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Simon Baker talks about his work and family life

# **X MARKS THE SPOT**

In just a few of our articles this month we deal with family (Simon Baker), US politics (Spike Lee) and climate change (Catherine Feore), and don't they make a sad trilogy these days. They are inseparable triplets who may just bring the planet crashing to its knees - or up to its knees in what is currently left of our sustainable land mass as the waters trickle ever outwards to ensure there won't be much dry land left to fret over. The Trumps of this world are old and haggard and they couldn't give a damn, even about their children and their grandchildren's future. Agent Orange, as Spike Lee calls him in our pages this month, is hell-bent on a pure capitalist system that cannot sustain itself without a social contract with those who are not so well off, the displaced souls sailing the seas, the poor immigrants fighting to get a stuffy place on a sealed lorry bound for London.

Our only instinct when we rise in the morning should be to wonder about those people – how those families in the short term can get by and what happens in the medium and long term. Trump and Johnson and all those other cronies have the warmth of a rock in winter in their hearts, and it's a cold, cold winter facing thousands and thousands of people across the globe, thanks to their 'fake' wars.

It's heart-warming that young folks are marching for the climate, for the planet, for their futures and their children's future. But there is a little box provided in schools and church halls in every country in the world where you can make the most powerful statement of all – put a tick in the ballot box and tell them where to put it.

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### Personal development: Are you bigger than your mistakes?

International Speaker, Peak Performance Trainer and Business Mentor Arnon Barnes says mistakes can be a challenge. Every time I write an article for this wonderful magazine, I use my personal experiences from my different businesses as a form of inspiration. During the past few weeks. I was confronted with a challenge, a mistake that could have cost me a lot of money!

### Travel: Exploring modern Munich

Mark Browne visits Bavaria's capital to experience another side of this modern cosmopolitan city. Munich, a city that is renowned worldwide for its famous annual Octoberfest, may have fallen victim to being typecast from a visitor's perspective due to the festival's popularity and international reputation. Its global success means that tourism in Munich inevitably conjures up initial images of traditional lederhosen and dirndl costumes, steins of beer and oompah brass bands!

#### Celebrity: James Mc Avoy, in love with his trade

Together sat down with a young Scottish actor James McAvoy whose rise is nothing short of meteoric. Having been the scary guy in Split, James McAvoy is now on the other side of the fear fence. It sounds like the grass is certainly greener for him, judging by his comments of being completely disturbed on the set of the forthcoming concluding part of IT. Were it not, though, for a visit to his school by actor David Hayman – when McAvoy was just 16... •



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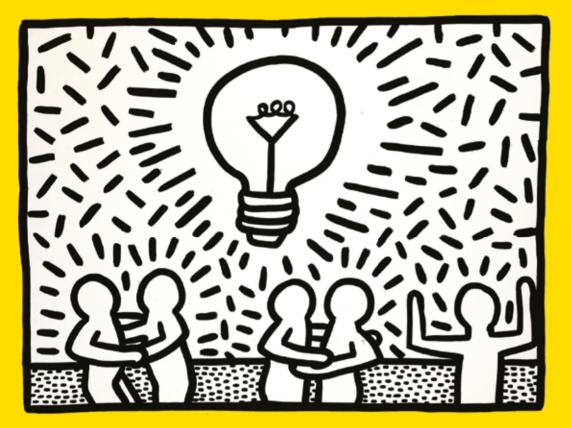
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bring a forgotten crisis into view, or to denounce abuses, or challenge the diversion of assistance, or to call out policies that restrict access to medical care or essential medicines. The MSF Access Campaign pushed for access to essential medicines, diagnostic tests and vaccines for patients in our projects and beyond, funded thanks to the prize money from the Nobel Peace Prize, which MSF was awarded in 1999.

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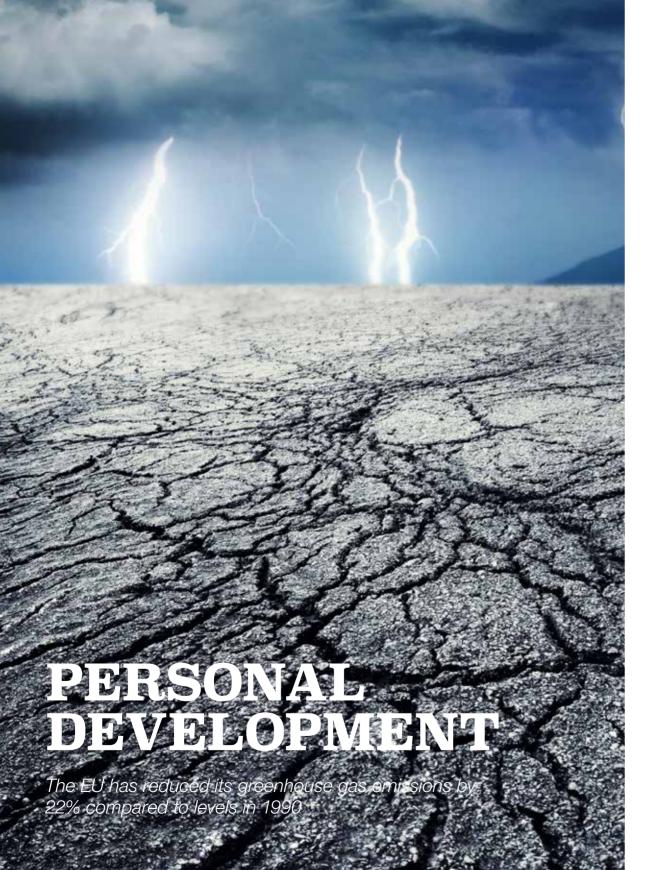


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# Simon Baker: Connecting with the truth

*Together* publisher **David Mc Gowan** sat down with a fine actor who is also an ambassador of time itself



Together: Tell us about your experience as the brand ambassador of Longines?

Simon Baker: We have been working together for seven years now, which has been fantastic, we have been to a lot of different places around the world, a lot of great events and different experiences. I have a good relationship with all of the staff that work there, and they've been very accepting and very warm. So, it means a lot to me. I really enjoy it. And from here, tomorrow, I will go to Switzerland, to Santa Mia and to the factory (my first time) and go through and have a look at the museum. It is exciting because I like knowing how things work and I like to see what's behind the design, you know - we all see the beauty of this great watch, but I want to see it in a thousand pieces!

Nicole Kidman is the godmother of one of your children, and she is the ambassador for Omega, and you're the ambassador for Longines. So, is that by total chance or is it by design? Are you more sensitive to watch mechanisms or aesthetics?

It is total chance about Nicole Kidman. Oh, I'm very much drawn to the aesthetic of a watch. Absolutely. But that's really only because I don't pull them apart, I don't completely understand the mechanics; I know that when you move an automatic watch, you can feel the weight spin around, and I think that's Intriguing, and I really want to know what's going on. I'm very much drawn to these theoretical watches and the different materials that are used and the way the light hits them.

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# You do a lot of sports. So, do you wear a watch while you play?

Yeah, sometimes I do and sometimes I don't. It just depends. This one, I'll probably wear because it's beautiful and it's really suited to the water. But the other hydro conquest that I always surf with has a steel strap.

# What do you do if you're like five minutes started when I had ahead of your takes? Do you go **GET THROUGH**

on Instagram? Sometimes I just think about whatever it is that I'm doing, why I'm there, it just depends. If there are

things that I have to deal, the benefit is that you can deal with a lot of stuff in a lot of different places these days. So yeah, if I'm waiting for someone and I've got three or four things to do, if I can do them in that period of time and free myself up afterwards - it's really always a compromise, isn't it? You do it now. If you can do it later, you should do it now.

# What's the first thing you do in the morning?

I have a drink of water. Water, just plain water sometimes. Sometimes with lemon juice. Sometimes I meditate.

# So, what do you dream of? What do you want to do?

It's less about what it is that I want to do, and it's more about how I want to feel when I'm doing it, because you can do great things but not enjoy what it is that you're doing because of some other anxiety. And then in hindsight, you look back and you go, wow, what I did there, it was really great but I was so tense and so anxious and uptight about it that I didn't enjoy what it was, so I should do it again and this time really just relax and enjoy the process of doing it. It's more about adjusting my own philosophical or psychological approach to it, to what it is that I'm doing, doing things without feeling guilty is good.

# Are you also very passionate about horse riding?

Yes. Well, I love horses, they're incredible. They are just beautiful, powerful creatures, and I love the experience of riding them. I've ridden a bit, I'm kind of a 'champion' rider as I had the great fortune of being able to learn to ride a horse. My relationship with horses started when I had to learn to ride a horse for

a film, because I had around four hours of riding every day. And then when we shot the film, for three months we were riding every day as well and developing a

relationship with the horse, and there is something really potent about the relationship between the rider and the horse.

So, would you say that you're 'living the dream' or living your dream, the dream that you had as a young child growing up or let's say later on in your teens or early twenties, your dream today. Can it be that you're living the life you dreamed of?

No, no, because I never dreamt of any of this. I'm living sort of outside of that, you know, so, you know, every day that I'm in this situation, it's kind of almost sort of surreal. I just take it, it's sort of moment by moment because the way I grew up, I, I didn't ever dream of, I didn't have a dream. So, I'm improvising as much as I can and really just trying to enjoy each of these moments and not jump out too far and look back and panic and be overwhelmed. So, my general approach is to simplify everything back to just the basis of connections.

# At what moment in your life do you remember first thinking 'I want to be an actor'?

I think it was pretty early on, when I first understood the notion of performance. I grew up in a very ideal, idyllic place, but I didn't grow up in the best family circumstances. Like with a lot of families, there were different sorts of tensions that existed. But I





# " I WANT MY KIDS TO BE HAPPY"



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understood the release of humour in those situations and I used performance to help me get through certain situations. So, I guess it was somewhat unconsciously during that period, when I was guite young. But then, I think my relationship with my mother developed in my early teens, with watching films and watching films on the television. So. when I first started seeing films for the first time. I thought, 'Oh, this, I'd like to do this,' I thought, wow, I'd like to be

able to connect with people in that way.

#### And then did you think, well, I'm going to go to Hollywood?

No. I didn't think that at all. OF DOING IT " It was all just a pipe dream. like how cool that would be. But I was of the mind that every single person sitting in that cinema was looking at the person in the film and going, 'I want to be an actor too. That would be really great.'

#### And so, what would you say to young aspiring actors? What would you recommend that they have to do to have a successful career in acting?

A successful career in acting can be measured in so many different ways, and the obvious way to measure a successful career in acting is how you are perceived by the public. Right. But I would also suggest to not worry about how you're perceived by the public, but to worry more about your ideas and your privileged position, the honour of being able to connect, which always comes back to the truth. How you connect with anyone is about truth.

#### What projects are you working on today?

I'm developing two different projects for different films that I'm going to direct in Australia. I am signed on to do a film next year and another Australian film, which is a biopic of someone quite well known, an Australian artist called Del Kathryn Barton. I'm now in the process of developing stuff to work on as a director, but I don't want to

work too much at the moment because I've got one kid left at home and he has one year left of school and he's my youngest and I've made a commitment to myself and to him to be home as much as possible.

#### Do you rearet not having been there for your other children or having been there less?

It's not about regret so much. It's more just. it's a combination of time

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"JUST RELAX moving in a direction for me and for them And you and for them. And you know. I've got three kids and, in a year, year and a half, we'll be empty nesters, so what does that mean? It's like, okay, well I've only got this much time, so I am aoing to make the verv most of it.

> You have been married for more than 20 vears now. Obviously, you're a really good-looking guy, a model. You probably get a lot of opportunities. What would you say are the keys to a successful marriage, especially when working within your industry?

> Any relationship is not without many, many challenges. So, I guess it's, it's never really taking the great moments for granted. I think the truth is that having kids has put so much more into the relationship, it takes the focus and the attention of both of you. You've got to have kind of a united goal, which is raising the kids and enjoying that experience. I think you do it because you want to do it.

#### What do you believe is your mission in life?

I think just to get through it without too much carnage, carnage for yourself and for others. Carnage for yourself is a tough one because it's a profession in which people can be selfdestructive.

#### Would you want your children to follow in your footsteps?

I want my kids to be happy. You know, if one wants to be a plumber or one wants to be a poet, I want them to be happy.

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#### Fitness

# The many benefits of massage

The power of massage is far more wide-reaching than you ever imagined, say the experts at **Aspria** 



romoting muscle regrowth after injury, helping premature babies become strong enough to leave hospital, improving sleep quality and creating social bonds. Here are four things you never knew massage could do.

Most people see massage as a way to ease aching muscles, to unwind and to promote better sleep – but in fact, there are many other reasons to have a massage of which you've probably never heard before.

# 1 – Massage can stimulate muscle regrowth

Massage can boost the regrowth of muscle tissue after an injury by stimulating protein production in cells.

This in itself is an interesting finding, but it gets even more intriguing. According to the US researchers behind this study, if you injure a limb and it cannot be massaged, you can still benefit from this muscle growth phenomenon: they found that when the opposite, uninjured limb was massaged, muscle in the *other leg* – that is, the injured, non-massaged limb – also grew faster.



# 2 – Massage can boost growth in premature babies

A 2015 study found that twice daily 15-minute massage therapy sessions, over a period of two weeks, significantly increased

weight gain, height and head circumference in premature babies. The number of bowel movements also increased, and infants were discharged sooner from hospital.

Indeed, the findings were so significant that the study authors recommended all NICU nurses be trained in massage therapy techniques, so all pre-term infants could be given this treatment.

#### 3 – Massage can improve sleep

You've probably experienced for yourself how a relaxing massage can promote a great night's sleep, but there's research to show particular benefits for specific groups.

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Daily massages for full-term new-born babies, by their mothers, has been shown to improve the sleep patterns not only of the infants, but also of their mothers.

Similarly, for autistic children, studies have shown how massages given by parents before bedtime can improve the children's sleep – they go to sleep faster, stay asleep for longer and wake less during the night.

