of Saadiyat Island, is where I experience a profound sense of peace and introspection



Favorite Podcast I really enjoy Formula Botanica's Podcasts because skincare formulation is my passion and I've gained a lot of insights about the atest trends in the cosmetic industry by listening to it regularly.

CHILL & UNWIND "A hearty dinner, shared laughter, or activities like bowling or ice skating; these moments with my loved ones are my ultimate sources of relaxation."



Vents Tribales earrings. The sleek, reversible discs feature a compass rose on one side, and stones or pavé diamonds on the other. They can be worn alone or as a duo, matched or asymmetrical, to create infinite combinations to suit your mood.



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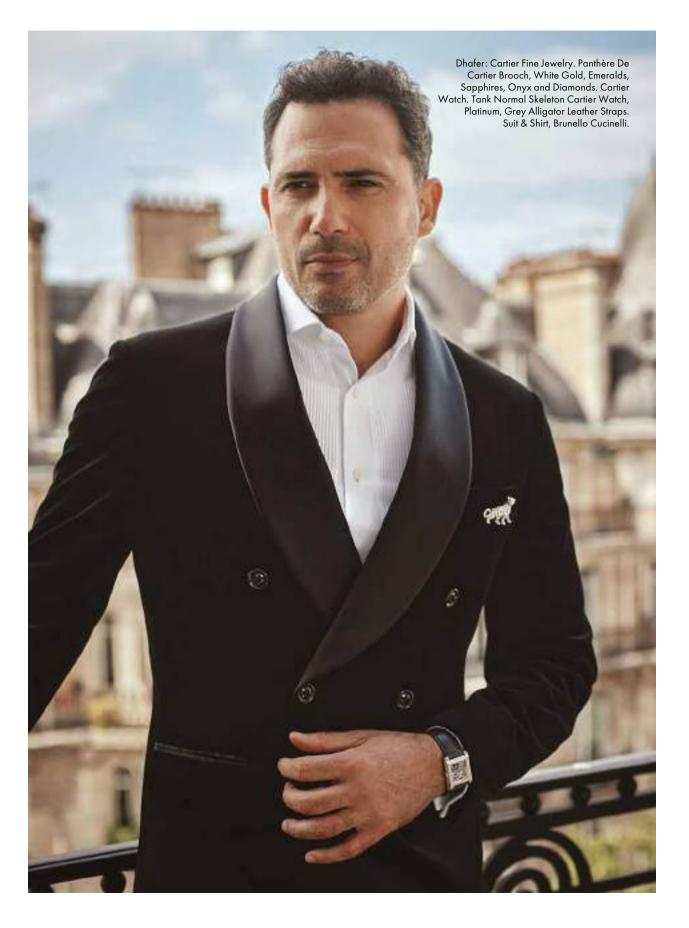


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"MY PANTHĒRE DE CARTIER RING I WEAR ALMOST EVERY DAY. EASY AND COOL... NATURALLY **OUTSTANDING BUT NOT** SHOWY. IT HAS STRONG AND **BOLD CURVES BUT ALSO GRACES** YOUR FINGER GENTLY. I LIKE TO CARRY THE PANTHERE ENERGY!"

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How has your background influenced who you are as an actor today? Tûba: The world and the characters written in the script are two-dimensional. As you read the script you create a world in your mind, add details with your imagination. I studied scene and costume design; with this fact and knowing dramaturgy and practicing painting, they all had a great impact on transforming my characters from two dimensions to three dimensions and turning them into real life individuals. As an actor one of the things I truly enjoy the most is working on the character's inner world, her psychology and interaction with other characters. It's like doing a puzzle for me.

And what does your role as an actor mean to you? Tûba: Seeing the reflection of the characters that I performed on people's lives is what impresses me the most about acting. It's an extraordinary experience for me to witness how people bond with these characters, the way they welcome them to their lives and keep

How does your acting tell your own personal narrative and explore your identity? Tûba: Lately I realize that I come together with the roles I have been receiving. The characters I perform sometimes become a guide for me, sometimes an answer and sometimes they bring a question that I need to find an answer in that phase of my life. While I immerse myself in these characters, I am also becoming ready to take the next step as an actress.

As someone whose work has crossed boundaries and managed to reach new audiences globally, what imprint would you like to leave on the world? Tûba: For as long as I can remember, searching for the inner and authentic me has been the biggest passion of my life. And everything I do, my mistakes, achievements, falls and rises are all about getting closer to my

How do the acting and fashion worlds collide for you? Tûba: Every design already has a character before it meets with people. It tells us a story. And it reflects an emotion and attitude to us. Acting is exactly like that. Like when you wear that piece on you, it grows bigger, transforms, reaches a wider meaning and

Cartier Maison embraces both boundless creativity and a rich heritage. Is this something you and the brand have in common?

Tûba: A rich heritage refers to the cultural, historical and traditional legacy that is passed down from one generation to another. However, I believe the most important part is understanding what your heritage is, which gives us a deeper version of our existence. As we explore our authentic selves it is possible to see things in a different and deeper angle than conventional ways. This brings us to an area of boundless creativity where we can find a way of expressing ourselves to the world. If this is not the meaning of existence, what would it be.

What's your favorite Cartier piece? Tûba: The Panthère collection of Cartier completely fascinates me. I have a lot, but if I have to, I will go with the most basic ones that I can match with anything and for any occasion: the Panthère de Cartier Double Loop watch and the Panthère de Cartier ring.

And from their new collection, is there anything you have your eye on? Tûba: My eye is on the Baignoire watch in white gold with cut diamonds and the Panthère de Cartier earrings in vellow gold with diamonds and onyx.

Which piece of Cartier Jewelry do you wear the most?

Tûba: It is the Panthère de Cartier ring - I wear it almost every day. Easy and cool... naturally outstanding but not showy. It has strong and bold curves but also graces your finger gently. I like to carry the Panthère energy.

What piece of jewelry makes you feel the most like yourself? Tûba: For me, it is always rings. Even when I am talking, I talk with my hands, so it is easy to see and feel the energy of what I carry on my fingers.





Tûba (*Right*): Panthère De Cartier Necklace; Ring & Bracelet, Both Cartier; Les Indomptables De Cartier Bracelet; Dress, Chloé

Dhafer (*Left*): Santos De Cartier Watch; Clash De Cartier Bracelet; Pullover, Bally; Trousers & Shoes, All by Brunello Cucinelli

With success at the box office and acclaim on the world film scene, the past few years have been good to Dhafer wouldn't you say? Dhafer: The past few years have been absolutely great; to be able to do the job that I love and to evolve and continue evolving in my career whether it be acting, writing or directing, I think is definitely something I'm very proud of. I'm grateful that I have the opportunity to pursue and continue doing what I love.

Are you now more conscious of what roles to accept?

Dhafer: Absolutely! I think with time you become more selective about the projects you would like to do and the types of roles you would like to play. You start to be able to decide faster since you know exactly what you want. Right now, I'm at a really good stage in my life where things are much clearer and I think I know exactly what I want.

You speak often of your heritage, could you tell us about the ways in which it influences your process and work? Dhafer: I think your heritage and where you're from and how you have been brought up are all factors that determine who you are! Acting, writing and directing are a reflection of your visions and how you see things, so heritage and background unconsciously affect your choices and the way you portray things whether you are an actor or as a writer or director the topics you would like to talk about and how you lay those stories out and you work them.

You have been classed as a bona fide style icon. Are you surprised of this new title? Dhafer: Yes, I am surprised. I'm

always surprised when people are given titles and names. I never knew what it meant before but you learn something new everyday.

How would you describe your style? Dhafer: I think I like things that are natural and simple. So simplicity in the way things are cut and designed, also colours that are neutral rather than loud and flashy. I like to wear things that fit me as a person and what suits me and my personality rather than following trends.

Including our ELLE Arabia shoot, it's not your first rodeo with Cartier. Why do you feel the brand represents you best? Dhafer: I think the brand has so much class and authenticity; Cartier is very recognizable whether the model is new or old, there is always a connection, always a style and always a look. I love the brand because it's consistent and classy and their identity is very clear.

