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Our magazine's popularity continues to soar as the private aviation industry experiences unprecedented growth. The wealth surge during the pandemic has significantly expanded our readership base, with private jet usage now exceeding pre-2019 levels. Business jet take-offs and landings in the U.S. have surged by 40% year-on-year, reaching the highest levels in over a decade.

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audience, providing them with well-informed opinions and high-quality features on global affairs and luxury lifestyles.

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From the Editor

Are you ready to embark on new travel adventures this summer? With the season approaching, it's the perfect time to explore the world and indulge in the many delights it has to offer.

In this issue of **UNIQUE**, we're thrilled to introduce you to some of the most enchanting destinations. Imagine setting sail to Ibiza on your yacht, where vibrant nightlife and serene beaches await. Or perhaps you're considering a stay at Laucala, the world's most exclusive island in Fiji, where unparalleled luxury and privacy are yours to enjoy.

We are also proud to continue our collaboration with Soneva, the Maldives' premier resort. Known for its unmatched luxury and commitment to sustainability, Soneva promises an extraordinary escape in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

To our discerning UHNWI readers, we understand that your journeys are as much about the destination as they are about the experience. Whether it's the whisper of a

gentle breeze through a palm grove, the quiet elegance of a hidden cove, or the discreet charm of a five-star suite, it's these moments that stay with you, long after the journey ends. We know that for you, travel is not merely a pastime, but a testament to your pursuit of excellence and a reflection of your impeccable taste.

At **UNIQUE**, our goal is to provide you with insightful and engaging content that complements your sophisticated lifestyle. Whether you're planning your next getaway or seeking inspiration, we hope this edition ignites your passion for travel.

As you set out on your summer adventures, I leave you with the words of Confucius: "Wherever you go, go with all your heart. It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. The journey with a thousand miles begins with one step."

Happy travels,
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M A N D A R I N A

A Luxurious Haven on Mexico's Pacific Coast

In the heart of Mexico's picturesque coastline lies Mandarin, a hidden gem that epitomizes luxury and natural beauty. This exclusive destination, a beacon for the world's elite, is not just a location; it's a lifestyle, an embodiment of sophistication and serenity unmatched anywhere else on the globe.

By Dean Sanders

*Villa 03, One&Only Mandarin Private Homes,
Riviera Nayarit, Mexico.*

Mandarina is a tapestry of lush landscapes and architectural masterpieces, a place where the verdant jungle meets the serene Pacific Ocean. The location is blessed with a temperate climate, making it a year-round paradise. Here, the sunsets paint the sky with hues of orange and pink, and the gentle sound of waves creates a symphony of tranquillity. It's a haven where one can escape the hustle of modern life and immerse in the soothing embrace of nature.

The real estate in Mandarin is more than just property; it's a collection of masterfully designed residences that offer unparalleled luxury. Each home is a unique piece of art, blending modern amenities with eco-friendly designs that complement the natural surroundings. Imagine waking up to breath-taking ocean views, surrounded by lush tropical flora and fauna - this is the everyday reality in Mandarin.