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### 4 – Massage is medicine

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# 1111 - The new us

Intuitive healer and therapist, Katarina Winslow reflects on rebirth



The process of being reincarnated or born again. Visualizing resurrection, most of us can probably imagine someone who met Jesus - seeing someone glowing with their face lit up by the communion with Christ. But do you know that there is today a concept of rebirth that is widespread in the spiritual and consciousness-raising community on this planet?

The idea does not even have a name; it is a series of numbers. Guess the code? It is as simple as it gets, yes, it is '1111'. Maybe it is a coincidence, but I would like to believe that it is not. Last time I got a new iPhone, the access code provided by Apple was just that, '1111'. Maybe Apple simply stated that they were ahead of their time, in the loop, at

the top, at the peak of consciousness.

Actually, '1111' is the symbol of a wake-up call, the number for activation.

'1111' is also the first number when you start to study numerology. After all, everything in our binary system is made of ones and zeros.

There are numbers in many places. For example, our names are made of numbers. Each letter in your name corresponds to a number. All digits have a significant meaning that we can learn to understand so as to comprehend ourselves more. The name you are called inhabits a sound frequency that influences you more than you may think. I have personally experienced the power of the frequency of a name, as I have had two different names in this lifetime. My childhood nickname 'Katti' made me feel very different and much heavier than my birth name Katarina.

Having reconquered my birth name Katarina, my energies run much lighter, as it adds up to the number 3, which stands for fun, lightness and communication.

Looking closer at the number '1111', we discover that it is a signal that the Universe wants to send us a message that it is on our side. That we are in alignment with the cosmos. As you know, everything is frequency, energy and vibration - we know that now, ever since Nikola Tesla claimed, "If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency and vibration."

He stated this in 1942, and we are just starting to accept it in a more mainstream way. No worries, maybe we will embrace the concept of '1111' in the year 3000. The thing is that if we accept the concept now, there is more probability that humanity will survive. '1111' stands for being in alignment with the intention for life, to be aware of higher guidance and accept that there is something which is beyond what we can see and touch - the mystery.

Being middle-aged, it took me some time to get accustomed to what is 'unseen' by the

eye, to cultivate my communion with the divine. If you are interested in knowing more about my journey, I am happy to announce that I have just

released my first book on Amazon. The title is *Eye (I) - The Healing of a Healer*. Through a childhood with a narcissistic stepfather, sexual abuse and years suffering from bulimia, I tell my story about the hard road I had to travel to receive my healing gift. The thing is that when you are vibrating on the frequency of '1111', or you see these numbers somewhere, it is the Universe telling you that you are vibrating on a good vibe. It is a happy sign from the Universe that you are on track.

'1' is the creator, so when it is times 4, it is in alignment with the symbolism of '4' - family, humanity and inclusiveness of all life, the structure of nature. The number 4 is the number that connects mind-bodyspirit with the physical world of structure and organization. It symbolizes the safety and security of home, of our planet. The need for stability and a solid foundation of humanitarian values.

At its highest, it is an awakening call to start over. To listen to different music and to be guided by something more authentic, closer to the intention for life. To distance yourself from the idea that destruction is more potent than creation. You could say that in the realm of the vibration of '1111', someone who plants a thousand trees is more powerful than someone who is destroying nature to build unsustainable factories. Pretty cool logic if we put common sense on top of our agendas. An alignment for anybody who loves life - the authentic, the beautiful and the true.

So, let us get back to the basics and follow the ascended masters' guidance to a rebirth,

"A WAKE-UP CALL,

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**ACTIVATION** "

an awakening and new activation. Let us open our hearts to a period of new life, natural growth and revival.

Not far from rebirth,

there is also the concept of Catharsis, a purging, a purification of the old. I believe that in any rebirth, we need to 'cleanse' ourselves of the past, the outdated and the 'illusioned' self. The self that is separated from life, and that makes a division with other people, needs to be purged from our consciousness. There needs to be a purgation of our

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emotions, particularly the ones of pity and fear. It is the process of releasing and thereby providing relief from strong or repressed emotions.

It makes me think that the origins of the theatre were made for just that, to help us get rid of our fears and experience a revival. In ancient Greece, when people gathered in the village to see the spectacle of a sacrificial rite, it was meant to purge people from the fear of death so that they could feel better

afterward. That is the true meaning of a good movie, a divine opera or an alternative theatre play -

you come out of it reawakened, afresh like some density has left your mind, body and soul. So, maybe we could stop watching anything that makes us experience less than a catharsis. Remember, the idea is to march to a new frequency, a frequency that makes you feel good. Let us stop accepting anything less than excellent. You only need three things, an awakened mind, a respected body, and an open heart to create a fourth

idea, which is the three of them together in a cosmic dance.

Remember, you are floating on a globe in the middle of the Universe. Listen to what the Universe has to say now while you can, let us all start to co-create with the gift of life, instead of destroying it, destroying ourselves and nature.

For that to happen, we need to embrace recovery, rehabilitation, rejuvenation,

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renaissance, renewal. restoration and the awakening that is slumbering inside of us all.

waiting to be unveiled.

Let us all wake up from our global hypnosis and make a comeback this autumn.

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# The bullet you don't see

International Speaker, Peak Performance Trainer and Business Mentor **Arnon Barnes** looks at an interesting case scenario

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few weeks ago, I caught an interview online with Simon Sinek (motivational speaker and author of *Start with Why*). In the interview, Simon started asking these questions to the journalist interviewing him:

What would happen if you never brushed your teeth and only went to the dentist twice a year? Well, you'd have no teeth.

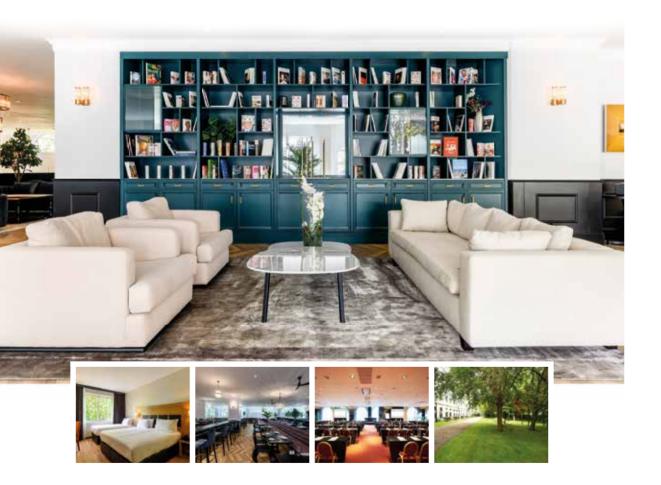
What does brushing your teeth for two minutes twice a day actually do for you? Simon answers his own question, 'not much'. Simon asks: But what if you were to, consistently, invest two minutes, twice a day, every day, once in the morning and once in the evening to in brushing your teeth. Then what would happen? Well, in this case scenario you would surely have clean and healthy teeth.

Simon continues to ask... What would happen if you went to the gym once for two hours, would you see a change in your body after those two hours? The journalist replies, 'no'.

And if you went the next day for another two hours, would you see a change in your body? Again, 'no', replies the journalist.

And if on the third day you were to then spend eight hours in the gym after that would you see a difference in your body? The journalist replies again with a certain, 'no'. And that's exactly when most people quit. When they don't see immediate results.





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Simon goes on... But happens if you were to go to the gym for a month for an hour a day, then would you see a difference in your body? The journalist replies with a convinced, 'yes!'

The reason I chose to share this message with you the reader is because during the last

eight years of mv life I have dedicated a considerable amount of my life's energy to supporting. training and coaching business owners and business leaders with teams from all over the world - the interesting thing is that so many of them have thought that growing a great business, one that will create financial freedom, happens overnight.



# " YOU NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED AND ACCOUNTABLE "

The reality is, just like brushing your teeth; to see results you need to be consistent. You need to be disciplined and accountable, when you are committed to achieve real results. The secret is to be consistent. It's the power of consistency that will create and sculpt your dreams, your goals. Not taking action once, but rather an ongoing, committed and disciplined regime.

And what astounds me is that there are so many business owners who refuse to consistently educate themselves. Whether it is reading a book on how to grow your business, scale up, strengthening your team, increasing profitability or another route you can take is to simply attend a seminar that will help you create more awareness around some of these subjects. The reality is, that everyone; you, me and everyone you know, we all have a blind spot. We all have somethings in our lives that we simply don't see. And remember it's not the bullet you see that will kill you, it's the bullet you don't see that will kill you.

> So, if we all have a blind spot and consistency is one of the kevs to success. which I think will be easy enough for you to agree with. then how can you solve this problem. Because going to a seminar is great, reading a book is great but the real secret to achieving real results and high

levels of success is - accountability!

If you want to have

real results in the real world then being consistent is key. But life isn't that simple and that's why I believe in the power of coaching. Yes, a seminar or a book will give you a 'momentary kick', but the game is won through consistency. With a good coach, you will surely benefit from their ability to hold you accountable so you can be true and consistent in achieving your goals. And, more importantly, getting a coach, whether it is a nutritional coach, a fitness coach or a business coach, will help you be all you can be.

Meet and work with Arnon Barnes live? Join one of his next upcoming events in Europe. For more information on the event, or coaching, contact his office via *info@ arnonbarnes.com* or check out his website *www.arnonbarnes.com* •



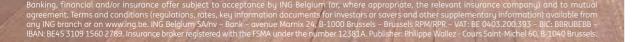
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Reetika Gupta-Chaudhary unveils a magic formula

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ave you ever been in a situation where you have been a victim of the circumstances?

How many times in life have you blamed someone or something for all the wrong things happening in your life? The honest answer should be almost always, isn't it? I had a client (a smart-looking Italian woman) who came to me with a problem. She said: "I have so much negativity in my life and no matter how hard I try to escape it, it seems to be constantly catching up." I smiled and said: "It looks like you have been trying really hard to find happiness."

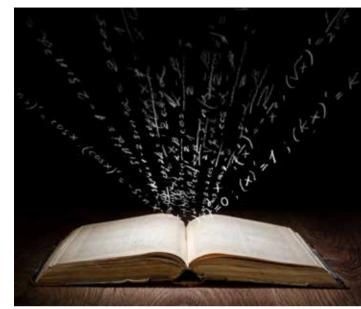
She looked slightly surprised, perhaps at the promptness with which I had seemed to

understand her situation, also hopeful and eager for me to quickly hand over some kind, miraculous formula that would suddenly make all negativity vanish with a flip of a hand. I got up from my chair, walked towards her and said: "I totally get your problem but I don't think I can help you." I saw the light vanish from her eyes as I said those words.

She looked utterly confused and after a small pause asked: "Are you saying you cannot help me at all?" "No," I said.

Still looking confused, she said: "Well that's OK if you can't, but may I ask, have I offended you in some way?" She quietly got up and as she was grabbing her bag ready to leave, I said to her: "Well, I cannot help

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you but I know of someone who can." Once again, her eyes lit up and she looked at me eagerly, waiting for me to refer her to this great therapist/coach who would be able to help her after all.

"Do you really want to know who can help vou?" I asked.

"Of course I want to know that's the reason I am sitting here today. I've heard some really good things about you, and that's why I came to you." she

said.

"That's great. I am really grateful that you put your trust in me but let me tell you this

- the only person who can help you is you," I said. "How does that sound to you?"

Her face was a kaleidoscope of emotions. Finally anger took over and she said: "If I could help myself, I wouldn't have come to vou."

Well, this is something none of us want to hear, especially when we have tried and

failed to get rid of a problem that has been haunting us forever. The irony here is that this truth has to be told, and I did exactly that.

Realizing her disappointment, I quickly added: "What I am saying is, only if YOU take the responsibility of helping yourself then we can work together and slowly move you in the right direction."

Let me explain. I meet many clients who come to me looking for a magic solution to their problem and, as a coach, it is my responsibility to help them realize that the change outside can only be achieved by bringing about a

change on the inside.

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The magic formula people look for is a bedo-have. In essence, you need to be the change you want, then do the things that will lead to that change and then have the change you wished for.

Most people follow it in the opposite way. For example, they think, when I have a million

> pounds in my bank account that's when I will be happy as I will be rich. According to the formula, you first be that rich person, meaning you think of

yourself as if you were already a millionaire. What would you do with your money? How would you have used your time effectively in order to be productive? Then, based on these answers, you take the relevant action, in other words do what you would have done with whatever limited resources you have. Then those actions will start bringing results, and finally you will have what you always wanted, in this case millions in your bank account. Magic!



**CAN HELP YOU**"

Internal transformation is a journey that takes you out of your comfort zone

We all tend to sit on some limiting beliefs, such as I live in an economy where I can't make much money, or there are no good opportunities left for me out there. The first step in the transformational process is to identify these beliefs. The beliefs that are holding us back reaching our full potential in life

The second step in the transformation

process is to admit " I DON'T THINK I that these beliefs need to go. These beliefs are not serving us, but are making us feel

comfortable since blaming another person or economy is easier. We, therefore, tend to not change these beliefs, as changing these beliefs will take us out of our comfort zone.

The third step in the process is replacing these limiting beliefs with the ones that will help us grow. Repeating and affirming these positive beliefs to ourselves every day until they permanently replace the old beliefs will help us create the change that we always

wished for: you will meet the right people, you are always at the right place at the right time, etc.

Coming back to my client. Even though, at first, she had looked confused and angry, she seemed to have guickly gathered herself up as if a realization dawned on her. She said: "I have understood, I need to stop being a victim." We both smiled in acknowledgement. As she quietly got up, I noticed a gentle relief on her face that I normally see in people when they finally

admit to themselves that the change needs to happen on the inside.

I think this was the end of my first session, but surely a beginning of her transformational journey.

A change inside will help you to cause an effect on the external environment, otherwise you will forever live to be an effect (victim) of a cause (external environment). Which one do you prefer? •

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# **Perpetual movement**

In chapter three of his series **Axel Trinh-Cong** asks us to focus our energy on the new season that is upon us



n our first two articles, we spoke about energy in a broad sense, while giving particular attention to personal energy and its impact on our individual journeys.