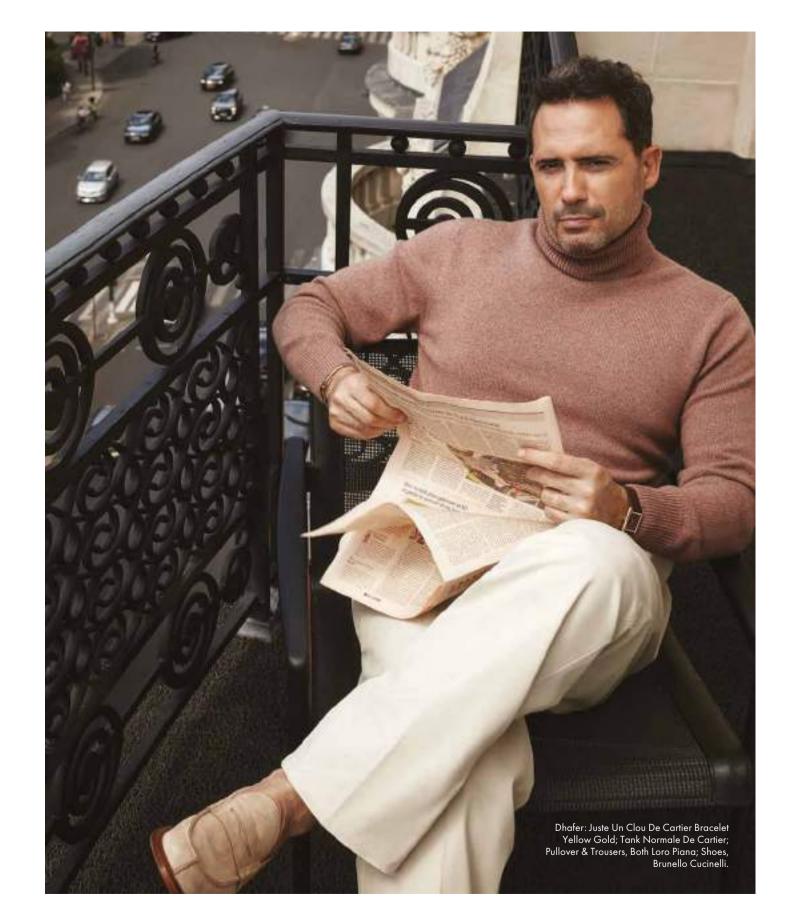
Which Cartier piece do you wear the most? Dhafer: I think the Santos de Cartier Skeleton is a beautiful watch. I was meant to wear it only on special occasions, but I can't seem to help myself and I wear it on a daily basis.

How many watches can we find in your collection? Dhafer: I've got a few watches but like anyone else I find myself wearing the same watch.

You've sported a Cartier Panthère brooch on the red carpet before. Do you have an inner panther in there somewhere? Dhafer: I think firstly it's a great piece of jewelry. Maybe it focuses on the look and design in the eyes of the panther and I would like to believe I have the same quality of focus.

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In our diary: Catch their upcoming fine jewelry and fashion pop-up planned for early December in Dubai, and their presence at the Dubai Design Week (7 - 12 Nov 2023)

When FAME Comes Calling

The first multi-disciplinary platform for art and design is raising a powerful and unified voice for Middle

ender parity has been a hot topic lately all over the world. It's without a shadow of doubt that there is change required and women are pushing forward to achieve a fair share of opportunities, recognition, and rights. That's where Christiana and Lara Jabara, Founders of the FAME Collective fit in perfectly to take the narrative forward. "Female artists are hugely under-represented in the world at large and FAME is part of the global movement to redress the balance of history," says Christiana. FAME which stands for Female Artists of the Middle East is a unique retail platform that brings the world of art and design together, while contributing to the bigger picture that weaves the rich culture and heritage of the Arab world into the diversified global landscape of opportunities that exists. This is an intentional approach - one that emerged naturally between the mother-daughter duo who united their strengths and conceived the platform with a clear and conscious vision. "We choose designers whose work reflects continuing cultural practices and experiences in a contemporary way. Authentic techniques that honor local materials and histories are important to us," they explain. From well-established

Bil Arabi, L'atelier Nawbar, and Noora Shawqi, and renowned furniture designer Nada Debs, there are several emerging artists that are being sourced out to showcase - and for good reason. "Every craft practice carries local heritage with it, and its continuation relies on its ongoing updating and adaptation - which is often done very imaginatively by female artisans as they innovate traditional modes in order to best fit their personal expression as it stands today," explains Lara. What exactly moved them to identify their vision and unite their strengths was something that occurred naturally when they were studying and traveling between the Middle East and Europe. While Christiana was pursuing her MA in Contemporary Art at Sotheby's, she became acutely aware of how significantly under-represented female artists were in general, and especially those from outside the Western canon. Meanwhile, when Lara was studying Creative Direction at University of the Arts, London, she grew aware of how Middle Eastern women were flambovant and unapologetic about their expression through fashion and jewelry, especially when it came to their personal identities. "We love how these women use visual materials to express their own experiences and the stories of their cultures in powerful and playful ways," they share. Today, the mother-daughter duo work as a dream team, taking on their respective roles related to their passion and interests. Lara curates the jewelry and art wear, while overseeing the artistic direction of the digital presence, while Christiana with her experience in events, interior design and contemporary art, curates the fine art and collectible design categories.





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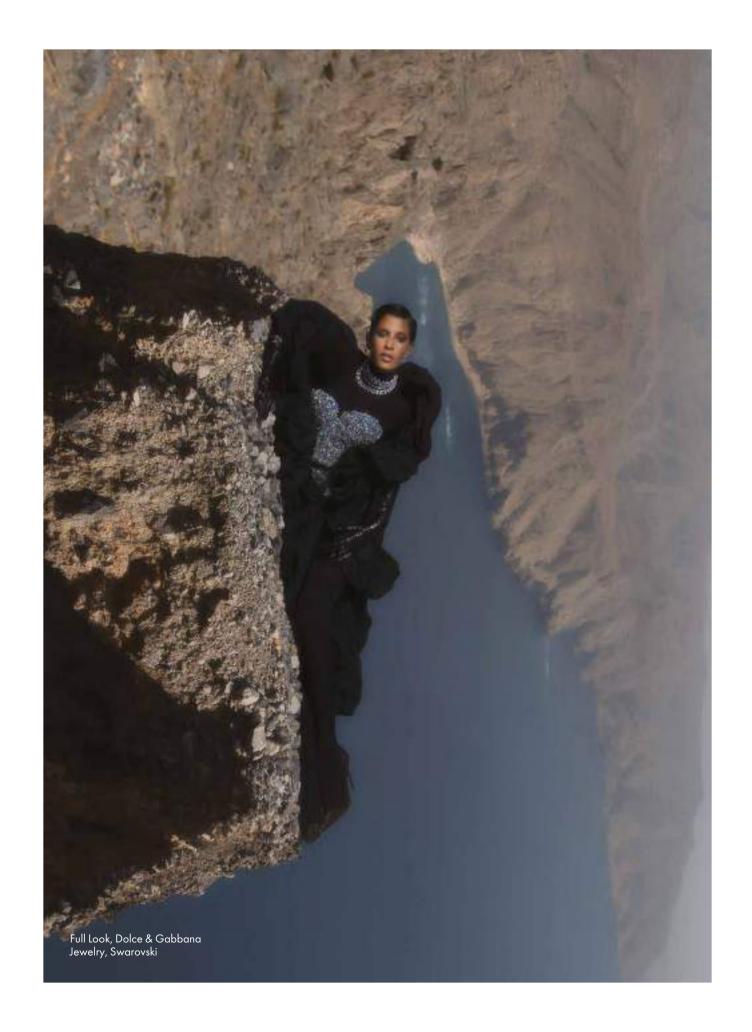