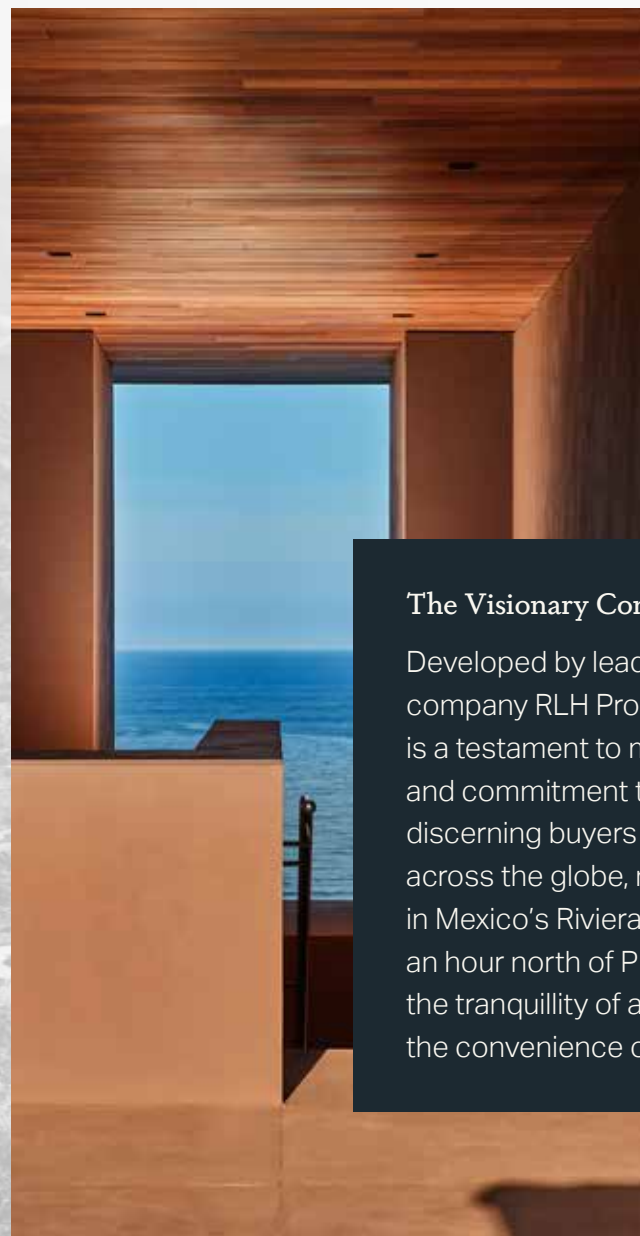
The exclusivity of Mandarin extends to its world-class amenities. In late 2024, Mandarin will welcome the Rosewood hotel, further enhancing its status as a premier luxury destination. The resort is replete with unique amenities, and owner privileges include unprecedented access, rates and benefits to the world-class Mandarin Polo & Equestrian Club, boasting state-of-the-art facilities for polo, dressage, and jumping. The Canalan and Jetty Beach Clubs, spa, bars, and farm-to-table restaurants add to the allure, along with the upcoming Greg Norman designed golf course, inspired by famous holes around the world.

Mandarina is not just a destination; it's a lifestyle, a community of like-minded individuals who appreciate the finer things in life. It offers privacy, luxury, and an unparalleled connection to nature. Owning a piece of this paradise is more than an investment; it's a statement, a testament to one's achievements and taste.



In conclusion, Mandarin is the epitome of luxury living, a place where nature's beauty, architectural brilliance, and a sense of community come together in perfect harmony. It's an exclusive retreat for those who seek the best in life, a place where every moment is a celebration of luxury and natural splendour. Welcome to Mandarin, where your dream of a perfect home becomes a reality.

"A Symphony of Luxury and Nature's Grandeur"



“Once we found Mandarinina, we fell in love. It’s a perfect combination of so many things - cuisine, weather, architecture, beaches, culture and amenities.”

The Visionary Concept of Mandarinina

Developed by leading asset management company RLH Properties, Mandarinina is a testament to meticulous planning and commitment to excellence. It draws discerning buyers and travellers from across the globe, making it a coveted spot in Mexico’s Riviera Nayarit. The resort is just an hour north of Puerto Vallarta, combining the tranquillity of a secluded paradise with the convenience of accessibility.

A Blend of Luxury and Natural Beauty

Spread over 600 acres, Mandarinina showcases diverse landscapes, including soaring mountain peaks, sandy shores, rolling green flatlands, and a lush tropical jungle. The resort houses the celebrated One&Only Mandarinina, alongside a collection of exclusive One&Only branded residences designed by Rick Joy, an architect renowned for his ability to merge modern design with natural settings.







The pinnacle of personalized luxury living



A Diverse Range of Luxurious Options

Mandarina's offerings currently include villas with four to six bedrooms, featuring interiors ranging from 4,464 - 6,109 sq. ft. and outdoor spaces from 2,328 - 3,293 sq. ft. The estate villas offer even more grandeur, with eight bedrooms and interior spaces starting at 9,688 square feet, complemented by exterior spaces of over 5,382 square feet.

Kappner Clark further adds "Mandarina is a one-of-a-kind destination, and its uniqueness has drawn a wealth of travellers and residents from all over the world. The property combines the perfect mix of mountains, jungles, and beaches, with incredible clifftop villas that people normally don't expect of Mexico."

Pricing for these exquisite residences ranges from \$6M to \$18.2M, reflecting the unparalleled luxury and exclusivity that Mandarin offers.

Mandarina - A Symphony of Elegance and Nature

Mandarina is more than a destination; it's a legacy for those who seek the extraordinary. It represents the perfect amalgamation of nature's splendour and human creativity. As Mandarin continues to evolve, it stands as a beacon of luxury living, inviting the world's elite to discover a side of Mexico they never expected, a side that's redefining on the Pacific Coast.