For this third chapter, I would like to invite the reader to reflect on a major change in energy, which we can all witness right now - the arrival of autumn.

At first glance, this observation might seem obvious, pointless, even frivolous. Yet, this could not be further from the truth. Indeed, the energy of our surroundings can be as influential as the one that stems from within. One must only look at nature to see that everything is change, transformation and transmutation. The entire universe is in perpetual movement. In this perspective, any ideas of a generally perfect, durable - and therefore fixed - balance are simply illusions. Ancient Chinese thinkers perfectly captured this movement in the I Ching (The Book of Transformations), an extraordinary, over 2000-year-old tool for deciphering energy. The book contains 64 figures, each composed of 6 yin and yang signs. The 63rd figure represents an absolutely perfect and ideal arrangement of the six yin and yang signs, but also cautions that we shouldn't be carried away by this paroxysmal state meaning that it is impossible to do more or





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better - because change is inevitable. As for the 64th figure – the last one of the treatise – it shows us how behind the apparent chaos, which results from the previous symbol, lies the emergence of a new, fairer, more constructive and more fertile order.

Whilst nature favours change, this is rarely the case for our status-quo-loving species. Indeed, there is a side to the human incarnated soul that has the (unfortunate) tendency to refuse change. With a preference for the comfort zone where, surrounded by its beliefs, prejudices and principles that it imagines – and desires – to be forever static, it prepares to fight against any perturbances from outside its tightly closed system. It is in this sense that we might say, sometimes, that human nature is inherently unnatural.

However, it is also true that one of humanity's great challenges is to be able to attain harmony with nature, to learn from within ourselves, inside our kind of microcosmos, to embrace the world's natural movement (to which we of course belong anyway, but from which we too often cut ourselves) by gaining access to the art of transmutations. Or in other words, by allowing natural changes (on the macrocosmic level) to penetrate, influence and inspire our own internal natures (the microcosmic level).

This relationship between the macro and the microcosmos is twofold: on one hand, one must open up to the external world of constant transformation in order to discover and amplify one's own internal nature. On the other hand, it

is important to remain oneself, to not be corrupted by change – this is another way we might nourish and strengthen our internal natures.

That's the theory. But in practice, anyone can see that we all possess an ego, and ego

only has one obsession: to endure, in a way that is utterly fixed and unchangeable. From the ego's perspective, any kind of change is synonymous with death, and to live is to remain in the place that always is and always has been, a world full of certainty, where what was will always be. This desire for things to remain exactly as they are might be a serious hindrance, but it is also a vital resource. Indeed, the ego, which tends towards immortality, is a response to the anguish caused by the knowledge of death. Therefore, we must essentially strive to give it its proper place within our internal system, without allowing it to take over.

When we attempt to evolve in a meaningful way, we often find that our chief adversary is the ego. In order to confront it, we must realize that in actual fact, it is the *absence* of change that should be synonymous with death. To understand this, we need only think of a flat electroencephalogram (or EEG), wherein things no longer move – a sight that can only mean the individual has ceased living. To live fully means to die from the perspective of the ego and everything that would keep us in a static state; and then to be reborn through change, and attain something new, and more perfect.

But who among us would choose to die? Only those who have the courage to be

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reborn. One cannot go on living in the same state without having at some point to redefine oneself, to regenerate by letting go of old patterns and anything that is no longer useful. The only way to revive a tree is to prune it.

This is precisely what is constantly happening all around us – this is nature's way. After summer, here comes autumn with its procession of dead leaves and, uncoincidentally, the Day of the Dead. All of it is a necessary stage on the way to spring and summer. Gossip disk, used to predict fate



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Every turn of the seasons is a reminder that the natural universe has its own laws and dynamic. There is no happenstance, no place for the incongruous or the imperfect, no chaos or anarchy. And we, as humans, have an active role to play within it.

Autumn arrives like the bell signaling the end of playtime – it tells us that summer cannot go on endlessly, that everything has a limit, including our strength, our freedom ... and our time on this Earth. It is also a time for post-harvest evaluation: what at the beginping of spring? He

post-harvest evaluation: what were my goals at the beginning of spring? How was I able to bring them to fruition? How was / able to bloom? How did I contribute to the world, beyond my own personal satisfactions? What did I offer? And for what purpose? This is how Nature invites us to strive for objectivity in our relationship with ourselves as well as with the rest of the world. Autumn is also the time when the sun begins to fade and the nights grow longer each day. It's the return of the absence of light, and of the potential gift this absence contains. In the realm of light, everything appears to be clear, even obvious. We seem to have a firm grasp on the situation. And of course, this leads

> to a loss in attention and consciousness. In the light of summer, everything seems easy and straightforward: we can indulge in carelessness and exuberance, without fear. We can experience the sweet taste of nonchalance,

and we might feel a sense of weightlessness. But in the absence of light, the illusion of visibility vanishes.

Now everything is a shapeless blur, and we must rely on other, more subtle senses than vision to comprehend our surroundings. During that half of the year, between both equinoxes, when the night wins over the day,

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Nature reminds us that our sensibilities, our emotions, our gut feelings and subconscious are as valuable as our five senses, our will and our mental capacity for consciousness.

Autumn also clearly marks the beginning of the road towards the darkest time of the year. But this obscurity must not be taken at face value, for it is in its depths – when the night is longest - that the Light of Christmas emerges. Change occurs in the most hidden and obscure of places, deep within our wounds. Light comes when we need it the most. To guote Carl Jung: "One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious." He then added: "But this is often a difficult, and therefore unpopular task."

By embracing the rhythm of Nature, and allowing ourselves to be fascinated and inspired by it, we can bring ourselves to face questions such as: What can I allow to die? What part of me no longer serves a purpose? What is keeping me in a state of non-being?

And on the basis of this introspection, we can begin to prepare for winter, and for profound change.

Autumn energy calls for this introspection as well as for kindness. The key is to elucidate parts of our being with clear-sightedness and love, rather than harm ourselves with bitter judgement.

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Jérémie Vanopdenbosch explains about the values and workings of his group



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This is the higher category of conference, seminar or mastermind meeting, according to more refined learning and more advanced strategies with a higher return in terms of development of knowledge, investment and business.

3 goals are included:

- Group together to share strategies, give advice, receive advice and reveal what works best now

- Create strong business relationships and partnerships to increase results for all members involved

- Build a privileged community of experts with the ability to make " CREATING individual intelligences converge towards

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### The power of collective intelligence

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champion to achieve a vision and goals that are out of the ordinary, and likewise, a world champion of sport can learn from a great boss how to create a company, develop it and make it grow.

In the end, through these synergies, millions of dollars have been created, and if these meetings had not been put in place, none of this would have happened. The idea is to structure this and create privileged exchanges in high-end locations to provoke and activate this power of collective thought and the universal principle, which states that: "We can go fast, but together we can go still further."

By bringing together different people who have a particular and recognized talent, they become the solution to the needs of others. And when the 'match' becomes almost perfect, the results that follow are then extraordinary. A quest for performance and excellence.

Success is about getting the best. And since we are the average of the five people we are closest to, it is important to surround ourselves with five people who are better than us. This is exactly how we progress.

We do not speak here of a generic theory known to the general public, learned in large assemblies, but of experiments and case studies of millimetres that have earned each participant the right to be recognized as the best in their fields, which is called the 1%.

And when we gather the 1%, we can only get closer to excellence because we learn what the 1% has done that is so special and so different. And so is born a performance circle that has people all on the same wavelength, which turns into a circle of excellence. How do we participate in such an event?

In Belgium, there are very few such events as they require prerequisites and a high degree of experience from the participants.

Concerning the Egrégore organized by Jérémie Vanopdenbosch, it aims to be one of

the most selective and qualitative in Belgium. To adhere to it, one must respect very precise criteria: to be a leader or a world authority in one's own field, to be an expert with more than 10,000 hours of experience, to be a growing entrepreneur, to have a positive impact on more than 100,000 people, a turnover of at least €1 million and an unusual mindset.

If you meet one of these criteria, you are eligible, but this does not guarantee access to the round table. 90% of the requests are refused, explains Jeremie, because the Egrégore is, furthermore, for people who are very open-minded and who prefer altruism to individualism or egotism. Without this, it is not possible to trade optimally and create value. In addition, as the day of Egrégore can last more than 15 hours, we also make sure the people have a certain endurance in concentration to keep the pace.

At the end of this selection process, each member who enters the collective will receive more from Egrégore than they will bring. This is called the principle of reciprocity to the power 1,000.

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# Why **Growing Your Business** Need Not Be Hard Work.

By Arnon Barnes

Reflecting back on my years in business since I was a teenager, I realised 'hard work' alone to achieve business growth never produced the best results for me.

It was not until I had a 'business growth blueprint' that I was able to produce repeatable successes across different business and industries.

The most exciting part for me is that it's also helped many entrepreneurs quickly multiply their business revenue like nothing they've experienced before. But what is this really?

It's really about understand the 'algorithm' in every business that can lead to explosive growth. Let me explain. For many years I was doing all the things that many 'business gurus' told me to do, such as:

Work harder

- Learn to sell better
- Do more networking
- Improve my marketin
- Train my staff





And yes, they gave me some results; BUT they only helped improve my business marginally.

My search for a better solution lead me to Tony, a family friend who at that time already had several successful businesses.

When I met Tony, he told me bluntly, "There's 3 main differences between us which explains why your business has plateaued." I was puzzled.

Tony continued: "Firstly you hire staff, I build championship teams. Secondly, I grow through partnerships, not just marketing. Thirdly, I'm a leader and you are a manager"

Over the next few months I learned from Tony:

A blueprint to build and grow a 'championship team '
The 5 catalysts to create a 'revolutionary business growth'
A leadership mindset that supports rapid business growth
How to become 'magnetic' and attract better, high-paying customers and repel 'problem customers'



With Tony's guidance, I grew my business to where I wanted it to be in record time. And I actually worked less and enjoyed my business more. I was eventually able to sell that business for millions of Euros and become financially free at 28.

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Money

# In search of the positives

**Dave Deruytter** asks: Are negative interest rates coming to a place near you?



nd he wonders if that is good news for borrowers and investors alike and what the risk might be.

Negative interest rates in the euro have been around for a few years. Government bonds in the euro, in countries with a strong credit rating, have negative interest rates and very long maturities. Six months ago, you could still get a small positive interest on a 10-year German government bond (Bund) - today it is negative and you will have to go to a maturity of 25 years before you get a positive interest. However, people who invested in 10-year Bunds six months ago still have a positive return today, because their capital has gained more from the falling interest rates than the loss in interest itself.

Obvious gainers of negative, or low, interest rates are the borrowers. And that is part of what the authorities want to obtain with such low, and even negative, interest rates that have never been seen before. They want to see investments increase because that leads to extra economic growth. Another part of



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what the governments want to see is fewer savings, and that in continental Europe is a key problem. People are very reluctant there to transform their savings into investments, at least those who have money and a house of their own to live in.

#### Are they (too?) prudent investors?

Economic growth in Europe is lacklustre at best, and the lingering international trade war does not hint at better times soon. Will a partial trade agreement between the US and China really change the climate of uncertainty and distrust? It may be a start, but there is a very long way to go. What will be the result of the change in relations between the UK and the EU? As long as the people do not feel a 'not too bad' outcome, it will weigh on

confidence and thus on consumption. In the meantime, digital disruption is leading to particularly large employers shedding staff. That should one day lead to a turn in the ever-falling

unemployment rates for almost a decade. On the other hand, it may confirm or even improve the profitability of such companies. Nevertheless, the recent bankruptcy of Thomas Cook is a wake-up call that even great brands can go under.

Are negative interest rates an issue only for the euro countries?

Next to Japan, that is indeed currently the case. But economic growth is faltering almost all over the globe and in its wake so are interest rates in the dollar and in the currencies of other major economies. China is doing everything it can to try to keep its economic growth at 6%. But observers worry that it may be increasing the debt levels in its economy by too much and that possibly the quality of that debt is deteriorating. That is indeed a major point of attention when governments all around the globe are stimulating investment and at the same time are giving banks incentives to lend more. In many euro countries savers still get a slightly positive interest rate on their savings whereas the market interest rates are negative and

> banks have to pay 0.5% when depositing money at the European Central Bank (ECB).

The risk is also with governments and companies that are

heavily indebted. Today they pay a very low interest on their debt, but if one day interest rates go up again, they would see their budget balance or profits turn sour very quickly.

Interest rates are often set by central banks linked to inflation. Consumer inflation is low, even very low asset inflation is quite high,

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reaching risky levels. Indeed, share prices are high in many countries.

It is a tight balancing act.

Low or negative interest rates over a long period of time tend to dope asset prices and we may be nearing alarm levels, particularly if the lingering international trade war continues

to depress worldwide economic growth for too long. It may sound strange, but one may be kind of hoping for a slowing US economy so that the US authorities will ease their pressure

on the international trade and investment system. Of course, the recent pressure has also worked on speeding up the necessary correction for some imbalances on that front, from reducing structural trade surpluses to solving or improving intellectual property right issues or regulations.

Still, negotiation and gradual approaches using the existing rules and bodies in place

are to be favoured over unilateral shocks to the system. Shock therapy has a great risk of denting consumer confidence. Once that is gone it takes years to restore, and consumer spending is a very important part of the GDP in many countries. The last thing the world economy needs is to spiral into a recession or see widespread deflation (falling prices).

**\*\* REAL ESTATE PRICES ARE EVEN HIGHER \*\*** he conclusion in principle there is no real issue with negative interest rates as long as savers keep on trusting the banking system and do not have to pay for keeping their money there rather than

under their mattresses. Indeed, a run on the banking system is a guarantee of a crash. If the debt quality can be kept under control, as well as asset inflation, there are no real downsides to low or negative interest rates. However, if that situation continues for many years the risk is high. Then investors would think that prices can only go up and that investments can never turn sour. A recipe for a big crash.