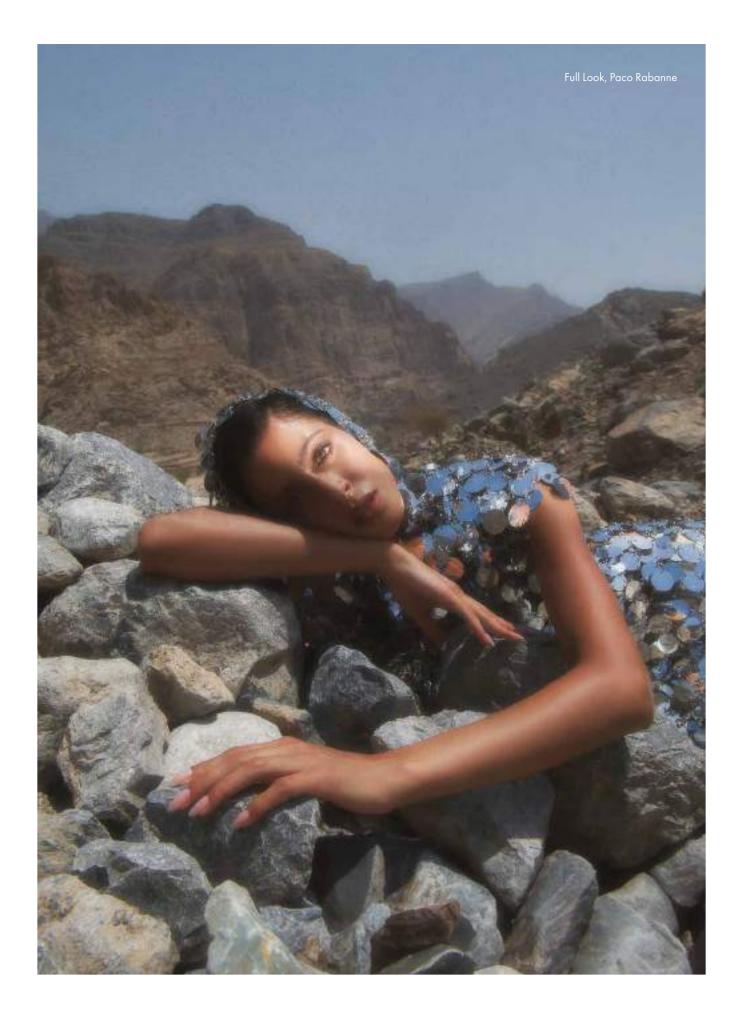


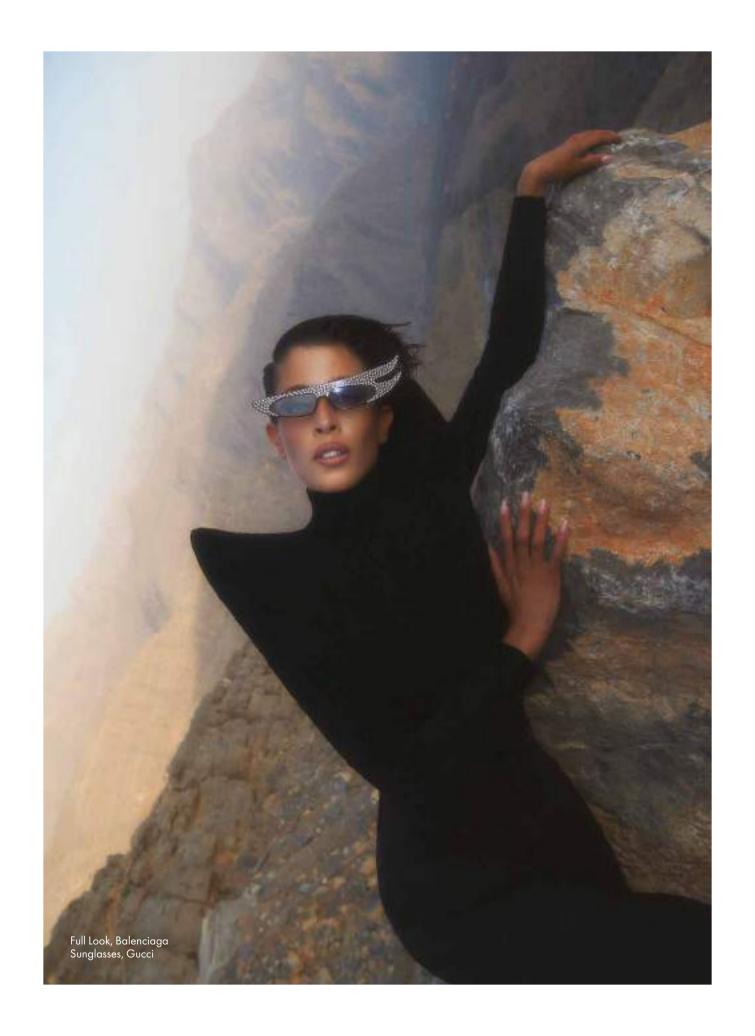


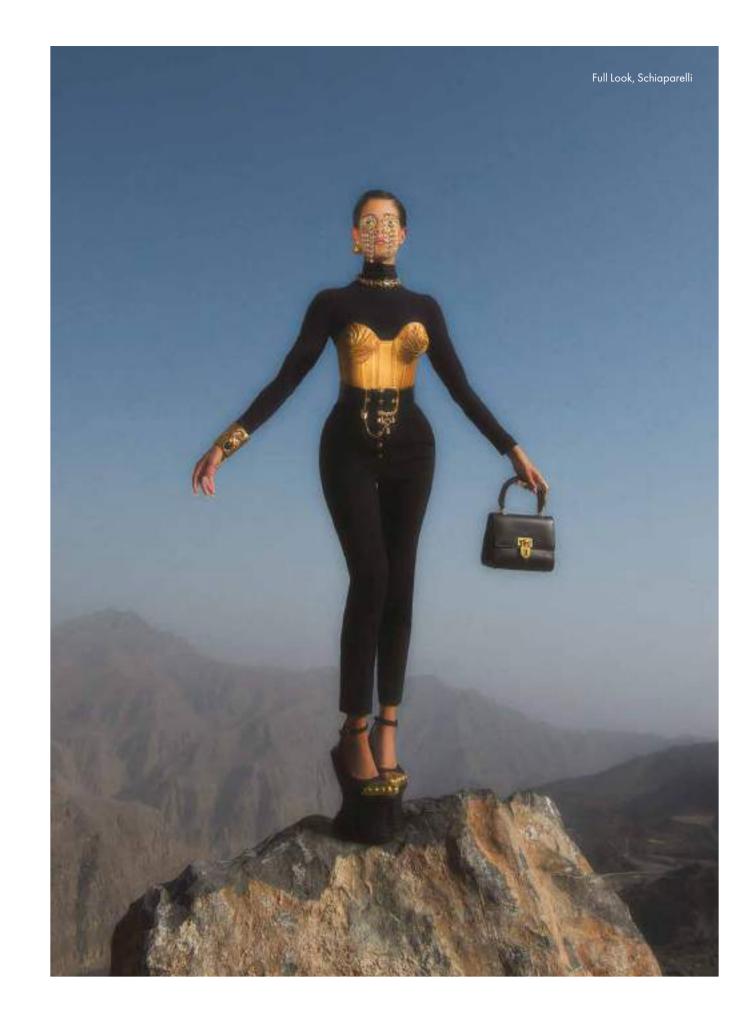


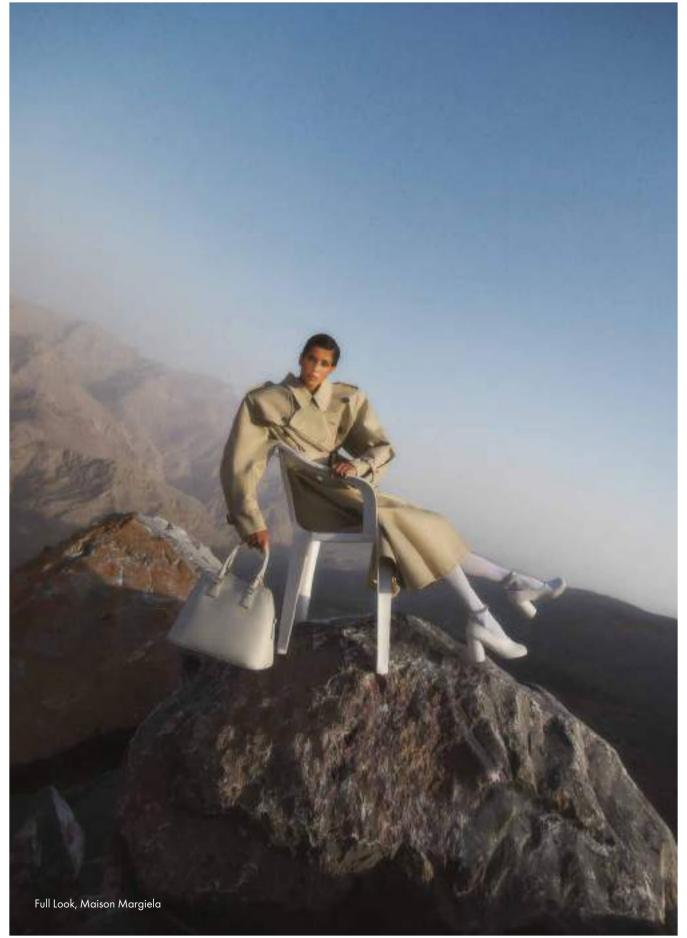