Concierge-Style Living and Adventure

Mandarina Experiences offers a concierge-style service, ensuring guests and residents have access to a multitude of activities. Outdoor explorations and adrenaline-fuelled adventures such as ziplines, ropes courses, and a tennis centre are just a few of the experiences that make life at Mandarin extraordinary.

Architectural Marvels in Nature's Lap

The 55 One&Only branded villas at Mandarin are among the first One&Only Private Homes available globally. These residences have attracted a significant amount of attention, particularly from U.S. buyers, with one home setting a new record for the highest single-family home sales price in the area.

Kappner Clark, RLH Properties' Executive Director of Marketing and Sales, captures the essence of these homes: "The

design and architecture of the homes really capture the beauty of the natural environment that surrounds them, and with an expansive amenities program offering everything from a day at the spa, to polo lessons, to ziplining through the jungle, people fall in love with Mandarin the minute they step foot on the property."

Each villa is a blend of innovative architecture and contemporary design, seamlessly integrating indoor and outdoor living. Features include infinity-edged pools, gracious outdoor spaces with firepits, and expansive views, perfect for gatherings and entertainment. The residences offer a highly private experience, designed for multi-generational living, with a selection of three furniture and finishing packages curated by One&Only and RLH Properties, ensuring that each home is exquisitely designed and furnished upon arrival.

MAYAKOBA



A Sanctuary of Luxury: Mayakoba's Elite Enclave

Nestled along a mile of serene white sands in the Riviera Maya lies Mayakoba, a luxury resort and coveted second-home destination. This nearly 600-acre expanse of lagoons, jungles, and pristine beaches serves as a gated sanctuary offering an unmatched blend of natural beauty and luxury. Home to Rosewood Mayakoba - this exclusive community promises an escape to those who appreciate the finest in life.
by Dean Sanders

*Rosewood Residences Mayakoba,
Riviera Maya, Mexico.*

At the heart of the Mayakoba experience is this expansive community, a meticulously crafted network of crystal-clear waterways, lush jungles, and gentle beaches. Each element of this luxurious retreat is designed to offer an immersive experience that honours the region's natural beauty while providing the pinnacle of comfort and elegance. Residents and guests alike are invited to explore the ecological wonders, with eco-tours and trails that highlight the delicate balance of sustainability and luxury living.

Culinary adventures abound within Mayakoba, with over thirty world-class restaurants offering an array of cuisines that speak to global palates. From beachfront grills serving the freshest seafood to haute cuisine enclaves hidden amidst the jungle, the dining experiences here are as varied as they are exceptional. The resort's chefs are not just cooks but curators of gastronomic journeys that reflect the rich tapestry of local and international flavours.