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# **Be successful**

Two more books that will help you climb the ladder to success

#### Good to Great by Jim Collins

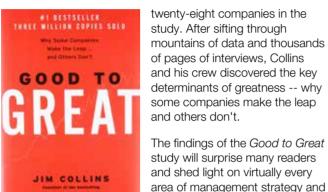
Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning.

But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? For

vears, this question preved on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great?

Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric. and Merck.

The research team contrasted the good-togreat companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all



BUILT TO LAST

• Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness.

practice. The findings include:

• The Hedgehog Concept: (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence.

• A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology.

• The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programmes and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap.

"Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, guite frankly, upset some people,"

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Richard Bandler. cocreator of NLP and the man who taught and trained Paul McKenna. ioins forces with Alessio Roberti and Owen Fitzpatrick once again to give you the tools to change your life.

Richard Bandler - the world-renowned cocreator of NLP who has helped millions around the world change their lives for the better - has teamed up once again with Italian NLP Master Trainer Alessio and cofounder of the Irish Institute of NLP Owen, to offer a simple vet engaging introduction to the ground-breaking ideas of NLP.

Written in the form of a fable. How To Take Charge Of Your Life is the preguel to The Ultimate Introduction to NLP. Once again Bandler invites readers into his workshops and illustrates the theories and techniques he has spent vears developing.

Based around a threeday introductory course, this book will give you the tools you need to start making an effective change today. From explaining the importance

of self-belief and how to change beliefs, to how to control your emotions and negative thinking, and how to create the life you want.



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Find out more on his website... www.richardbandler.com

Bandler has continued to improve and evolve the field of NLP and gone on to develop other seminars as well, Design Human Engineering®, Persuasion Engineering®. Neuro-Hypnotic Repatterning® to name a few. He has been interviewed by a variety of magazines from Psychology Today to Newsweek. Most major newspapers. TV Networks and Radio Stations around the world have interviewed him over the past 30+ years.

His website says: "Dr. Bandler. a mathematician. philosopher, modeler, teacher, artist and composer for four decades has left a legacy of books, videos, audios, art. students and a body of knowledge that will change therapy. education and medicine forever. He has hundreds of thousands of students and hundreds of licensed institutes all over the world. Dr. Bandler has made his mark and says he is just getting warmed up."

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# **Duality in real estate**

Our real estate expert **Yannick Callens** advises us to rest for long-term investment

Real estate



oney has never been so cheap and access to property so difficult.

Recently, there has been another wave of rate cuts; a Belgian bank offered a negotiated

fixed rate of 0.92% for a 20year mortgage in September to one of its customers. This is a historic low, below the symbolic threshold of 1%. Money has never been so cheap to finance property.

Nevertheless, access to credit is becoming more difficult. Europe sanctions Belgium for its flexibility to give mortgage credit, and the National Bank is tightening its criteria for granting credit. Belgians have never invested so much in real estate, and household debt is exploding. More and more, I'm talking about a speculative bubble of Belgian real estate price per m2, which remains low compared to other European capitals.

**"THIS IS A HISTORIC LOW**" To give you an idea, the m2 price in Hong Kong is \$80,000, and apartments are selling. Belgium has not reached these amounts, but, since summer, we have seen prices soar. The Belgian saver and investor does

not have much choice because there are few alternatives, and I see that more and more people are becoming nervous. As I often say, there is money but the time aspect is also very important. Do not waste your time burning your wings in the short term, take the

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time to rest for long-term investment. There is a huge difference to saving in the long run, and therefore losing money because of inflation, and investing in the long run to create alternative sources of income.

In real estate, I recommend three points to which you must pay attention.

The first is education.

Always stay abreast of what's going on and know your market like a pro, be expert in the field in which you want to invest. Read and collect as much information as you can and talk to people.

The second point is time. Be a master of your own time and regain control over your time. This will give you a helicopter view of your situation and the direction of your investments. Highest is best. Time is relative, and it is you who decides whether it passes quickly or slowly by the position you are in. The last point, which is very important, is your advisors. Surround yourself with your best advisors. Do not be afraid to change while there is still time. And don't wait for the storm before cleaning up. Surround yourself with people who want to pull you up.

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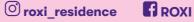
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# **Ringing in the new**

**Catherine Feore** casts an eye over the new boys and girls in the EU



he October European Council has just come to an end. It will probably be remembered most vividly for the first and hopefully last appearance of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson; a charming, bumbling rogue to some; a contemptible megalomaniac and inveterate liar to others.

Other than endorsing a revised Brexit deal, there was a skirmish over the opening of accession negotiations for North Macedonia and Albania. To say that these countries have taken enormous steps to get to this point is not an understatement - Macedonia had to change its name, which required a treaty and ratification by both the Greek and now North Macedonian parliaments. Having set this condition, a few states, namely France, the Netherlands and Denmark, decided to block the opening of talks.

As the doughty warhorses Presidents Juncker and Tusk took their last bow, there was a new face at the table. It was the President-elect Ursula von der Leyen who was invited to present her agenda. One of the issues that is at the very top of her list is the environment. Von der Leyen has entrusted this task to a well-known figure in Brussels, Frans Timmermans.

Recently approved by the European Parliament, Frans Timmermans will be the Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal. Timmermans is most widely known for his efforts to defend the rule of law within the EU. However, as First Vice-President in the current Commission, he also led work on the circular economy and plastics strategies, including the phasing out of single-use plastics. He has been asked to present his European Green Deal within the first 100 days of the new mandate. We should expect to see a new European Climate Law on the tables of heads of government by the next European Council in

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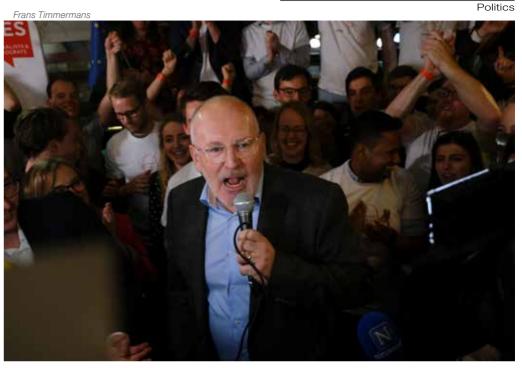
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Parliament found that 75% of those surveyed wanted greater EU action on environmental protection. This year's European

elections witnessed a surge in the green vote. Greta Thunberg has brought the issue to the fore, and there is a sense of urgency that has sometimes been lacking in the face of other crises. There appears to be a new will that something has to be done and that that something will have to be turbo charged - but not by fossil fuels.

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December. The law will set a goal of climate neutrality by 2050. As he put it bluntly to MEPs: "We can't afford to screw this up."

Timmermans acknowledges that this is not going to be easy, nothing less than "rebooting our society" is required, but shifting public opinion may come to his rescue. A 2018 poll conducted by the European

> **"AT THE VERY TOP OF HER LIST IS THE ENVIRONMENT** "

The 2050 target was nearly agreed on at an earlier European Council, but some countries - Poland, in particular - were concerned as they have a greater dependence on cheap coal. The idea is to link the 2050 target to a Just Transition Fund and a Sustainable Europe Investment Plan that could lever €1 trillion in investment over a decade.

In his hearing, Timmermans pointed to the

fact that 50 million people in Europe struggle to pay their energy bills - one idea is to help them lower their consumption

through better insulation or fitting solar panels. Rather than expecting to pay for these transformations up front, the EU is looking at fair financing programmes so that people won't have to pay upfront. This would also help to create local jobs.

Given the scale and nature of the challenge, the approach of the EU will be

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multi-faceted. Timmermans mentioned greening of transport, sustainable food from "farm to fork", reviewing the energy taxation directive and on and on. This is not going to be easy, but it is not impossible. The EU has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 22% compared to levels in 1990, while the EU's economy has grown by 58%.

Further afield,

there is a massive BUT. While Europe has no doubt made some progress, global emissions have

continued to grow by 63% over the same period. Europe doing its bit alone just won't cut it. That is why Europe will have to use its leverage as a destination of goods and setter of standards. There are many different ways that this can be done, and a multipronged approach will be needed. One measure already in place, but which the EU intends to strengthen, is to make all trade deals subject to compliance with Paris COP21 targets. An option favoured by France, and that the President-elect, is to apply a carbon border tax on goods coming into Europe, but this is suspected by some as protectionist and by others as unworkable.

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Countries outside Europe are also taking environmental

" A GOAL OF CLIMATE NEUTRALITY BY 2050 "

China – about 85% of the EU's plastic waste had been exported to China.

The European Union has set ambitious targets, so the political will to make change happen needs to be consolidated. Each and every single one of us has a role to play in the people we vote for and the personal choices we make. These changes may be costly, but the cost of inaction is existential.

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#### LIFESTYLE

# Luxury: In the mountains this winter

Experts in luxury chalets Cimalpes suggest three chalets that might just take your fancy this winter



#### **Chalet Orca**

The exclusive Chalet Orca is one of the most prestigious chalets in Val d'Isere. Located in Le Fornet, a slightly outlying and residential ancestral hamlet at the foot of an exceptional ski area, Chalet Orca is part of Le Mouton à Bascule, a complex of two prestigious chalets unique in the French Alps. It is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful chalets built in the resort. The level of amenities and services is worthy of the most prestigious hotels.

The location of Chalet Orca is one of the only places to guarantee maximum sunshine all year round. Its huge floor-to-ceiling windows, with a 180-degree view, will revolutionize the way you experience your stay by offering a total immersion in the heart of the resort.

The lower level has a magnificent wine cellar, an incredible wellness area a stone jacuzzi with tiled armchairs, a sauna, a hammam, a large Italian shower and a sports hall fully



equipped with the latest technologies.

The upper level consists of four magnificent bedrooms, with views overlooking the hamlet of Le Fornet and the forest and are equipped to the very highest standard. All the walls of the upper floor living room form the bay window and therefore a 180-degree view like a real complete immersion in the heart of Val d'Isere.

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#### Le Creux du Gypse

Le Creux du Gypse is a large, friendly chalet a few metres from the ski slopes of Méribel Village.

You can enjoy a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains from the outdoor jacuzzi installed on the south-facing balcony of the main room. This magnificent living space is very bright and the large fireplace in its centre gives it a cosy and warm atmosphere.

The spacious Master room will charm you with its hammam and balcony without vis-àvis. The other rooms will offer you beautiful spaces where wood is king and warms the atmosphere. Children will love the bunk beds in their rooms.

Finally, to ensure that your stay is synonymous with relaxation, a garage is at your disposal in this chalet.

Méribel Les Allues is a ski resort that was developed adjacent to the traditional hamlet of Morel, with its centre situated at about 1400 metres above sea level. The Tarentaise Valley has the biggest concentration of world-class ski resorts in the world. Most



well-known neighbour systems are Paradiski (Les Arcs, La Plagne) and Espace Killy (Vald'Isère and Tignes). A weekly lift ticket in Méribel/Les Trois Vallées offers a choice to ski one day in each of the other two systems mentioned. There were once plans to interlink all systems and resorts to create the - by far - largest ski area in the world. However, that vision was ended with the creation of the Vanoise National Park.

Cimalpes' note: "Ideal chalet for a family with 4 children near the slopes of Méribel village. Cozy atmosphere with its large fireplace in the centre of the living room and its outdoor jacuzzi on a terrace facing south and a magnificent view." *tinyurl.com/y2r6tvmx* 



Chalet La Grange 1855 Typically Savoyard with a Bellevilloise signature, Chalet La Grange is the newest addition to the village of Villarabout. La Grange is an authentic chalet mainly composed of wood and stone. Its vast living room offers a large and very bright living room thanks to a large bay window at the corner of the chalet and allowing you to see a stunning view over the summit of the Cochet. A beautiful fireplace, made of stone and wood, separates the living room from the dining area, which is composed of a modern kitchen opening onto the dining room.

In this renovated barn, nothing is left to chance. Wrought iron, heavy wool, furniture, screws, all the details are refined and filled with this Savoyard heritage. The grey colours of the furniture combined with the wood of the chalet offer an elegant and cocooning



atmosphere. Sophisticated and harmonious shades that bring softness and warmth to these large spaces.

The chalet has five pretty cosy rooms and a sauna where it's nice to relax in winter. The chalet's terrace will also allow you to relax while contemplating the panoramic view of the summit of the Roc de la Lune. *tinyurl.com/y44jq651* 



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#### Luxury

## Luxury watches: Hall of Time has genuine passion

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#### Watches

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Anja Van Der Borght goes vintage

few years ago, leading values in the Haute Horlogerie sector, such as heritage, tradition and storytelling, resulted in a true hype about vintage. Vintage today goes one step further and is now also finding expression in the form of vintage pilot watches, vintage wristbands, vintage-inspired dials and vintage green as a trend colour. How did vintage become so modern nowadays?

#### Round square

Bell & Ross. known for its aviation watches with an iconic square case, is now unveiling the BR05, a new automatic model (40mm) that boasts a resolutely urban look and feel with case lines that combine round and square and at the same time harks back to the seventies with its integrated design. The integration of case and bracelet (the first link forms part of the case) brings another dimension to the watch, giving the impression it is made out of one piece.



#### Back to the '30s

Today, **Longines** revisits a model typical of the 1930s - characterised by the aesthetic of its sector dial - to bring forth the Longines Heritage Classic. driven by a new, exclusive calibre featuring a silicon balance spring, which helps to reduce the impact of magnets on the precision of the TILLIN. watch. The Longines Heritage Classic is also distinctive for the diameter of its stainless-steel case: 38.50mm, a contemporary dimension that reflects the elegant pieces of the 1930s.

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#### Evergreen

In their search for purity and architectural lines, more and more watch brands find inspiration in the Art Deco movement. The new vintage-inspired Mansart (34 mm) from March **LA.B** is refined in its simplicity. This automatic watch is inspired by the octagonal architecture of the Place Vendôme, designed by Jules Hardouin-Mansart, architect of Louis XIV, The Sun King. A contemporary tribute.





The Baignoire watch is a cult **Cartier** object. The story began in 1912 when Louis Cartier took the traditional round watch shape and elongated it. His stylistic experiment culminated in two straight, parallel lines joined by two curves, which formed the shape of a bathtub (baignoire in French) – hence its name. This small model in yellow gold is equipped with a quartz movement.