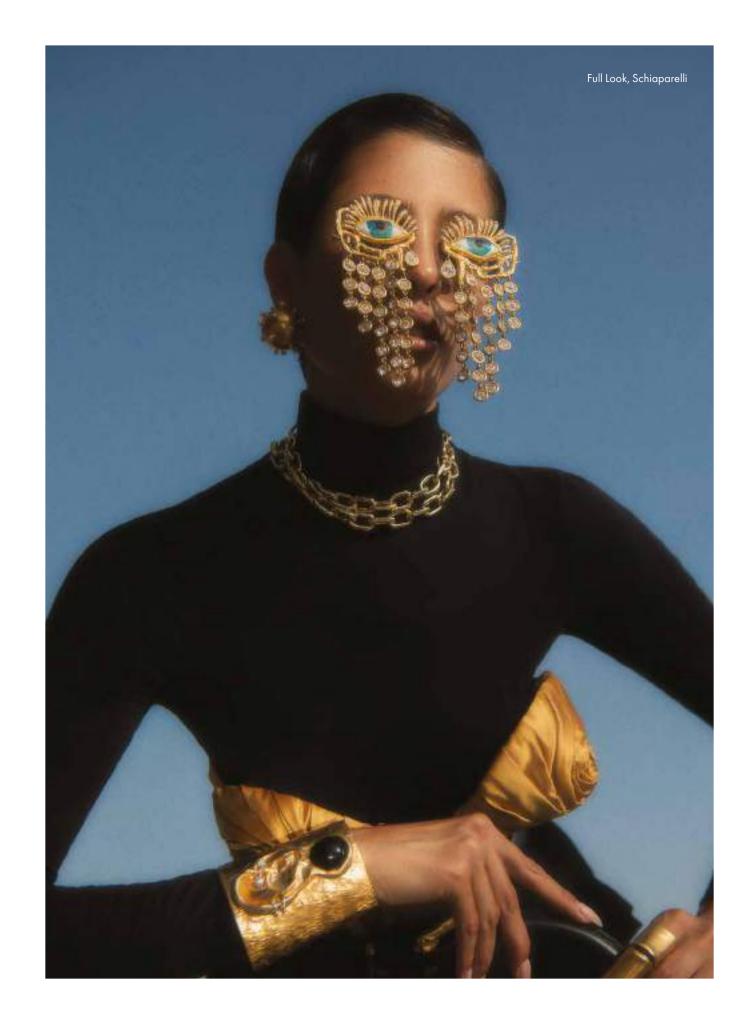






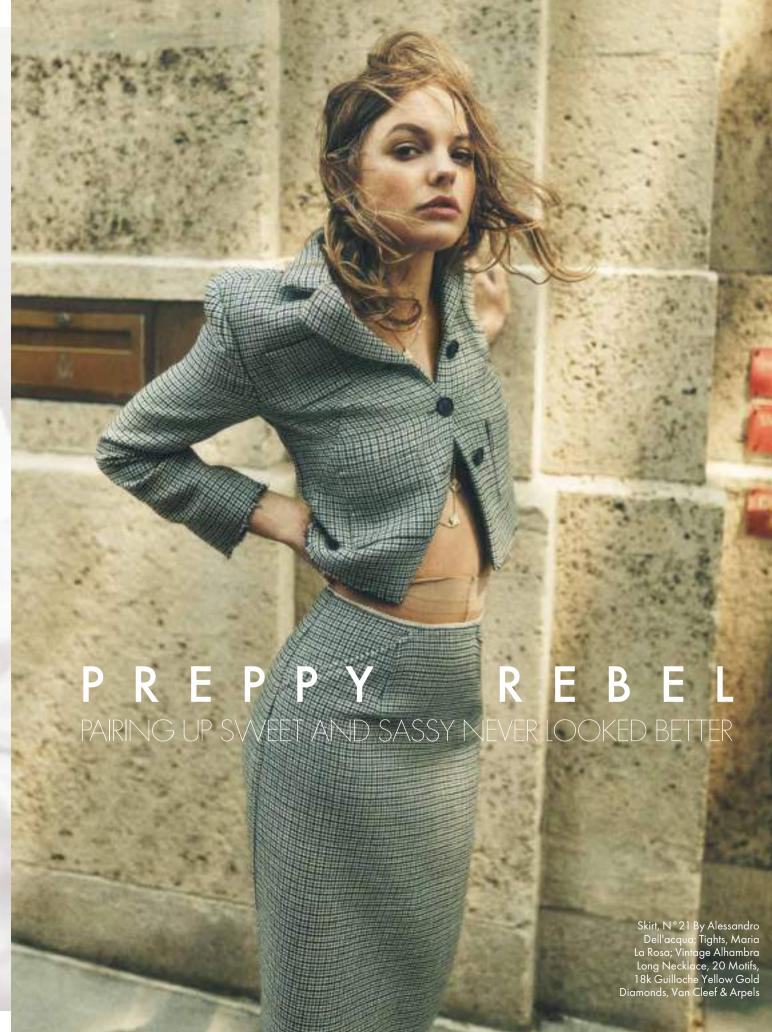






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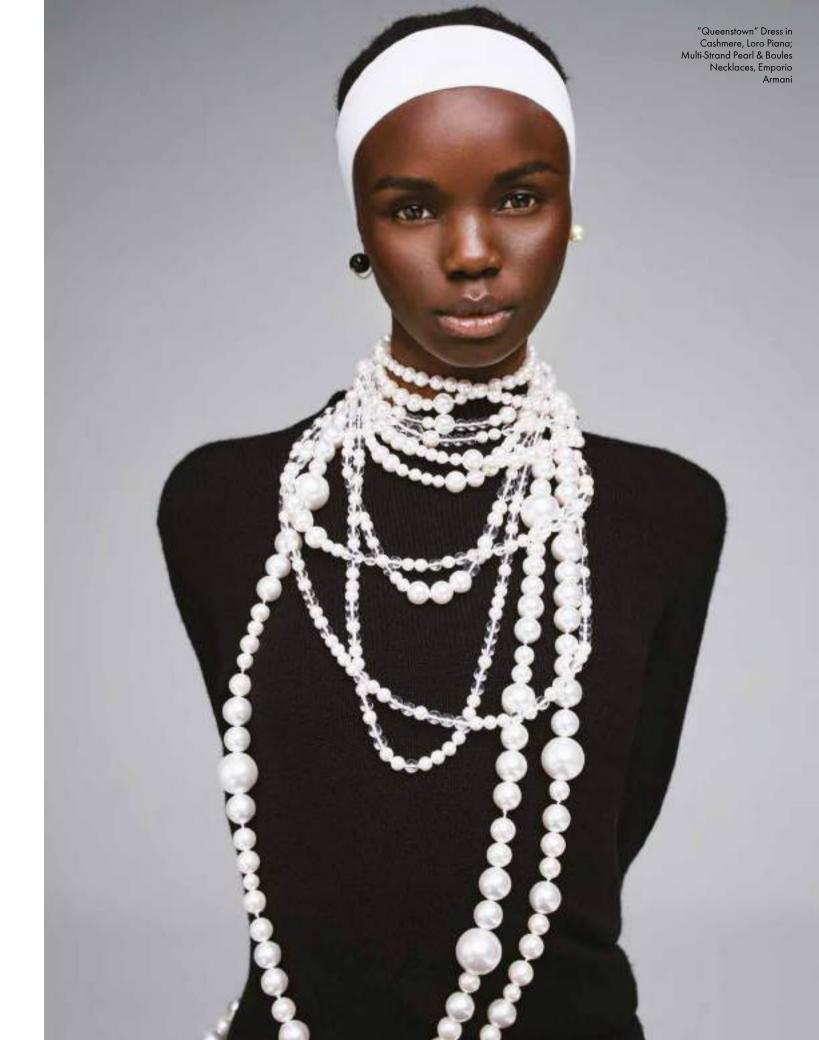






