



luxury briefing

Exclusive interview with Bobbi Brown

Roland Mouret celebrates ten years of the Galaxy dress *Clinique introduces a new multimedia editorial platform* and

Balthazar collaborates with Matthew Williamson *Waterford introduces the Rebel collection* and The Berkeley reveals

plans for a pine-filled forest cinema

Bentley unveils the Bentayga Plus: Q&A with Jeremy Goring



Resort & Spa opened this month.

The well-established upmarket area, renowned for its tranquil yoga retreats, will now house a new serene destination. Designed like a temple structure, the hotel will have a total of 152 guest rooms and plenty of wellness offerings. Close by, adventure also awaits guests with Yala National Park housing leopards and sloth bears. In addition, Anantara Salalah Resort, due to open towards the end of the year, will be located on the Arabian Sea in Salalah City, Dhofar Coast, in the south of Oman. The new resort will be adjacent to a natural canal and will have direct access to the beach, a botanical garden and the Al Baleed UNESCO archaeological sites. With 136 guest rooms and villas, this luxurious new holiday hotspot will be 10 km from the city centre and 15 km from the airport. The five star Jabal Akhdar Anantara Hotel Resort & Spa, Oman, also set to open at the end of the year, will be a hot spot destination for tourists surrounded by awe inspiring landscapes, beautiful terraced gardens all topped off with Mediterranean-style climate.

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Kameha Grand Zurich to launch space themed suite _____

The Kameha Grand Zurich Hotel, Switzerland is set to launch a cutting-edge Space Suite designed by German artist Michael Najjar. A visual artist, adventurer and future astronaut who has undergone intensive cosmonaut training in Russia, Najjar will also be the first contemporary artist in space as one of Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic Pioneer Astronauts. The idea behind the Space Suite is to immerse guests or 'crew members' into the atmosphere of a space station, tapping into various elements of perception to enliven the experience. Quirky features include an automated female voice inspired by John Carpenter's science fiction film *Dark Star* to welcome the crew member in eight different variations, spot lights inspired by rocket engines and a space glove where crew members can place their phones or key cards. The bed will also be designed in a way to look like it is floating, while the mattress is shaped as a black rectangle to reflect the monolith from 2011: *A Space Odyssey*. The steam bath follows through with the Universe motif and features

a small window which presents a view into space and down on Earth. Crew members can also relax using an iPod, extensive library and Apple TV filled with information in German and English related to the topic of space.

Najjar's artistic influence can also be seen with four acrylic platforms holding mock ups of historic rockets and space ships and three artworks by Najjar himself.

The Space Suite finds perfect alignment with the sensory experience flowing throughout the hotel, creating a place where fantasy and reality converge, full of innovation and freedom of thought.



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The world's first CÉ LA VI _____

Hong Kong-based AB Concept has unveiled the stunning design of the world's first CÉ LA VI, a club, restaurant and rooftop bar conceived around a unique blend of passion, intrigue and Southeast Asian flavour, representing the lifestyle brand's inaugural venture with a mind-blowing venue in the heart of Hong Kong. The new luxury dining and entertainment brand is located on the top three floors of the new California Tower in Lan Kwai Fong and is a heady concoction of imagination, flair and rhythm - a sanctuary of seduction dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, a tropical oasis in the centre of the concrete jungle. Bringing together stunning vistas, an energising urban environment and an invigorating philosophy, CÉ LA VI, which is a play on the French term 'This is Life', aims to become the international titan of lifestyle and sophisticated hedonism. Filled with natural materials such as lava stone, ship's wood, rattan and nourished with live plants in the form of vertical gardens and green chandeliers, the creative vision for the new venue brings the feel of the tropical rainforest into the concrete jungle while constantly paying homage to CÉ LA VI's commitment to harmony and balance. The motifs and colours

of the Southeast Asian landscape occur throughout the venue, using shadow and textures to masterfully create a seductive, intimate and sensual atmosphere.

"We're delighted to have been so instrumental in creating the design DNA for CÉ LA VI's pioneering first venture," says AB Concept's co-founder Ed Ng. "This was a really fun project. CÉ LA VI pride themselves on knowing how to put on a party and we thoroughly enjoyed interpreting their passion for playfulness and seduction into the design. I think the finished product perfectly combines the sense of escape with the sensuality and intrigue for this iconic new brand." The next AB Concept-designed CÉ LA VI is the renovation of the iconic Marina Bay Sands venue in Singapore, and will continue with venues in Taipei, Bangkok and Dubai.

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Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park launches Christmas Season _____

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London is partnering with world famous luxury department store and Knightsbridge neighbour, Harrods, to celebrate Christmas 2015. The hotel will take pride of place in the Harrods festive window displays, which will be unveiled on 1 November. Head pastry chef, Heather Kaniuk will use her creative talent for making petit gâteaux, macarons and handmade chocolates for a Teddy Bear Tea, in honour of Benedict, the Harrods 2015 Christmas Teddy, served at The Rosebery from 23 November 2015 until 10 January 2016. The Christmas fairy tale continues with Harrods transforming public spaces at the hotel including the marble Lobby and The Rosebery into a stunning, seasonal spectacle. With a red and gold colour theme, and a huge Christmas tree in the Lobby as its centrepiece, the delightful display will be unveiled on 27 November. A Very Harrods Christmas accommodation package includes one night accommodation, breakfast, a welcome gift and presents in the guestroom, including Benedict the Teddy Bear and a VIP appointment with Harrods Gift Bureau to find the perfect gift for your loved ones. The accommodation package is valid between 23 November and 30 December.