#### Diving fun

The new **Rolex** Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master 42 is notable for featuring the first white-gold case in the Yacht-Master collection, as well as for being the first in the family to be outfitted with the self-winding manufacture Calibre 3235, a new-generation mechanical movement that sets new standards of performance. With its 42mm, this watch is larger than existing models in 37mm and 40mm sizes and, since it is milled from a solid piece of 18k white gold, it is quite heavy. The watch fastens to the wrist with Rolex's Oysterlock bracelet and safety clasp with an added Glidelock extension system that allows you to adjust the bracelet length in 2mm increments up to an additional 20mm.

#### Mountain eagle

Karl-Fritz Scheufele, part of the family behind the Swiss brand **Chopard**, convinced his father and grandfather to give the iconic St. Moritz – the first watch created in 1980 by his father, Karl-Friedrich Scheufele, now co-president of Chopard – a make-over. The three generations worked hard, and the result is this new sport-chic Alpine Eagle timepiece. Inspired by the Alps and the imperious strength of the eagle, this watch is as majestic as the bird itself. Available in different sizes with automatic movement.



#### Current week number

Patek Philippe introduces a new function in its range of calendar watches. La Calatrava Semainier ref 5212A-001 indicates the number of the week in addition to the day and date. The watch with a case (40mm) in stainless steel also features a new automatic movement.

#### Neo-pilot

Proudly reinterpreting vintage in its 1858 range, **Montblanc** pays tribute to the tool watches coming out of the Minerva Manufacture a century ago, destined for use by the military or explorers. The bronze case (42 mm), green dial and woven strap of the Montblanc 1858 Automatic Chronograph Limited Edition would surely have appealed to those pioneers of aviation!

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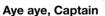


With its cambered square case (40mm) made of cellulose acetate or in polished steel, offering a breathtaking view of the balance wheel at 9 o'clock; not to mention the transparent case-back, giving an unobstructed view of the automatic movement, the Clubmaster Iconic from **Briston** fascinates day in, day out.

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# Midcentury Memories. The Anonymous Project

*New York Magazine* said: "The subjects in each image are unknown, nameless in a way that highlights the universal nature of photography."



ewind back to the mid-century. before the age of Instagram and Snapchat, where people were using 35mm cameras loaded with colour film to document both monumental and mundane moments in their lives. They took pictures of their loved ones, their vacations, their celebrations. They memorialized the births of babies; a child in a cowboy outfit; a new colour television set; sightseeing in National Parks; fishing trips; lazing on the beach; weddings; office parties; family reunions; holding hands, kissing and dancing. Imagining these lives and the possible stories that lie behind the images is what makes The Anonymous Project such a compelling

journey into our past. The passing of time is enhanced by the book's narrative that begins with scenes of early childhood and ends with seniors, with all the stages of life in between.

It all started with an innocent purchase on eBay. Filmmaker Lee Shulman bought a set of 35mm Kodachrome slides, anonymous family photos, and was so taken with what he calls "the emotional value of these slices of life" that he knew he had to have more. He launched *The Anonymous Project* in 2007 and has since acquired around 700,000 images either by donation or via vintage sellers. As noted, photography critic Richard B. Woodward writes in the introduction: "It is significant - and fascinating - that in virtually



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#### The contributor

London-born Lee Shulman is a graduate of the University of Westminster. He is an award-winning film director working in advertising and music videos. In 2017, he founded The Anonymous Project, which has become one of the most important collections of amateur photography slides in the world. The work has been exhibited in Paris and Milan and will be presented this year at the prestigious Rencontres D'Arles Photography Festival in France. **€40** 

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# Women in Design

This month we look at three essential design stores in Brussels



Three distinct DNAs and three interior tips for this season

#### Ligne - Oona Simon

The vintage trend seems to continue, if we are to believe interior design magazines and 'revival' trade fairs. A trend that finds an echo in models reissued mainly by Danish firms.

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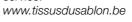




### Les Tissus du Sablon - Sandrine Heregots

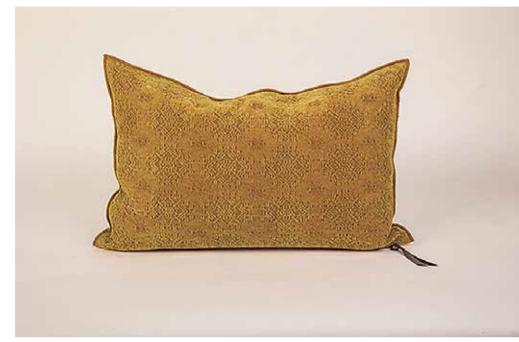
"The main trend that is taking shape this season invites us on a journey through the archives of the big-name design houses through the reissue of wallpaper classics and the launch of matching fabrics. One of our showcases will be dedicated in October to the famous trees by Cole & Son who celebrate their 60th birthday. This journey back in time is accompanied by travels around the world, with prints that take us to the discovery of exotic landscapes, wildlife and rich and wild flora. There is also a multiplication of designer collections, such as Jean-Paul Gaultier, Lacroix and Matthew Williamson, and an 'arty' trend with the Christian Astuguevieille wallpapers and fabrics for Pierre Frey. Finally, this winter we want soft and warm textures, wool and velvet.

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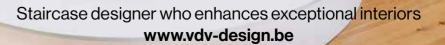


La Forêt - Lucia Esteves "The return to chic, haute couture, white, black, gold and red..."

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#### LIGNE Design Store, Brussels

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The brand's Sablon shop is a must-see in Brussels







There has been a magnificent reopening of the Flamant du Sablon boutique, which reveals the superb renovations of this mythical palace and reveals its brand-new logo.

After 41 years of existence, this world-famous Belgian brand has adopted a more contemporary branding, while keeping its fundamental values. Flamant has always been about making each house a unique and warm home. This philosophy emphasizes their new slogan: 'You're home'.

The Sablon shop is the perfect reflection of the brand's vision for the future. It now has wider alleys, new spaces and a friendly bar. We like to stroll there, get inspired, spend a moment in an exceptional setting.

Also worthy of note is their own genever... ideal for perfumed cocktails - this pretty bottle with its superb design will attract many converts. Also new this autumn: Flamant opens three pop-up stores in Hasselt, Kortrijk and Namur for Christmas.

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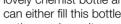


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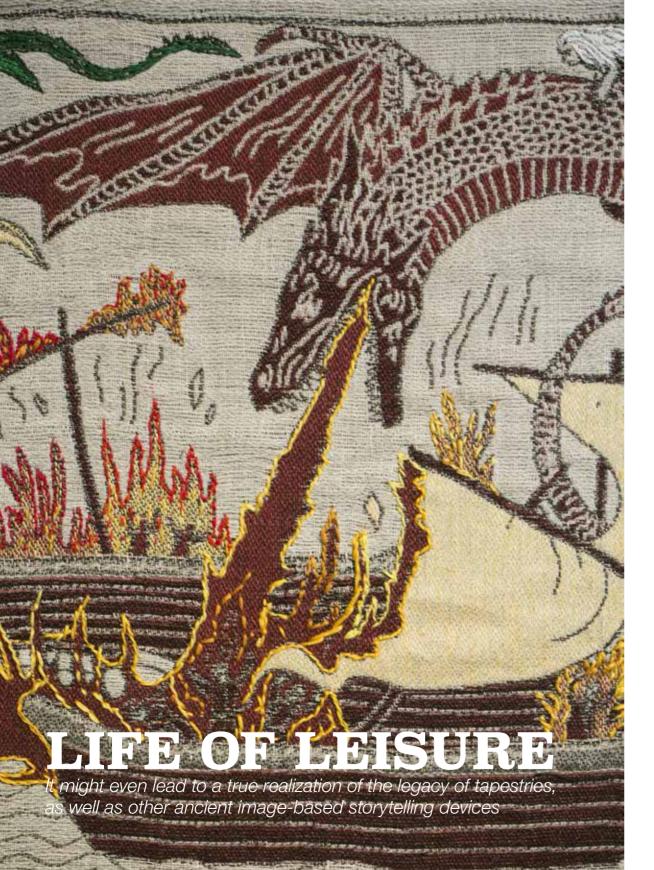
The Lockley Chaise longue has deliciously shapely curves. The seat is long enough for you to stretch your legs out and the back high enough to support your shoulders. You can have this either as left hand or right hand so it will look great anywhere. This is such a comfortable piece of furniture that it will make you wish for a stack of glossy magazines or a bestseller to read with no interruptions. At the front it has gorgeous antique brown mahogany feet with brass castors. €115

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# Spike Lee: Being proud of who you are

*Together* met up with an iconic movie director celebrating an anniversary

hree decades after the release of what many deem to be his society-defining breakthrough, Shelton Jackson Lee – or Spike Lee, as he is perhaps better known – continues to plot a route through equality, prejudice, culture and creative relevance.

While the desire is to challenge and change, Spike Lee believes we're already pushing the difficult questions. And he should know...

Together: So. it's the 30th anniversary of your iconic work Do The Right Thing. It still holds up as relevant today as it was in 1989. Why do you think that is? Spike Lee: Well, shit hasn't changed. The murderer's chokehold of Radio Raheem was based upon the real NYPD chokehold of a graffiti artist, whose name was Michael Stewart. It was at Union Square subway station, and the guy was smaller than me. The cops jumped on him and choked him to death. Also, at the end of the film, we shout out some other families, people who have been killed by NYPD.

So, many years later when I saw the NYPD do the same thing to Eric Garner, it was like: "This is the same shit." Recently, the United States department of 'just us' cleared officers of anything. Also, they waited until the day before the statute of limitations was going to run out. The next day was the fifth anniversary of his murder – it took five years.

As we know, the list is too long to go over people of colour who have been killed by the forces, and they don't go to jail. So, the authorities don't put that much on the lives of coloured people.

When this film came out, there were a lot of reviews from people on both sides of the fence, and the one thing that always got me was when reviewers would talk about

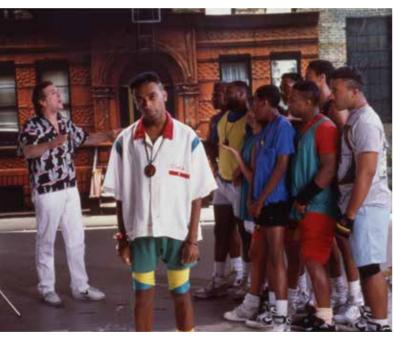
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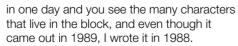
'lament' the loss of the pizzeria, and they put more weight on the loss of white-owned property than a black life. So, that's another thing which has not changed.

This was the biggest project vou had undertaken at the time. Can you tell us about how you went about this and the thought process behind it? The title was something which came first, and I knew what I wanted it to be, but from there, everything just started to trickle in. I know that I wanted it to be the hottest day of summer. The heat in New York, after it gets past 95°, shit is crazy. All of those people in the projects living on top of each other, that just shouldn't happen. So, I knew that I wanted that to be in the film, and as the day goes on, the temperature goes up and we see things escalate.

I wanted to have the whole thing shot in one block and four years ago, New York City had that street renamed Do The Right Thing Way. That's the only street named after a movie in the history of the city. So, the film takes place







So, I was talking about justification in 1988, I was talking about global warming, I was talking about police brutality and several things we had in our crystal ball. I did not



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predict a black president. though! [Laughs].

I have to give a shout out again to Night of the Hunter with Robert Mitchum, and that was written by James Agee, and that's where the style was at the time - knuckle rings. So, that's where I got the idea: instead of putting tattoos, Radio Raheem has love and hate.

#### You have been particularly outspoken about Donald Trump.

But we just live in a very, very shaky time in the world now with this guy in the White House, I call him Agent Orange. I mean, it's serious, now and as President Barack

Hussein Obama has said, this coming election could be the most important election in history. The United States of America is really about the soul of the country.

That's where the battle is now, and this guy in the

White House is on the wrong side of history. We showed that at the end of BlacKKKlansman, where the President of the United States of America, the so-called leader of the free world, refused to repudiate the Klan, neo-Nazis, and he said that he couldn't do it.

He was afraid that he would lose his base, and the same way he keeps saying: "Send her back, send her back..." (in reference to Ilhan Omar). Then he says: "That wasn't me, I wasn't saying it." You know, he was egging them mother\*ckers on!



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So, that's where we are, and that's one of the reasons why this film is still relevant, because if you've seen the film, you will know that this shit is still going on. It's not a history lesson, it's not a relic, it's still - vou could sav reflected in the headlines.

You put a video up on social media with the death of the film's main protagonist having shocking similarities to that of Eric Garner... WHAT YOU DO "Yeah, I spoke to my

editor. Barry Brown, who has cut many of my

films. When I saw the horrific footage of the murder of Eric Garner, I called Barry and I said to him that we had to cut it. So, he came over and all of us did it, and we cut some footage together and we put it up on Facebook, where we cut back and forth between the murders of Eric Garner, real life, and Rav Raheem, fictional,

But, as I said before, the chokehold murder of Ray Raheem was based upon Michael Stewart, and nothing happened to the cops who choked Michael Stewart to death. So. that's where we are at, now.

When this film came out, it didn't look like anything else which was out and also didn't sound like anything else. Well, the look of the film is not down to the director, that is more down to the DP (Director of Photography) who was Ernest Dickerson, the costume designer. who was Ruth Carter. the production designer, Wynn Thomas.



So, we sat in a room, and I told everyone that we want people to be sweating while they were watching this film. The red wall where you see the corner men, that was not the colour of the wall, Wynn painted it that colour. Ernest would put butane and things below the lens and Ruth would have costumes with no colour. All of this contributes to the heat.





#### The music fits the piece so poignantly, as well...

Another shout out that I have got to give is to Public Enemy's Chuck D. Because, I forgot how many times you hear Fight the Power. But I knew that every time you saw Ray Raheem he's got a hip-hop song blasting, and I wanted an anthem. So, any song that is in the film as much as it is, has to be a great one.