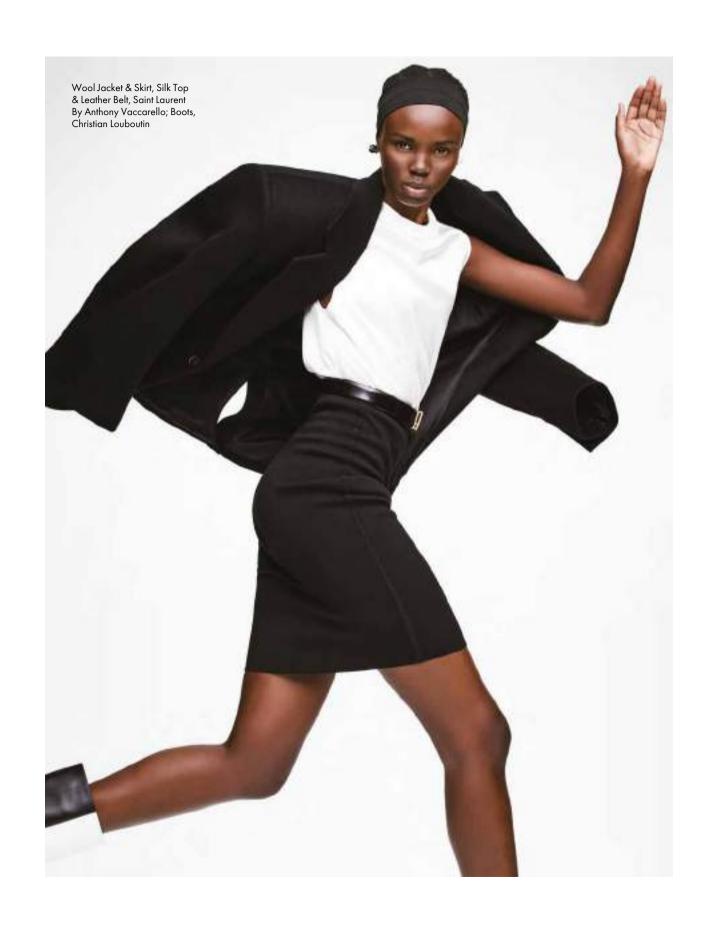






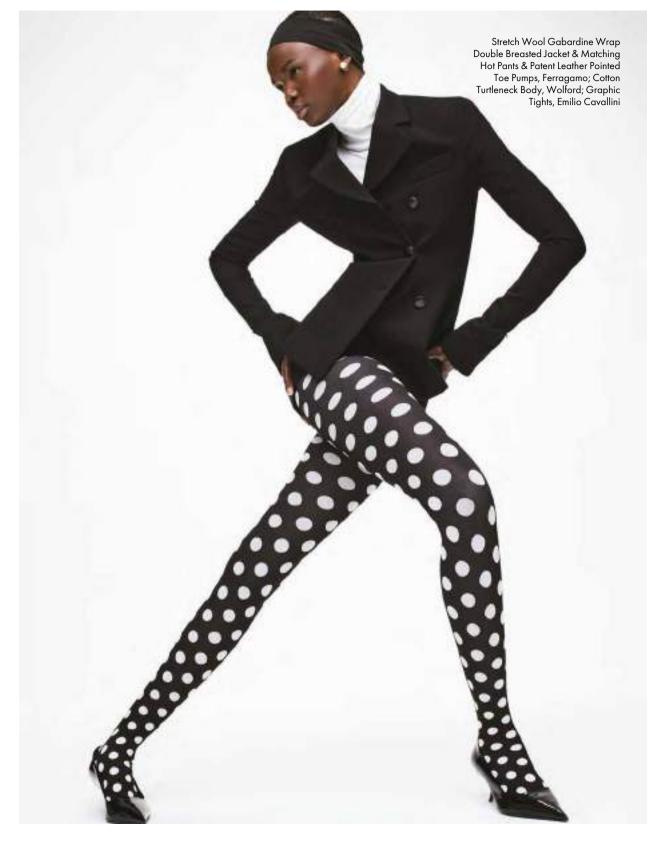








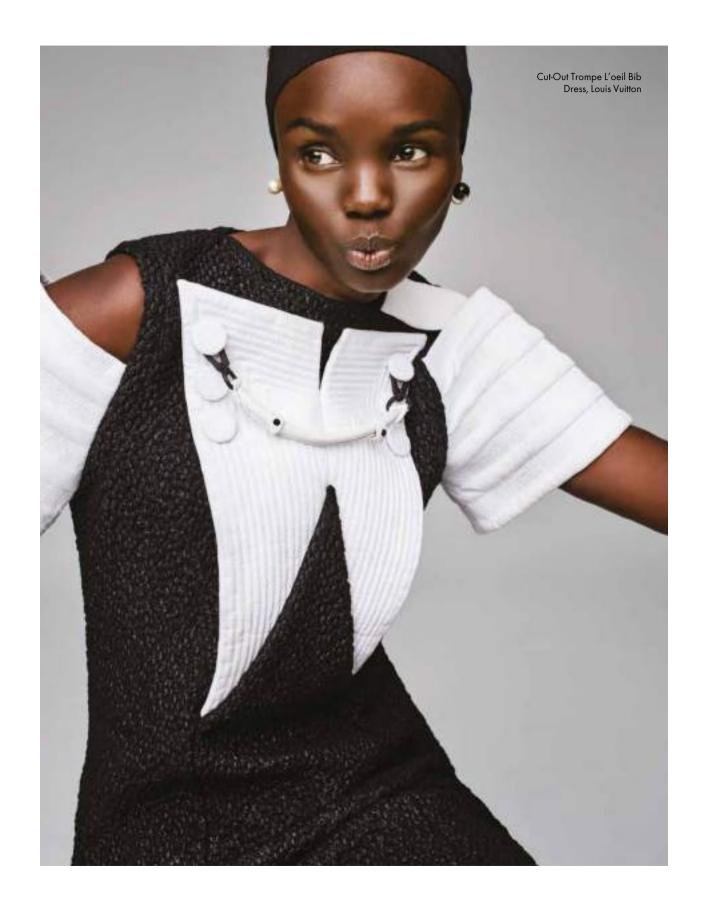
















Beauty

New to the crew

A fan of Summer Fridays' creamy lip and cheek tints? The brand just dropped a new shade called Dusty Rose – a dusk-inspired, soft mauve that also features hyaluronic acid and glycerin for an added boost of hydration alongside its flush of colour.



Floral for spring isn't groundbreaking, but for fall? We can't think of anything we'd rather be spiritizing than Mugler's Alien Goddess Supra Florale – a floral ambery scent made up of notes of Cactus Flower, Jasmine Sambac, and Everlasting Flower.



Keep that summer vacation glow going all through September thanks to Gisou's Honey Infused Body Oil Golden Shimmer Glow. With a combo of Mirsalehi Honey and the brand's Mirsalehi Oil Blend, not only will it add a sparkle to the skin but it'll leave it hydrated and smoother for hours.

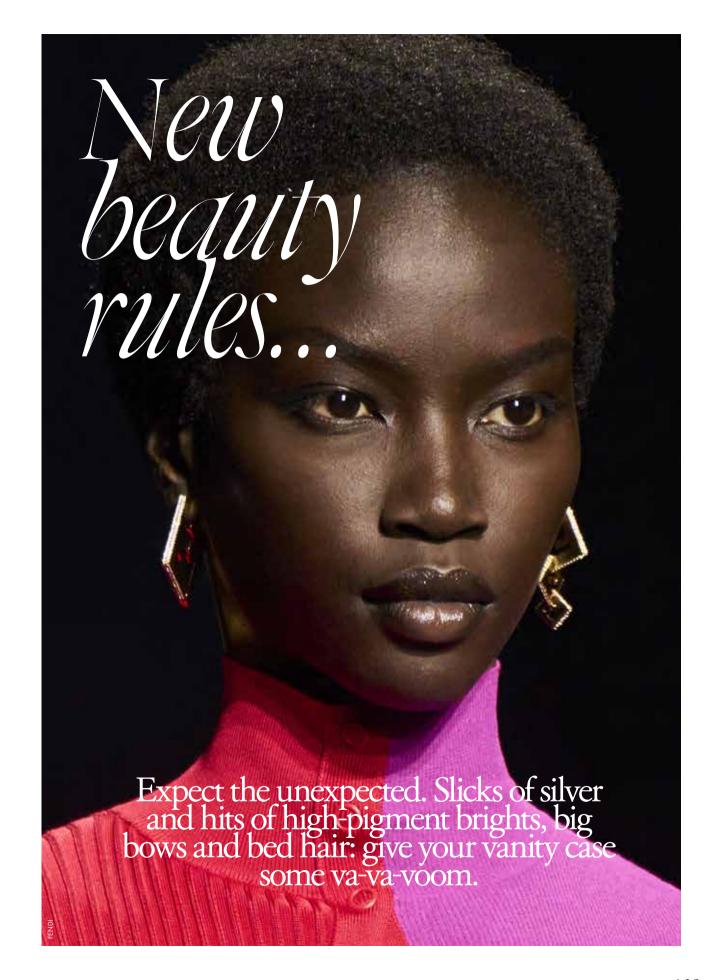






Here to the rescue

Summer sun got the best of your hair? Stop further damage with Kerastase's Nutri-Supplement Split Ends Hair Serum; formulated with plant-based proteins and niacinamide this intensely nourishing hair oil will help seal and reduces split ends you'll forget they were ever there!

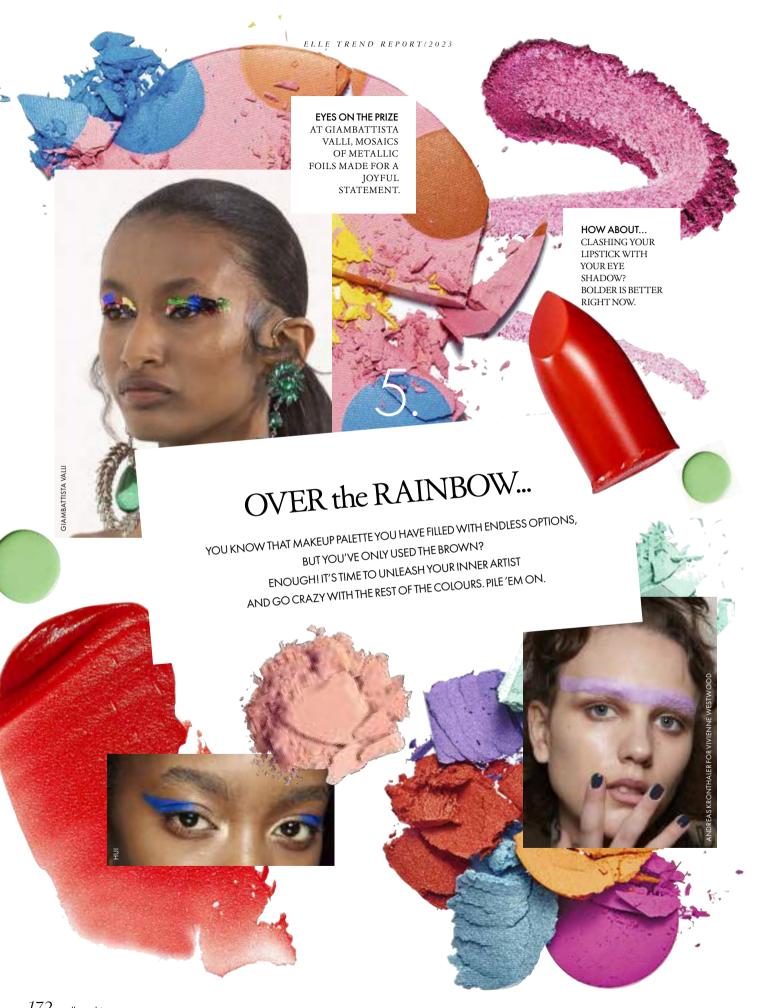


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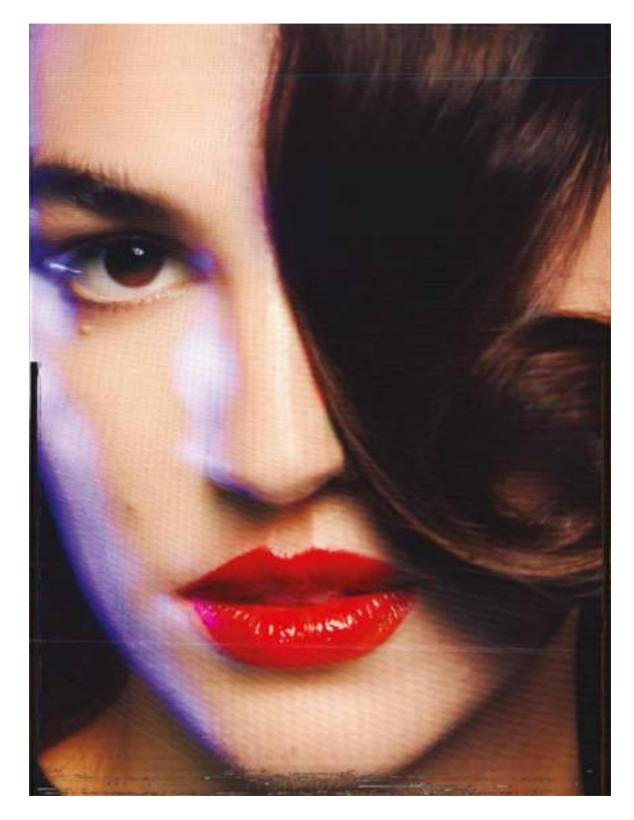


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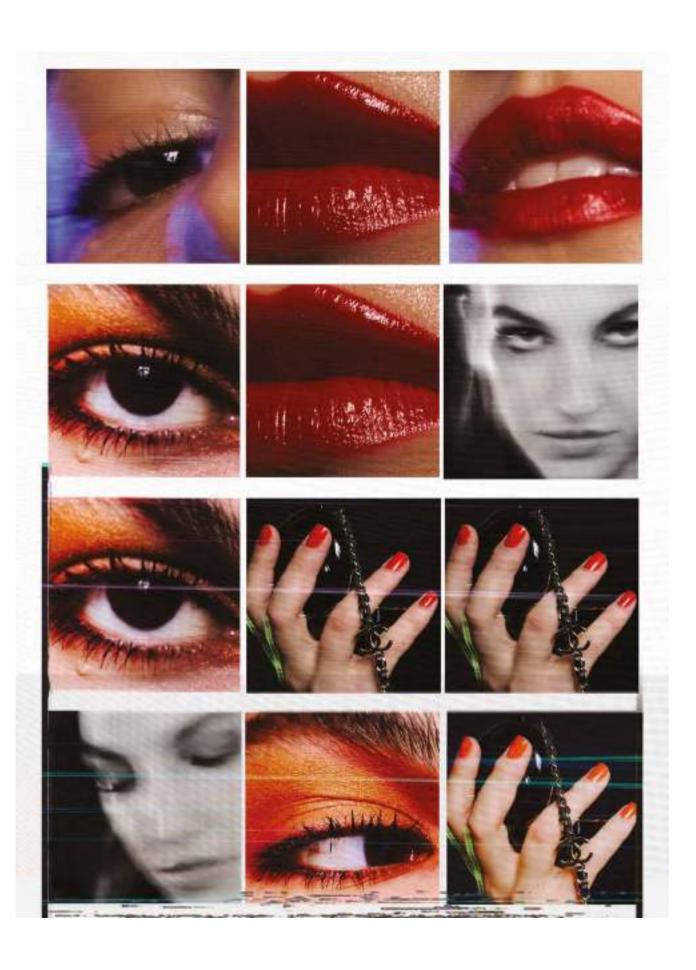
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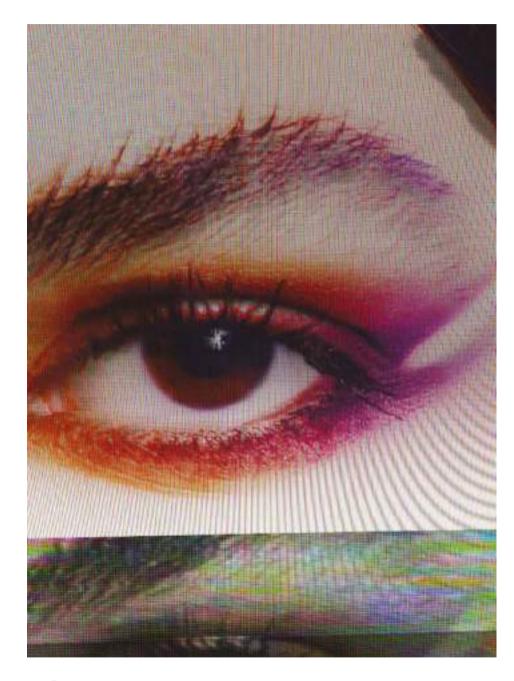




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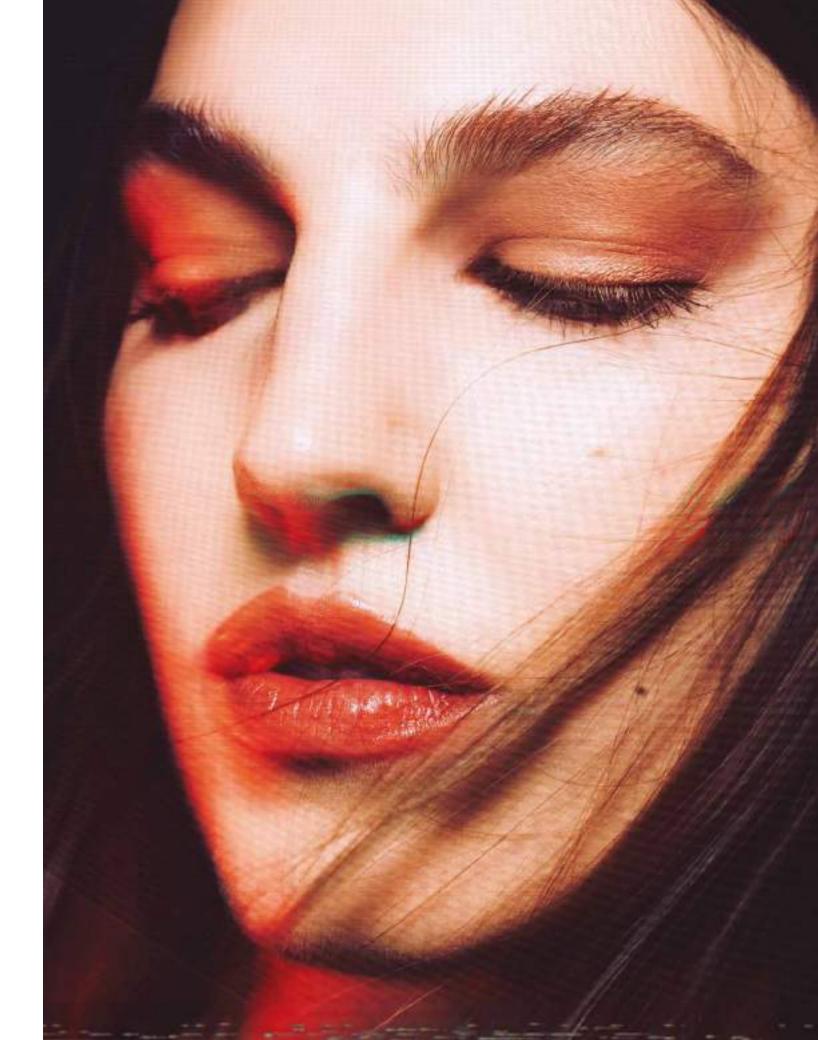