I automatically thought of Public Enemy, but

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what you see in the film was not the first demo. We weren't ready to show the film to them, so the first attempt wasn't what we needed, and we waited and waited. Then, when I showed them the film, Chuck knew exactly what we needed.

They had a look at the script, but it's not the same as when you see the film. But they knew exactly what they

wanted to do and how to do it, and they used the Isley Brothers song 'Fight the Power' and put their own touches and style to that.

When you've had projects that haven't caught on for some reason, how do you contend with that? I've always been of the opinion that the good stuff will come to the top in the end, even if it

takes a while. Having your art missed by an audience isn't just the privilege of up-andcoming or unknown directors, it happens to everyone.

Throughout my career, I have had big movies

mixed in with those that didn't register at all. There are reasons why people may not yet have seen any particular films and works – not just mine – when they originally came out. There are some films of mine which have been

missed by people; *Bamboozled* is definitely one of those, *25th Hour*. Do I mind? Well, I'd

rather they got the attention they deserved in the first place, but over time they do, and when that happens, they take on their own persona. It is a story beyond a plot.

There is certainly one method that stands above all others when it

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your voice heard and your work seen. If you're the same as other people, you will never stand out. Don't ever follow the trends.

Speaking of following at least one trend, how have you found the switch to TV drama with the likes of She's Gotta Have It?

**The thing with Netflix is** you've got to be on it, all the time. We were looking at 10 episodes of between 30 and 40 minutes, and there's no let-up. You cannot have a quiet period like you might in a film where you are trying to build some sort

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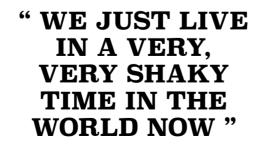
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of feeling, some sort of drama. With TV there is no long ascent, there is no tapering. Instead, you have a product that needs to be at it from minute one. needs to draw you in, needs to get to a storyline and have that played out, usually in full, by the end. If you fail on any one of those things, then there's a chance you've lost your audience, and they ain't coming back next time around.

With a movie. certainly in terms of cinemagoers and the traditional box office, once they have paid their money they are in the seat and you have them. You can be more dramatic, more artistic, more considered over what it is you are giving them and how you want to shape and sculpt that viewer for the duration of the film.

You can do very little for long periods then hit them, bam, at the end. With Netflix and this generation of TV drama, you don't get that opportunity, so the presentation is different and, to an extent, the way you shape your characters – their personalities – is different too.  $\bullet$ 





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### Travel **Bangkok: The Siam**

Melanie de Lacy Staunton visited a unique hotel



In the midst of buzzing Bangkok, lies an exclusive retreat reminiscent of a Hollywood star's country estate. The Siam is a work of art, not only in its astonishing design, but also in the boundless antiques and artefacts that infiltrate every corner of the property. The Siam is so unique that even if you stayed there every year, each visit would always be its own singular experience, with new discoveries. This is truly one of the most exquisite hotels I've ever had the privilege to stay in. There are no two ways about it - The Siam is an absolute showstopper!

Arriving at The Siam, you cannot help but be completely awe-struck by the depth of thought that has gone into the design. From the moment you walk through the entrance, there is no inch of The Siam that isn't

deserving of a million photographs. I preferred to roam around the property, like vou would a museum, and revel in all the history, art and collectors' items. For any Bill Bensley fans you will not be disappointed. His signature Black and white aesthetic, which is always so striking, permeates every facet of the hotel.

This urban luxury resort comprises 39 suites and villas, and no two rooms are exactly the same. What I admired was that the hotel could easily have included 100 rooms. however, The Siam instead prioritized the guest experience and a feeling of intimacy over capacity. The suites and villas are Immense, and all have different themes. Each motif is very tasteful, and the differences are subtle yet significant.



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Every guest at The Siam has a designated butler. Our butler, Gub, was fantastic. He showed us around the entire property and revealed so many interesting facts about the numerous historical pieces in the hotel. If it weren't for Gub, I may never have noticed that in the library there were newspapers displayed dating back to 1879.

Furthermore, I might have missed the movie tickets that lined the walls of the screening room or not realized that all the antique film cameras were from genuine movie sets.

An activity that is an absolute must at The Siam is the cooking class. It was so much

fun, and the kitchen is in the most beautiful setting, overlooking the gardens and the river. I am a notoriously

bad cook, but our chef Thammarach was wonderful and somehow helped me make the most delicious Phad Thai, Green Curry and even a Tom Yum Goon. You get to enjoy your three-course meal as you cook, and then walk away with a recipe book and



specially adorned Siam aprons, which was a lovely touch. It was the most memorable cooking experience I have ever had.

Talking of cooking, the food at The Siam was authentic and tasty Thai food at its best. Breakfasts at Chon Thai were a delicious mix of buffet options and a

few special a la carte

dishes. Have a drink in

one of the coolest bars

in Bangkok at the

" AN ABSOLUTE SHOWSTOPPER! "

Deco Bar and Bistro, which is essentially an art installation made out of instruments. Café Cha is the place to go for a coffee and a meander around the most interesting furniture pieces I've ever seen. Finally, have a relaxing poolside drink at the Bathers Bar to really get you into holiday mode! Connie's Cottage Bedroom



Another must try is the Opium Spa. They have a Moroccan style bathhouse for relaxation, which you can use even if you're not having a treatment. The most intriguing part of the spa was that they have a tattoo parlour; this is something I have never seen before. Also, you must visit the gym, even if you hate the gym. The Siam has its own Muay Thai Boxing ring, and the decor in the gym is super retro. In keeping with the rest of the hotel, it has a plethora of vintage fitness memorabilia and old school leather boxing bags. You feel like you're in a gym from the 50s whilst simultaneously having access to all the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

What I loved most about The Siam, in addition to the history and art, was the feeling that you were staying in what felt like your own luxury country home. The pool, which overlooks the Chao Praya River, had such a chilled vibe with the colonial style Bathers Bar and grass underfoot. In the evenings, I relished having a glass of wine on The Siam's private pier, perched on the river. It was so relaxing and secluded. I've never experienced this feeling in a city hotel before.

As The Siam is situated slightly away from the centre of Bangkok, it has its own boat that you can ride into town or simply hop on board to enjoy a complimentary cruise down the river. The location of the hotel makes it feel like a true sanctuary in bustling Bangkok. and yet it is only a short boat ride away from all the action.

Finally, I have to mention the people. The Siam has so many elements that are amazing that it is no surprise that the service is also second to none. During our stay, we felt so often that the staff went above and beyond to do incredibly thoughtful things for us. One night, the chef made one of our favourite Thai dishes, even though it wasn't on the menu, simply because we had mentioned it when we had our cooking class!

Brought to life through the vision and passion of the Sukosol family and the architectural prowess of Bill Bensley, staying at The Siam was one of the most special experiences I have ever had. Even as I checked out, I was still utterly captivated by its extraordinary design and magnificent collectables. If you are a fan of art and antiques, along with suites that are out of this world and a hotel that takes city luxury to new heights, then there is, hands down, no better place to be a guest in Bangkok than The Siam. *www.siamhotel.grandluxuryhotels.com* 

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### **EU Smart Tourism Award: Lyon and Helsinki**

Catherine Feore visited this year's winners of the prestigious award



ourism plays a crucial role in generating growth and jobs. It is estimated to contribute to some 10%

of the EU's GDP and employs around 25 million people. The EU smart tourism initiative, supported by the European Commission, enables Europe's cities to learn from one another; it promotes a

more innovative, accessible and sustainable approach to tourism.

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You may think 'smart' just means digital, but it is really just shorthand for intelligent solutions to a wide range of challenges and

> includes the evolution of digital products and services - access for all visitors, sustainable development and support to creative industries and heritage.

We visited the first winners of this award, the cities of Lyon and Helsinki, to see some of these innovative approaches.

#### Lvon

Lyon is a large, thriving city on the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. It is a culinary place of worship, with recipes based on celebrated local produce. We staved in a delightful boutique hotel called the Hôtel de l'Abbave, opposite the Basilica of St Martin d'Ainay.

No son of this proud city is more fêted than the man described by Gault et Millau as the 'Chef of the Century', Paul Bocuse. And in the city, he is not just revered, he is loved. Bocuse died in 2018, but even before that the city changed the name of its famous indoor

market to the Halles Paul Bocuse. I was told that when he was older, he left most of the cooking to those he had trained, but that he could tell if his chefs had cooked something in the wrong way, just by the sounds he could hear emanating from the kitchen.

Lvon has more than 4,000 restaurants, 19 of which share a total of 25 stars. The Rue du Boeuf is the street with the most star-rated restaurants in France. The Tourism Information Office launched a new tool entitled 'C'est Lyon qui Régale' to promote the city's dazzling gastronomic heritage.

As proud as the Lyonnais are of Bocuse, the restaurant kitchen is not just the resort of men in toques, Lyon is also very proud of its women chefs; indeed, Bocuse began his career in the kitchen of Mère Brazier.

The 'Mères Lyonnaises' were originally the cooks of rich bourgeois families, but when they fell on hard times, their cooks ended up setting up their own restaurants, many of which enjoy the label 'Bouchons Lyonnais'. Solid, no-nonsense, unpretentious, beautifully prepared, hale and hearty food. When in Lyon, you must start your meal with a



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'Communard'. which is the same as kir. but replaces the white wine with red wine, and the name reflects the city's strong workers rights. which dates back to the revolt of silk workers in the 19th century. We ate at Les Culottes Longues, 42 rue Sala.

One of the most

endearing aspects of this city's approach to tourism is its respect for its own residents. We learnt from 'Only Lyon', the local tourism office, that Lyon puts its residents first. They want the right type of tourism; they don't want to court masses of people and they recognize that the city has physical limits. They are starting to look carefully at data to make sure that they use the city's resources as efficiently as possible to achieve a sustainable balance.

One last word, a newly renovated Grand Hôtel-Dieu in the centre has just reopened its

doors, a great place to " LYON IS ALSO enjoy Lyon's culinary traditions and to shop! Don't miss the traboules passageways in the old city. The Musée des Confluences was a fascinating and slightly

weird conceptual iamboree about, well. everything. www.onlylyon.com

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#### Travel Helsinki

Not only geographically far apart, the cities of Helsinki and Lyon are different in almost every sense; language and climate most obviously, but also in history, culture and way of life. A statement of the obvious, but a reminder of Europe's wonderful diversity and what makes the continent so great.

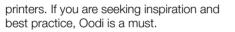
In Helsinki, we stayed in the recently renovated landmark Marski hotel. The hotel's cocktail bar is described as 'legendary' and the 'elite of cocktail bars'. It is also nice that they use Finnish award-winning gins.

However, the city is replete with more sustainable lifestyle choices. If you aren't sure where to start, go to the MyHelsinki website. You can find a full itinerary of sustainable attractions, sustainable eateries, bars and even clubs, there's also a list of sustainable shops, where you can purchase long-lasting design, vintage or recycled items.

If you enjoy modern architecture that puts sustainability front and centre, Helsinki holds many gems. The sauna is a national obsession – according to legend, there are some Finns who don't like the sauna, but they have never been spotted and most are thought to be extinct. They even have a Ferris wheel with a sauna. One of particular architectural merit is the Löyly public sauna looking out on to the sea.

It may sound odd to say visit the public library, but Helsinki Central Library Oodi is well worth a guided tour. It is stunning in its design and cost a meagre €98 million. When I asked if there was public rioting at the cost, I was told with a shrug of the shoulders that it was around the same cost as 10km of road. Seen through this optic, how could you disagree? But this library is not just a triumph of design, it is also a triumph of function. It has books, but there are also music studios – with instruments and top-end recording facilities, gaming rooms, all sort of tool rooms with everything from sewing machines to 3D





For relaxation, visit the Suomenlinna Sea Fortress UNESCO World Heritage Site, a short ferry trip from the city and a great way to stretch the legs. It is also close to the little island of Lonna, which has a wonderful sauna, and afterwards you can swim in the Gulf of Finland with the swans - they look scary but they are OK if you stay at a respectful distance. After your dip you can enjoy the restaurant, which has delicious Finnish dishes using the freshest of local ingredients.

Finally, I would highly recommend Nolla. This is a high-end restaurant with an almost pathological obsession with making everything - and I mean literally everything from the soap that is recycled from kitchen fat in the toilets to the in-house composting system for sustainable food. This obsession has had a ripple effect across Helsinki, with the owners asking or suggesting that their providers make more sustainable changes. We know this from our conversation with one of the three owners, and that is one of the most refreshing things about Nolla. The food was great, the atmosphere was welcoming, but at no point were we lectured at or told about how environmentally sound we were being. It was a great restaurant that just happens to be a world leader in sustainability. www.myhelsinki.fi/en/think-sustainably



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# **Bayeux: A game of tapestries**

Natalie Morris is offered a dream trip to Normandy

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n the life of a fan, there can be a wide variety of experiences which make the act of disproportionately obsessing over something a little more special. In the case of Game of Thrones fans, this might include slightly obvious - but no less exciting - experiences, such as visiting all the recognizable shooting locations in Northern Ireland; but fan satisfaction might also come in the form of the utterly unexpected. In fact, it might be argued that the most exciting experience of all is to be surprised, even somewhat bewildered, when the object of fanaticism steps out of its specific - albeit sizable - place in popular culture, and somehow enters a wholly different kind of space.

For instance, witnessing a press conference in the Norman town of Bayeux, with political representatives and tourism officials from Bayeux and the island of Ireland, open with the Game of Thrones theme played by a four-piece band, might have this particularly heart-fluttering effect.

If you haven't heard of the Game of Thrones Tapestry, made in Northern Ireland and now on tour at the Hotel du Doyen in Bayeux, you might be surprised, or simply confused. Let me explain – sort of – from the beginning.

In 1803, Napoleon Bonaparte wrote an edict in which he officially and very solemnly entrusted to the people of Bayeux the care of something they had already been deeply



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treasured for about seven centuries: a medieval tapestry running nearly 70 metres long, depicting the legendary Franco-English wars fought by Normandy's still most legendary figure, William the Congueror.