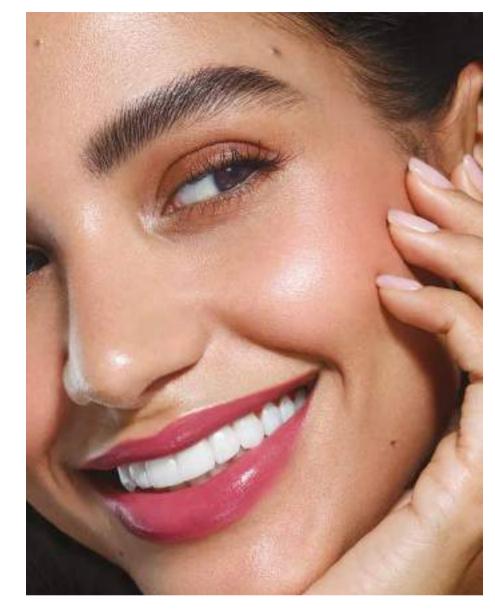
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Full, fluffy brows are just a few flicks away. Here's how to sculpt and tint them with Benefit Cosmetic's Goof Proof Brow Powder.



For dramatic definition with an all natural finish, Benefit Cosmetics' latest drop offers effortless application and goof-proof results whether you're a brow newbie or master pro.

HOW TO USE:

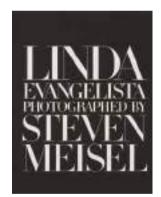
Start off by outlining your brows to shape and define. Then using light strokes, fill in those sparse brow areas and blend with a spoolie to give texture and dimension.

Pro Tip: Invest in Benefit Cosmetics' Dual-Ended Angled Eyebrow Brush (sold separately) for maximum results.



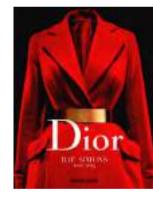






LINDA EVANGELISTA **PHOTOGRAPHED**

by Steven Meisel Evangelista, one of the world's most recognizable and photographed models of all time, has been Steven Meisel's muse for as long as anyone in the fashion world can remember. This tome, a stunning tribute to their enduring relationship, showcases more than 180 images from the photograpgher of his muse, all shot over the 8 course of 25 years.



DIOR BY RAF SIMONS By Tim Blanks

A must-have for fashion girlies and art lovers alike, this captivating volume explores the contemporary edge that Raf Simons brought to Dior from 2012 to 2015. Captured in photographs by Laziz Hamani, it serves as a comprehensive compendium of memorable creations from Simons for the French Maison.



THOM BROWNE - THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

By Andrew Bolton New York designer Thom Browne modernized today's professional uniform: the suit. Celebrating the luxury fashion house's legacy over the past 20 years, the book features more than 200 looks from past seasons curated by Andrew Bolton of The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute in New York.



MARIA BY CALLAS 100TH ANNIVERSARY **EDITION**

The legendary soprano was one of the most renowned and influential opera singers of the 20th century. With many books and movies depicting her incredible life's story, this updated edition (printed for Callas's 100th birth anniversary) offers never-seen-before seen photos from previously lost archives.



Play

INSHALLAH KHEIR BY DANA HOURANI

On repeat, since it first dropped a couple of weeks ago, Lebanese Dubai-based artist Dana Hourani's InshAllah Kheir is the ultimate season banger. The first single from her forthcoming album, it oozes an Afro-pop and Middle Eastern fusion that is super catchy and uplifting a promising start for the rest of the songs to follow.



<u>Watch</u> See Play

WITH CALENDARS A BUZZING, THESE ARE THE NOTEWORTHY HAPPENINGS CAUSING A STIR AT THE MOMENT

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CANDLELIGHT: A CENTURY OF ARAB MUSIC

A multi-sensory musical experience, Candlelight Concerts have become a worldwide phenomenon. This concert's lineup, a tribute to iconic Arab music, showcases all-time favourites from the likes of Egyptian composer Riad Al Sunbati, Egyptian singer Umm Kulthum, Algerian singer Rachid Taha and Lebanese singer Fairuz. Book your spot at the one-off concert taking place on the 15th of September at Majlis Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai.

Watch

TAHIR'S HOUSE ON NETFLIX

Netflix's expansion into the Arab world has brought on some incredible films and shows that are written, directed and acted by new and old regional talent. One such show is the brand-new comedy, Tahir's House. Set in Jeddah, it follows a dysfunctional family as they attempt to turn their failing fish shop into a thriving business.





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SWAN LAKE AT THE **DUBAI OPERA**

Dubai Opera is bringing Hungarian National Ballet's Swan Lake, a timeless classic, from 8 - 10 September 2023 mark your calendars for this timeless tale of love and magic!

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INSPIRING ARAB WOMEN TO FOLLOW ON THE 'GRAM NOW



RAZANE JAMMAL @ Razanejama|

Best known for her work in Netflix Original Paranormal, the British-Lebanese actress is paving the way for Arab talent in Hollywood. Follow her as she takes the world by storm, one role at a time.



XENA ELSHAZLII @Xenaelshazli

Cairo-based upcoming singer Xena Elshazlii is cruising through genres while defying expectations each time she performs. The 24-year-old released her first album El Woroud, earlier this year and we have it on repeat!



MAYAN EL SAYED @ Mayanelsayed

A rising Egyptian actress, Mayan will no doubt be the future leading lady of the big screen in the region. She's definitely one to watch especially after starring against major names including Mona Zaki and Hend Sabry!



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Mandarin Oriental, Paris

A FUSION OF ELEGANCE, LUXURY, AND TIMELESS BEAUTY IN THE HEART OF THE CITY



historic 1930s Art Deco-inspired building,

exudes a unique character that blends

contemporary Parisian elegance with oriental

infusing a subtle air of exoticism and romance

into its atmosphere. The lobby welcomes

THE DESIGN

Swarovski crystal butterflies that sparkle on entry doors and flutter throughout. The lobby also features a delicate sculpture by Nathalie Decoster, suspended from a thread, adding to the enchanting ambiance. Designer Sybille de Margerie's touch resonates throughout, from elegant rooms to curated bookcases, creating a sense of immediate belonging and sophistication.

THE LOCATION

Situated at 251 Rue Saint-Honoré, Mandarin Oriental, Paris, is nestled in the heart of the fashion capital, surrounded by prestigious Mandarin Oriental, Paris, housed within a luxury fashion brands, just steps away from landmarks like Place Vendôme. Its prime location offers easy access to renowned museums such as the Louvre, the Decorative refinement. The hotel's creative style pays Arts, and the Jeu de Paume. Guests can homage to couture and celebrates unique art, explore iconic Parisian squares like Place de la Concorde and Place Vendôme, both just a short stroll away. The hotel's proximity to

the Comédie Française, the Orangerie, and the Garnier Opera adds cultural richness to its surroundings, while the Champs-Élysées and world-class shopping await nearby.

THE FOOD AND AMENITIES

Mandarin Oriental, Paris, boasts 135 luxurious and spacious rooms and suites that reflect the city's elegance. The hotel offers a lush indoor garden, three exquisite restaurants, a sophisticated cocktail bar, and an acclaimed Cake Shop overseen by Chef Thierry Marx. The spa offers oriental-inspired holistic treatments, Mandarin Oriental's signature well-being and beauty programs, and Guerlain beauty treatments. With 7 private suites, heat and water treatments, a large indoor pool, and a fitness center, the spa fosters relaxation and well-being. This opulent experience is complemented by its prestigious "Palace Distinction," awarded by Atout France, highlighting the hotel's excellence and embodying French standards of luxury.







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Hotel Lutetia is the Belle Époque of the elegant and graceful district of St-German des Près, exquisitely overhauled by French architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte who refreshed many of the Art Deco aspects while adding a contemporary finesse. The 184-room property makes for an opulent residence spread across 7 floors with 47 suites each unique and magnificent in their own style and form. The most spectacular though is the Eiffel Penthouse which comprises of 7 distinctive rooms, each competing to show the most flattering panorama of the City of Lights with a memorable mix of slanted ceilings and sculpted window frames - cherished features of classic St. Germain rooftop homes. Add to the mix a buzzing jazz club, an iconic brasserie header by a Michelin-acclaimed chef, and a wellness center - you will never want to leave this Left Bank grand hotel.

GOOD EATS

With its own hidden al fresco patio and interior that is reminiscent of the hotel's Art Deco history, Brasserie Lutetia is the place for locals to dine and be seen in. Do like the Parisiennes, and order the sole meunière and a side of Burgundy snails with parsley butter.









DESIGN WONDERLAND

Step into a time capsule of 1960s Milan at Casa Baglioni, the newest gem in the heart

of Brera, Milan's renowned design district.

This hotel is more than just a place to stay;

it's a journey into the artistic pulse of the city.

Milanese architects Spagnulo & Partners have

woven their magic, adorning each of the 30

guest rooms and suites with iconic artworks.

Enrico Castellani's 'Superficie Bianca,'

Christo's 'Running Fence,' and more grace

the walls. Lighting by Panzeri, wallpaper

by Rubelli, and taps by Zucchetti create an

intricate symphony of style. Gala Rotelli's vivid

"Cromie domestiche" collection adds a playful

touch, turning interiors into vibrant canvases.

CASA BAGILON



to Milan's vibrant soul.

WHERE ART MEETS LOCATION

Perched in the heart of Brera, known as the 'artists' district,' Casa Baglioni isn't just a hotel; it's a portal to Milan's creative soul. Explore charming art galleries, antique markets, and high-end boutiques just around the corner. The location is a blend of timeless charm and modern luxury, inviting guests to soak in the vibrant culture. As you step out, you're amidst the lively streets that have inspired generations of artists. The city's essence is captured in one captivating locale.

CONNOISSEUR

Casa Baglioni is more than just a hotel; it's a sensory symphony. Indulge your palate at the destination restaurant, helmed by Michelinstarred Chef Claudio Sadler. Your taste journey doesn't end there - explore the wine cellar housing 850 prestigious labels, a haven for oenophiles. The hotel's cultural experiences are a treasure trove. Discover Brera's hidden corners with guided tours that whisk you through its artistic tapestry. Relish the Taste of Brera tour, a culinary exploration of the district's flavors and the bustling open-air markets. Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, or an explorer, Casa Baglioni is your gateway









THE LOW DOWN

Poised between rugged mountains and vibrant emerald waters, Six Senses Zighy Bay is Oman's hidden jewel. Laid out like a traditional local village, individual stone-walled villas, suites, and beachfront retreats offer cool rustic interiors with ceilings made of date palm sticks and walls made out of local stone. Each of these Omani-styled villas come with their very own private plunge pool with high cobblestone walls, sun loungers and outdoor showers. Bike from yours to the resorts freeform infinity-edged pool that winds down towards the sea, or check try your hand at sailing, mountain biking, archery or parasailing. The spa is another highlight; with top skilled practitioners, two Arabic-style hammams, an ice cave, a menu of skin-purifying and soul soothing treatments, you will never want to leave.

GOOD EATS

Perched on a private terrace 293 meters above the azure waters of Zighy Bay, Sense on the Edge is the perfect setting for a meal of locally sourced food. Serving a Kaiseki style dinner, highlights include dishes like Kombu curried Muscat scallops and roasted sustainable cod.





Horoscope

20 MARCH - 19 APRIL

There are times when acting on your own instincts and trusting to luck won't work for you, and this is one of them. For the next few weeks you will need the help of partners and intermediaries; the personal politics of it all may drive you crazy, but it's the only way to deal with your present problems. Be patient, and ready to make necessary sacrifices and concessions. What you give up now you can get back later

Cancer

21 JUNE - 21 JULY

There are certain topics you feel very strongly about, and you may well steer your life by those beliefs; but you also feel that they are an individual choice, and keep them private. This month's full moon, however, may force you to declare your opinions openly. Don't worry about how this might affect your reputation: contrary to your fears, your honesty and integrity will gain you much admiration and respect.

Taurus

You have been letting a golden opportunity slip by. It's the right thing for you, at the right time, yet you have been deliberately ignoring it. Perhaps you are afraid of the changes it would bring. Will there be other chances as good as this? Probably not for some years, and you may not want to wait that long. The first step is always the hardest, but it's also the most important; mid-September will show you what to do.

22 JULY - 22 AUGUST

Looking ahead, you see fewer options than you would like, and this troubles you. Maybe, you think, you should stick with what you know, and play safe. Actually, this apparently dark future is an illusion. From where you are now, which is a temporary tight spot, it's hard to see far in front of you; but as you get round the next curve in the road, the view will open up, and the horizon will be as wide and bright as ever.

Gemini

21 MAY - 20 JUNE

The next few weeks will let you gently unhook yourself from the past. Although you have managed to move on quite successfully, there are still threads of unresolved issues which tie you to that time. But now, if you want to, you can go back and talk it all through, settle any disputes, and re-establish friendship, so that when you meet up in the future, all the mistrust and negative emotion will be gone. It's worth

Virgo 23 AUGUST - 22 SEPTEMBER

Where does inspiration come from? Is it your subconscious, or does it come from elsewhere? Whatever the answer, a sudden flash of insight this month enables you to solve a problem that had defeated all your most logical thinking earlier in the year, and lets you put into action a plan you had been forced to abandon. The original concept was good, and still is; you just needed to see what you had missed before.

September

Libra

23 SEPTEMBER - 22 OCTOBER

If there's someone you've been admiring from a distance but haven't yet dared to approach, then this is the time to do it, as fiery Mars enters your sign to make you bolder - though it may be that the other person, unwilling to wait any longer, makes their move before you do, which will surprise you. But you've both signalled your intentions, and you're standing closer than you were, so...the next move is yours.

Capricorn

21 DECEMBER - 19 JANUARY

You're involved in career negotiations, a reallife board game trading money and position to advance your ambitions. You've done this sort of thing before, so it should be familiar. But that's just the problem - it's very easy to go down the same paths, and end up in the same place, as you did before. Make sure that what you get out of this is something genuinely different; if it's not, you'll have to go round again.

Scorpio 23 October - 21 NOVEMBER

You have been under a lot of pressure in recent months, and it would be good to ease off a little. Listening rather than shouting will make agreement easier for both sides, and a relationship issue can gain breathing space by taking it back a few steps rather than constantly trying to push it forwards. If this sounds like giving in, it's not - it's about making your life less stressful, and getting better results with

Aquavius

20 JANUARY - 18 FEBRUARY

If you've made a decision and you know your life is going to move on, then the final days before it all happens become very sweet, almost nostalgic, even though they're still in the present moment. That's where you are now, enjoying life to the full. And you can extend it, if you wish: although your big move is definite, and you do want it to happen, the exact date is up to you. You'll know when the time is right.

Sagittarius

22 NOVEMBER - 20 DECEMBER

The planets are in a soft and thoughtful mood, encouraging you to take a good look at where you are now, but also where you would like to be in the future. How do you get from one to the other? How do you avoid the dead ends that capture vour attention so easily but lead nowhere? As always with Sagittarius, the answer is not so much what you do but how much you believe in it. Look beneath the surface.

Pisces

19 FEBRUARY - 19 MARCH

You have been trying to be everything to everybody, and the effort of it has worn you out. This month's full moon in your own sign, close to no-nonsense Saturn, suggests that you should make it clear that you have boundaries, too, and that when people ask for too much, you will say no. It's a good move: relationships of all kinds, both at work and in your private life, are easier when there are firm rules to follow.

Hala Alasmari

THE SAUDI FOUNDER AND CREATIVE DESIGNER BEHIND OF A JEWELLERY CALLS ON HER FELLOW CREATIVES TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE FUTURE...



Dear Elle readers:

I want to wish a Happy National Day to all my Saudi brothers and sisters. I'm honored to be writing the last word for this special issue. We as a country have shown the world - time after time - how adaptive and dynamic we are with change. We have taken the world by storm with impressive and exciting news. Now that we've got everyone's attention, it's time to introduce ourselves. Saudi is rich with stories that are yet to be told. Today is the day to jump out of your seat and unleash your creativity. To all Saudi creatives, you have an important role in the Vision of 2030; it's you who will translate the Saudi culture to the world. Great art comes from the ability to be vulnerable and true to who you are and where you come from. It's

time for us Saudis to create an impact and show diversity in the art and fashion world. We now have our own fashion week and our own film festival, and we will no longer simply sit and be spectators but active participants. Your creative energy and voice matter. Support others and watch our strong-tied community support you back. I see us building a country that has a clear identity, our identity, expressed through our creative work. To be an inspiration for the rest of the world, our story has to be written by us. Today, let us celebrate our beautiful homeland, our great leaders, and the future to come. Enjoy!

Your sis, Hala