Present-day *Bayeusiens* continue to take pride in this edict as well as in the tapestry itself, which to a great extent represents their heritage. Probably commissioned in the second half of the 11th century by the Bishop Odo of Bayeux (William's halfbrother), it has miraculously remained almost intact throughout all of France's historical

twists and turns, all thanks to the care (or *bon soin*, in Napoleon's words) which the various clergymen, scholars and citizens have devoted to it. Their protective spirit, which has saved the

artwork from revolutionaries trying to rip it to shreds in order to protect weapons from the elements as well as German air raids during World War Two, remains quite manifest to this day.

Since mid-September of this year, the Hotel du Doyen, where the famous tapestry was

once displayed, now houses a new ambitious piece of embroidered storytelling. This one is 88 metres-long, was commissioned by Tourism Ireland, and it is almost as inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry as it is by the hit television series Game of Thrones. When the people in charge of the Bayeux's cultural and historical heritage got word of the project, they responded with the greatest compliment imaginable – they asked if they could borrow it.

"We feel like we've won an Oscar!" Finola O'Mahony, the Tourism Ireland Head of

Europe, can hardly list all the accomplishments the Game of Thrones Tapestry represents, perhaps because this extraordinary endeavour is so multi-faceted. One crucial aspect is the

craft: every inch is embroidered (as is the original Bayeux tapestry) and woven by hand, with local linen, the making of which is deeply embedded in Northern Ireland's history. Another crucial element is the connection with another European town through culture. In this respect, the apparently genuine appreciation with which the *Bayeusiens* have



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approached this ode to their precious legacy is in itself a thing to behold. Perhaps this project is special because it's something new – not a copy, but an original, modern nod to an old way of telling stories.

This ties into another crucial sentiment expressed by the team which brought the project to fruition: the desire to make something *real*, which would last. Not merely a reference to the series and to the fact that it was filmed in their country, but something

tangible, important in and of itself, which could reflect the very real impact Game of Thrones has had on Northern Ireland as the place where the battle of Blackwater Bay

was fought, but also, among other things, as a producer of filmmaking expertise.

Aside from all this context in which the tapestry was born, the work itself doesn't disappoint. Not only is the care and creativity which went into the project evident on account of its beauty, more importantly, it's also evident in the creative ways in which 8 seasons-worth of story have been remarkably condensed into 88 metres of fabric. Multiple scenes from the series are conveyed through what can be captured in a single photograph, with, for fans at least, none of the feeling being lost. In fact, going through the entire story in ten minutes (the first time, that is), can prove to be quite the emotional roller-coaster. As a consequence,

> it might even lead to a true realization of the legacy of tapestries, as well as other ancient image-based storytelling devices.

And then, another odd and

unexpected feeling of surprise might stem from the experience, as one might suddenly be reminded of what a great tale it all was, and still is. Hôtel du Doyen, Bayeux. **Until 31 December 2019** 

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## Skiing: Head for the snowy heights...

**Caroline Dierckx** runs the rule over just a few of the excellent ski destinations that await you

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or many years the mountain has offered a dazzling choice of amazing activities for everyone! So, of course, the ski and 'powder' lovers will have a great time, but also those who, at their own pace, will enjoy the benefits that each destination offers its visitors. From skiing, of course, to snowshoeing, from gastronomy to wellness, from sled dogs to bicycles, to festive events! This year once more the resorts have gone all out to make sure you enjoy new experiences. *Together* has pinned some of them on your winter board...

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#### Morzine

There's lots of news from Morzine this winter: new slopes; remodelled fun parks; lots of new accommodation; exciting events, such as a European women's ski cup; new activities, including torchlight snowshoe walks in the woods with mulled wine, and escape games. We like: green initiatives and portraits of some of the locals that make Morzine the place that it is – a truly charming village, with a rich heritage that offers so much more than simply skiing and snowboarding. *www.morzine-avoriaz.com* 

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Travel

#### Station Les Arcs: 1 destination, 5 sites!

The Arc 2000 site is dominated by the Aiguille Rouge, with a summit of Les Arcs (3,226m), the high point of the Free ride. Arc 1950 Le Village is a small 5-star nugget in the heart of Les Arcs. A pedestrian village at the foot of the lifts, upscale accommodation and access to wellness areas for all residences - a must! Arc 1800 is composed of four pedestrian villages on the edge of the forest. The site offers a wide range of après-ski and arctic

festivity opportunities at Arc 1600, the Les Arcs architectural 'lab', where it all began. Directly connected to the brand-new funicular with a design look and ecoresponsible (works 100% with electricity) at the Bourg-Saint-Maurice TGV station. The



latter is the capital of Haute-Tarentaise and is the 'base camp Les Arcs'. You can be on the slopes in seven minutes with the funicular. We love: La Folie Douce, which arrives in Les Arcs from December 14, 2019. More info: www.lafoliedouce.com www.lesarcs.com

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#### Travel Tianes

Tignes is the first ski area in the world to have obtained the Green Globe certification for its lifts with low ecological impact. Tignes boasts the view from the Glacier de la Grande Motte. perched at over 3.032m altitude. From there, the skiers - confirmed or otherwise - start on a legendary blue track, to the assault the 570m difference in altitude that separates them from the finish line. As for accommodation, there is a nice novelty for luxury enthusiasts in the Chalet 'Le Kaya', on the top floor of the contemporary building Semper Vivens in Tignes le Lac. It offers a myriad of services for an upscale holiday. We like: an unusual activity reserved for the most adventurous - ice diving, a discipline provided by the highest diving school in Europe... you couldn't make it up! www.tignes.net

#### Les Alpes du Sud

The Queyras and Guillestrois, located in the Alpes du Sud (05) make up an incredible playground for families. Lovers of open spaces can practice a multitude of sports activities. Holidaymakers who prefer the gentle approach will find in the mountain corners of paradise conducive to healing and perfect for oxygen. We like: the ideas 'good plans' offered on the website with stays from €120. *www.queyras-montagne.com* 

#### In Switzerland

In Crans Montana nature lovers enjoy the sheer beauty of the landscape. From the first flakes, experience winter sports with 140 km of track, snowshoeing, many cross-country ski trails, a large ice rink and one of the most beautiful snowparks in Switzerland. Everything is there for you to surpass yourself. The resort is also a haven of peace. Lovers of wellbeing and shopping are invited to relax in one of the magnificent spas and indulge in beautiful luxury brands. For gourmets, some starred tables at 'cabins' offering traditional dishes will delight one and all. We love: the Etoile Bella Lui festival, which invites you to discover the magic of winter in the heart of Crans-Montana, animated by the Chemin des Lanternes, a craft market and a Ferris wheel. (From 6/12 to 5/01/2020). www.crans-montana.ch

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#### Le Grand Massif

Travel

The Grand Massif, the fourth largest ski area in France, is located in the heart of Haute-Savoie between Geneva and Chamonix. It covers 40.000 hectares and connects five resorts: Flaine, Les Carroz d'Araches, Morillon, Samoëns and Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval. The five different and complementary entities allow visitors to benefit from 265 km of tracks and a breathtaking panorama of Mont Blanc.

The village resort of Samoëns delights with its history and culture. The homeland of stonemasons, it has preserved its heritage - discover it through while strolling in its picturesque streets. The church of Samoëns, its botanical garden and the Place du Gros Tilleul, are particularly worth looking out for. tinyurl.com/y4jhk8gy

Samoëns is also about a wide range of activities. Apart from the joys of skiing, you



can also discover the mountain... differently. I tested: The Afghan Walk, a wonderful relaxing experience in the heart of nature. Learn to synchronize your breathing with the pace of your steps and rediscover your internal emotions. It implores our senses to develop another perception of our environment. Considered as 'active meditation', this walk combines peace and relaxation. www.nature-guintessence.fr



#### Morillon, a village resort since 1958

This ski-in ski-out family resort seduces with its traditional charm, natural setting, skiing and many other unusual activities. Don't miss the all-terrain Segcross, a single-seat electric vehicle consisting of a platform equipped with two parallel wheels. You remain standing, and speed and direction are generated by your movements. A great - but odd - experience! tinyurl.com/yyufpzfd

Another popular activity is the night snowshoeing, which also makes us appreciate the mountain differently: the tranguillity of the night, the splendour of the stars, the snap-crackle of the snow. This magical moment is rewarded when you make it back - by torchlight and laughs galore with a delicious Savoyard fondue, comfortably settled in a genuine Mongolian Yurt. Festive atmosphere guaranteed. https://tinyurl.com/y3kxj8ob Accommodation suggestion: the Hôtel Le Morillon offers comfort and conviviality. We appreciate its open fire, swimming pool and spa. Nestled in an enchanting environment, it

offers a magnificent view of the snowcovered peaks. www.hotellemorillon.com

Member of the Grands Sites de France network, Sixt is located at the doors of the largest nature reserve of the region. Ideal destination for nature lovers, the site offers a cascade of activities (yoga, cross-country skiing, dog sledding). In the village, a nearby ski area is ideal for sliding sports in a family atmosphere and just 10 minutes from the Grand Massif area. Its breathtaking, 100% authentic and preserved surroundings make it an ideal destination. tinyurl.com/y4jzlesd

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## **St Moritz: Europe's first winter resort**

Mark Browne ponders the attractions of a classic skiing option

Travel



s the autumn progresses and the weather turns colder, thoughts turn once again to the upcoming winter sports season. With a myriad of options available, it can of course be difficult to determine where best to spend precious vacation time.

Nestled in Switzerland's Engadine valley, surrounded by sloping mountains and verged by its iconic lake, St Moritz presents a picture-postcard vision of a winter resort. The winding streets of the town are resplendent with their luxurious hotels that present an interesting array of architectural styles, while the valley itself remains unspoiled by excessive construction. Festival lights brighten the dark on winter evenings and present a cheery glow amidst the darkness to beckon revellers after a day on the slopes. A veritable winter paradise.

The train journeys leading to St Moritz are worth a mention in their own right. Routes such as the Gottard Panoramic route are among the most scenic in the world. The Rhaetian Railway has been recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site, due to the area's outstanding natural beauty. The road route also presents stunning vistas and indeed has become popular as a touring location for classic car rallies.

Rather than engaging in further travel immediately after a flight to Zurich, it is pleasant to linger and explore the attractions of the city itself. Switzerland's largest city and an international cosmopolitan business centre, it nevertheless retains the charm and intimacy of a smaller town. Its location on the lake, with snow-capped mountains in the distance and the Limat river running through it, affords fantastic vistas, while the historic old town is a delight to visit - its historic buildings are filled with interesting traditional and more modern dining options.

A great option that allows visitors to experience the city while ensuring that they are already in holiday mode is to stay in the Hotel Atlantis. This 5-star spa resort hotel, part of the Giardino group, is located on a hillside at the foot of the Uetliberg mountain on the fringe of the city, with views over both the city itself and the countryside around it from the hotel's balconies. This allows quests to relax in the convivial detached ambience of a resort while still being close enough to visit the city.

The hotel has played host to numerous famous quests, including well-known luminaries visiting Zurich to give concerts, drawn not only by its luxurious setting but also its sleek modernistic style - the hotel was only built in 1970 making it a relative newcomer to the luxury world in Zurich. However, it was completely renovated in 2015, with rooms expanded in size to meet contemporary demands for a more spacious environment. Refurbished to the highest standards with excellent attention to detail throughout, the hotel maintains its 70s flare while featuring a range of Swiss styles in the guest rooms that lend a local flavour to the sleek post-modern style.

The hotel also houses the Ecco Restaurant, which boasts an impressive two Michelin stars.

The resort officially opens for skiing in late October, however many hotels only open later in the season and closer to the Christmas holiday period. Timing is critical. Because the resort hosts various well-known festivals throughout the winter season, it may

> be preferable to select a quieter time during the season.

In addition to the usual winter sports, St Moritz is famous for tobogganing on the infamous Cresta run. Even novices can book a practice session to try it out – if they dare.

Off the slopes, the town offers plenty of opportunities to indulge in retail therapy in its array of high-end shops. It is worth noting that St Moritz originally became famous as a place of quiet relaxation and recuperation due to the healing powers of its

natural waters. Not surprisingly, it therefore remains a fantastic location to indulge in spa therapies.

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A name that has become synonymous with alpine glamour and luxury is the 5-star Kulm hotel. Originally dating back to the 1850s, the substantial 173-room Kulm has been a centre piece of winter tourism in St Moritz ever since. It is perfectly located in the town centre, but high enough on the hillside to be afforded an uninterrupted view over the lake. The hotel offers all the facilities one would expect of a top-class, modern 5-star ski resort hotel (with seven restaurants, including the two-Michelin-starred K) but maintains the ambience of a bygone era.



**The Snow Queen comes to the 3 Valleys** For an even more magical 2020 season, The 3 Valleys will be decked in the colours of Walt Disney Studios' new animated film *The Snow Queen 2*, which will be released in cinemas on 20 November.

Entertainment, family and sharing are all values that bring together The 3 Valleys - the largest ski area in the world - and Disney. It is therefore natural that they have joined forces for a creative partnership that will delight all the family. Discover a unique event system of *The Snow Queen 2* on the slopes. Visitors will be offered a real treasure hunt, wearing skis and following in the footsteps of Elsa and Anna through a priceless journey.

13 fun adventures, indicated on a map of the ski area, including tracks renamed *The Snow Queen 2* – these are unusual places: ice cave, labyrinth and cabin, gondolas decorated in the colours of movie and a mystery place... in which Olaf might have been hiding.

There are rewards and challenges. Try to win at the end of the stay a medal, a diploma and many other surprises. The 13 adventures will be found on a dedicated slopes map, revisited for the occasion. Two tracks will

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The winemaker from Oostkamp near Bruges, Marino Moenaert, was awarded a silver medal the same week he presented

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Icones: A haven of good food In the heart of the European district, Icones Restaurant Martin's Hotel offers you an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city to enjoy a haven of peace. Far from being exclusively reserved for hotel guests, the restaurant offers visitors a taste of European cuisine in a subdued atmosphere, or you can always opt for the splendid terrace at the back where you can see the chef preparing live barbecue grills.

Of Greek origin, Chef Antreas Nikdimas first studied at a hotel school in Greece before working in Switzerland for various restaurants with Chef Nicholas Tsiknakos. He then completed an internship in England in the 3-star restaurant, 'The Fat Ducks'. Today, Nikdimas has been living in Belgium for more than seven years: "I always came to Belgium for the holidays, and I finally decided to settle here with my wife. I first worked at the Kafenio, a Greek restaurant close to here, because I did not speak French very well at the time."

We were seated at the window, looking out on all that very hustle and bustle with a glass of cava bubbling away nicely. Antreas and his colleagues were extremely helpful and





friendly. We studied the menu, but Antreas said: "Never mind that. Let me surprise you. I like trying things out, so, I will make a few dishes I know vou will enjoy." And he was absolutely right. The highlights were the 63-dearee egg (over one

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hour to cook it) with crushed truffle flakes on top, which was absolutely excellent – the 'perfect egg' as he called it. For me, the highlight was the magret de canard, while my dining partner was bowled over by the "amazing pavlova, decadent but not too sweet, with citrus fruits balancing the richness of the cream and meringue".

It's worth noting that there are high ceiling, toned-down colours and – most importantly - plenty of leg room. *tinyurl.com/yxddupt7* 

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Dining

## Bruneau by Maxime Maziers

Go to a mythical address in Brussels, masterfully created by Maxime Maziers. It is a charming welcome that awaits you. and you can be comfortably installed at a round table in front of the large window overlooking the terrace. After a detailed look at the menu, which gives pride of place to noble and seasonal products, we left it to the chef to concoct a fourcourse bespoke menu. We went for tasty and refined

'neat' dishes. Depending on the season, the menu changes. We enjoyed the saddle of hare and White Hen Faisane with white truffle. We also adored a fabulous dessert, the not-too-sweet traditional peach melba,



reworked by the chef with a crunchy crumble and a gorgeous vanilla ice cream. We had the chance to meet chef Maxime Maziers who was elected Young Chef of the Year at Gault & Millaut 2019 for Brussels. *www.bruneau.be* 

#### Brinz'l

It's almost four years since this little Uccle restaurant opened its doors, and throughout the years it has gone from strength to strength. Indeed, head chef Laure Genonceaux has offered us an assertive and refined cuisine - it must be emphasized that in the beautifully coloured plates there is evidence of titanic work, from appetizers to dessert. And our taste buds gave thanks that evening! For business lunches or just for pleasure, at noon only,

Brinz'l offers a 3-course Market Menu at €49. There is an excellent selection of menus (5 and 6 courses), or you can choose à la carte from starters, main courses and seasonal desserts. You must be sure to try the



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sashimi, perfectly prepared 'dashi' soup and teppanyaki fish or meat dishes. Highly skilled Chef Saito Harumi brings you authentic and high-quality Japanese food. The dishes are always beautifully presented with a strong emphasis on freshness and

presentation. Most of our regular customers, are entrusting the entire dinner experience to the chef with a multi-course menu. The chef will craft a series of courses, usually

#### The Poet

Trendy restaurant and bar, The Poet is now open in the centre of Brussels. A stone's throw from Place du Luxembourg in Brussels. with all its access to the heart of EU democracy with the European Parliament, is a bright and lively new address. It satisfies appetites from morning to night, from breakfast to dinner, in an elegant and refined setting. The Poet, ideally located, is the perfect place to relax after work and spend a

friendly moment with friends or colleagues over a drink, with the possibility of dining. The mixologist adapts to the dreams of his customers and gives his imagination full flow to offer dazzling cocktails. The restaurant comprising sushi, sashimi, grilled and/or simmered dishes, using the freshest Japanese ingredients he has in store. Worth trying out... the Kaiseki ceremonial set menu is only served in the evening until 9 p.m. €99/pp. If it's just a quick lunch you're after, then try the Bentô menu, with four small dishes and a soup, served with pickled vegetables and rice for €27. *www.samourai-bruxelles.be* 



also has its own beer, brewed in Hoeilaart. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, it is all about traditional cuisine, both classic and contemporary, with a twist! *www.thepoetbrussels.com* 

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Since October, evening meals are available in all Delitraiteur stores and from Rob in

#### The Barn

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#### Dining Terza Luna

A stone's throw from place Dumont in Stockel, Terza Luna serves gourmet Italian cuisine with an emphasis on fresh produce and authentic Italian flavours. The third restaurant launched by Antonio Mastrogiovanni. in the wake of the success of I Latini on place Sainte Catherine and Le Médicis, at the same address, Terza Luna encapsulates thirty years of culinary experience in a stylish and elegant vet simple and friendly atmosphere with a cellar that reflects the oenological relations nurtured over the years with some of the great Italian wineries. United by their native Salerno, Antonio Mastrogiovanni has teamed up with Daniel Adinolfi and Giovanni Casaburi. Together, they exude a spirit and atmosphere like back home and import products from Cilento, located south of Salerno, including wine and olive oil. There is

#### Charlu

Come and enjoy gourmet bistro Charlu, in which the best French specialties are revisited with flair and talent. While keeping the essentials of the beautiful decor of the old bistro, Charlu's new operators decided to radically change the restaurant's gastronomic orientation. The new team at Charlu is far from being composed of unknown 'bistronomic' cuisine lovers. Behind the project, we find Patrick Triest, who has carved out a good reputation in Uccle. Always seduced by Charlu, he did not hesitate to renovate and innovate. Many wonders are available over the months and seasons, a reflection of the best of French cuisine. From Wednesday to Friday, there is an unbeatable lunch at €18, with the dish of the day at €13.50 but also a 3-course menu at €35 and 5 courses for €52. So, for a gourmet and relaxed getaway, here is an address that will become a must for all lovers of beautiful gourmet tables! resto-charlu.be/en



a magnificent open kitchen. On sunny days, a terrace can accommodate more than 40 seats. Closed Saturday noon and Sunday evening. www.terzaluna.be



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## WHERE?

Chaussée de Louvain, 38 - 1210 Brussels **More info?** www.miranobrussels.com **Spirito Brussels**: Located in an old Anglican church, the Spirito has been ranked as one of the most beautiful clubs in the world!

## WHERE?

Rue de Stassart, 18-22 - 1050 Brussels **More info?** www.spiritobrussels.com

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home-grown Belgian creativity in every field of the arts. **28 November - 15 December**. Vandenborght building, Brussels. *www.nationalstore.be* 

#### Ekphrasis

The Boghossian Foundation presents the exhibition Ekphrasis, curated by Bruno Corà, director of the Burri Foundation in Italy. It brings together pieces from more than forty artists from around the world, whose languages are as varied as the media they use, but in whose works the use of words plays a key role. The definition of the Greek word ekphrasis is a constructed description of a work of art, real or imaginary, often designed on a model so as to achieve great evocative force. There is a great tradition of artists who have concerned themselves with both the visual arts and literature, poetry or politics, and for whom text is a constituent element of their work. The exhibition explores, through the contemporary artists gathered here, the issues raised and various preferred modes of the use of writing in visual art. Some of the artists featured in the exhibition use language as "charged" writing, where the meaning lies in the format, others address personal messages to the viewer. Until 9

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#### Exhibition: The Grand-Place to be

The Grand-Place to be celebrates the 20th anniversary of the inclusion of the Grand-Place of Brussels on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Standing five metres tall, the original statue of Saint Michael, specially moved for the occasion, guides the visitor through some rare and previously unseen pieces. Paintings, objects, engravings and photographs illustrate the eventful history of the square, its various functions and uses and its transformations from the 12th century to today. The restoration is presented to the public for the first time. Until 29 December 2019 at the Museum of the City of Brussels (Maison du Roi). www.brussels.be



#### The Handy Events Guide

To do everything it can to accommodate persons with reduced mobility during events, visit.brussels has produced a practical guide for the organisation of outdoor events accessible to this section of the population, the Handy Events Guide -The Keys to Accessible Events. This guide was created in collaboration with AMT Concept (handy.brussels) and Access-i. The guide is available free of charge online and in three languages and is a practical check-list that can be used to organise any event in a public space. It is aimed primarily at the key stakeholders in the events field, such as advertisers, organisers and events agencies as well as site managers and owners. The guide is available in PDF format at visit. brussels/en. Other initiatives are also helping persons with reduced mobility to have an enjoyable stay. *visit.brussels/en*  R

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#### What's on

#### Artists in Architecture -Re-Activating Modern European Houses

After a two-week residency in some of the most incredible houses of the 20th century in Belgium, Italy, Romania and Spain, the artists and architects selected for the Artists in Architecture programme will present their work in the Horta Hall in BOZAR.

Jacques Ligot in House Strebelle in Uccle, Something Fantastic & Fernanda Tellez in the Willy van der Meeren House in Tervuren, Susanne Mariacher & Helene Schauer in the Marcel Iancu House in Bucharest, Luke James in Casa LeWitt in Praiano, Elena

Mazzi in Casina Fiorelli in Pompeii and Ben Weir in Casa Vilaro in Barcelona, have taken up residence in houses that were built or once inhabited by remarkable cultural figures. Each artist elaborated a unique proposal that BOZAR will present as a wall project in the Luke Elena www.bozar.be/en

#### Man of La Mancha

On 4 October 1968, the US musical *Man of La Mancha* opened at La Monnaie, translated into French by Jacques Brel. Now the KVS and La Monnaie are joining forces to stage a new production as a tribute to Brel

production as a tribute to Brel and perhaps also as a symbol of 'le temps où Bruxelles brusselait', but with its gaze firmly fixed on the city of today and tomorrow. Michael De Cock, the Artistic Director of the KVS, directs this emblematic musical, in which Cervantes, with the

manuscript of his novel Don Quixote under

his arm, ends up in an Inquisition prison and performs the story of the Don for his fellow prisoners. "To dream the impossible dream... to follow that star...". **4 December – 10 December**. La Monnaie. www.lamonnaie.be/en •

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## What's on International

Photo © RMN-Grand Palais (musée du Louvre)/Michel Urtado An artist of extraordinary freedom

#### Leonardo da Vinci – Five centuries on...

The year 2019 marks the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci in France, of particular importance for the Louvre, which holds the largest collection in the world of da Vinci's paintings, as well as 22 drawings. The museum is seizing the opportunity in this vear of commemorations to gather as many of the artist's paintings as possible around the five core works in its collections: The Virain of the Rocks. La Belle Ferronnière, the Mona Lisa (which will remain in the gallery where it is normally displayed), the Saint John the Baptist and the Saint s Anne. The objective

Baptist and the Saint S Anne. The objective is to place them alongside a wide array of drawings as well as a small but significant series of paintings and sculptures from the master's circle.

This unprecedented retrospective of da Vinci's painting career will illustrate how he placed utmost importance on painting and how his investigation of the world, which he referred to as "the science of painting", was



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the instrument of his art, seeking nothing less than to bring life to his paintings. The exhibition is the culmination of more than ten years of work. notably including new scientific examinations of the Louvre's paintings and the conservation treatment of three of them, allowing for better understanding of da Vinci's artistic practice and pictorial technique. Clarification of his biography has also emerged through the exhaustive reexamination of archival documents. The exhibition will paint the portrait of a man and an artist of extraordinary freedom. Organized by: Vincent Delieuvin.

Department of Paintings, and Louis Frank, Department of Prints and Drawings, Musée du Louvre.

#### Audio guide:

Discover the exhibition in more detail with 22 commentaries by Louvre curators (available in French and English). **Until 24 February 2020**. Louvre, Paris. *www.louvre.fr/en* ●

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## Cinema: All the latest movies playing in Belgium

Brussels' leading film critic **James Drew** looks ahead to films that will adorn the cinema screens in Belgium



#### **Terminator: Dark Fate**

This, to be fair looks promising - with James Cameron involved for the first time since Terminator 2: Judgement Day (1991), this is set on an alternate timeline from sequels Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003). Terminator Salvation (2009) and Terminator Genisys (2015), and sees Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Edward Furlong returning in their roles of Sarah Connor, the T-800 'Terminator' and John Connor, respectively, reuniting after 28 years. Any good? Well, 27 years after the events of Terminator 2: Judgment Day, a new, modified liquid metal Terminator (Gabriel Luna) is sent from the future by Skynet in order to terminate Dani Ramos (Natalia Reves), a hybrid cyborg human (Mackenzie Davis), and her friends. Sarah Connor comes to their aid, as well as the original Terminator, for a fight for the future. Tim Miller (Deadpool (2016)) directs. 128 mins.

#### **Charlie's Angels**

Well, the Angels are back – Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott, Ella Balinska as the gals, now called into action to protect all that we hold dear. When a young systems engineer blows the whistle on a dangerous technology, these Angels are called into action, putting their lives on the line to protect us all. *Running time TBC.* 

#### Atlantics

Supernatural romantic drama mush-fest, by the looks of it, but, to be fair, it did win the Grand Prix at Cannes this year. Mati Diop, the first black female director to be nominated for the Palme D'Or. directs a tale of a futuristic-looking tower, about to be officially opened, for which the construction workers have not been paid for months. One night, the workers decide to leave the country by sea, in search of a brighter future. Among them is Souleiman (Ibrahima Traoré), the lover of Ada (Mame Bineta Sane). However, Ada is betrothed to another man. Days later, a fire ruins Ada's wedding and a mysterious fever starts to spread. 104 mins.

#### **Spirits in the Forest**

It's all about the music of Depeche Mode – it's in cinemas for one night only, 21 November. Across 2017/2018 Depeche Mode embarked on their Global Spirit Tour, in which they performed to more than 3 million fans at 115 shows across the globe. This new visually striking film, directed by awardwinning filmmaker and long-time artistic collaborator Anton Corbijn, captures the energy and spectacle of the band's performance from the tour, along with a deeper look into how their music and shows have been woven into the fabric of their fans' lives. *Running time TBC.* 

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