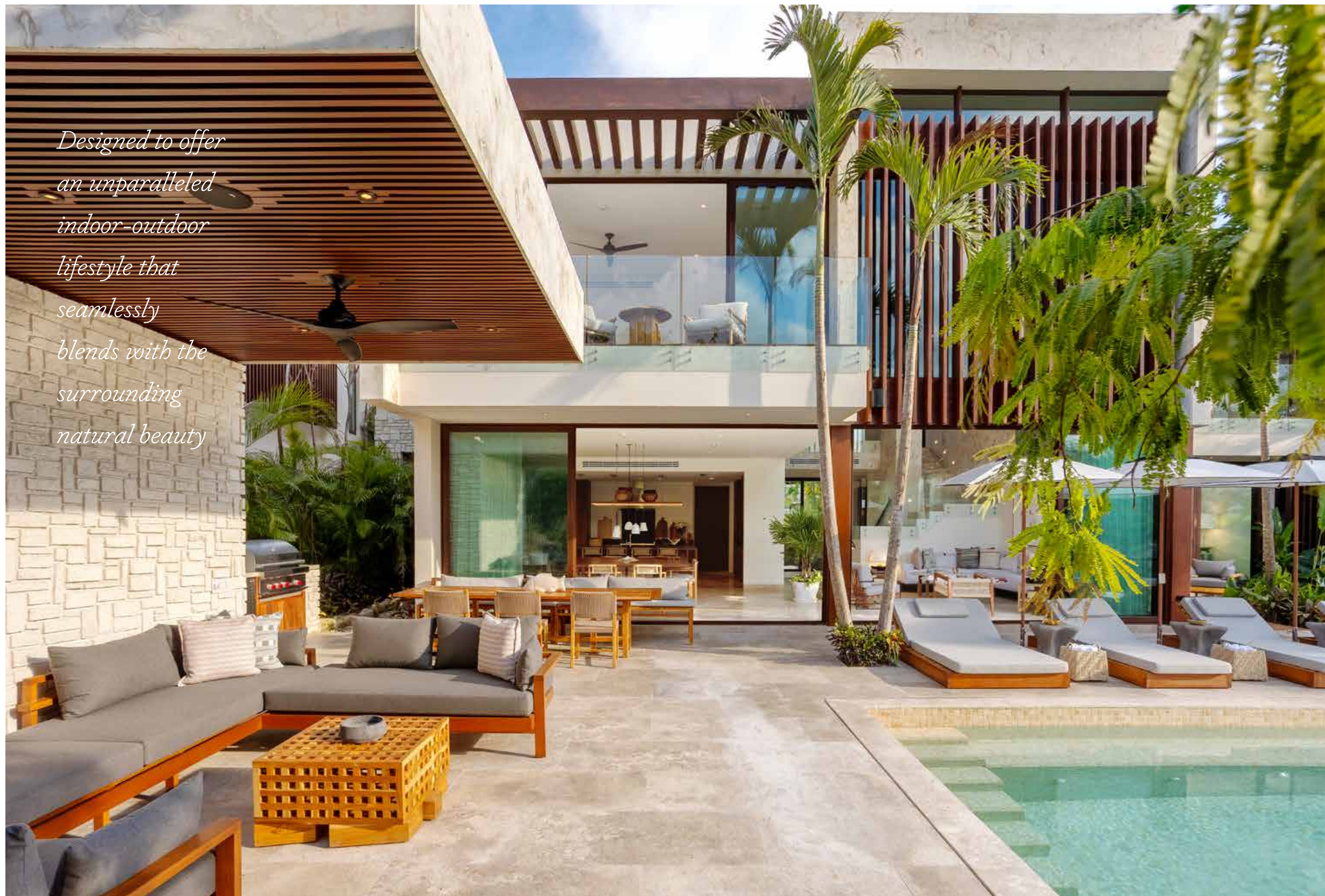


*With over thirty world-class
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As you meander through the lush landscapes, central to Mayakoba's charm is the El Camaleón golf course, a masterful 18-hole layout that adapts as nimbly as its namesake chameleon to the diverse ecosystems it inhabits. Designed by golf legend Greg Norman, this PGA TOUR course is not just a golfer's paradise but a testament to the harmonious integration of sport and environment. It's a stage for international tournaments and a daily tableau of casual play, where each round is as visually stunning as it is challenging.

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For the adventurous, a scuba dive school and a water sports centre provide thrilling encounters with the aquatic wonders of the Caribbean, while tennis enthusiasts will find their match at the state-of-the-art racket centre. Beach clubs dot the coastline, thoughtfully designed to complement the natural environment, ensuring that the splendour of Mayakoba remains unspoiled.

For those seeking tranquillity and rejuvenation, the signature spas of Mayakoba are sanctuaries of wellness. These havens meld modern therapies with ancient Mayan practices, offering treatments that soothe, energize, and renew. Each spa, with its unique design and ethos, provides a personalized wellness journey, leveraging the restorative powers of nature and the therapeutic touch of expert practitioners.



The beauty of Mayakoba's amenities and attractions is not merely in their quality but in their ability to create a sense of place, where every activity and every moment is infused with the spirit of the Riviera Maya. It is a place where luxury is lived, and leisure is crafted into an art form.



The pinnacle of personalized luxury living

In the secluded corners of Mayakoba, where the lagoon's gentle waters meet the vibrant greens of the jungle, lies the Rosewood Residences Mayakoba, an assembly of private villas that epitomize luxury living. Each residence is a secluded haven, designed to offer an unparalleled indoor-outdoor lifestyle that seamlessly blends with the surrounding natural beauty. The collection of waterfront homes is a testament to the sophistication and exclusivity that discerning homeowners desire.

The architectural brilliance of these residences is born from a collaboration with some of the most esteemed names in design and architecture. BANDO x SEIDEL MEERSSEMAN and Gomez Vazquez International, alongside Sordo Madaleno Arquitectos, have imbued each villa with a unique aesthetic that respects traditional Mayan influences while incorporating contemporary luxury. The result is a series of spaces that are not just homes but works of art, inviting residents to live amidst beauty that inspires and rejuvenates.

The Founder's Villa, a beacon of exclusivity and grandeur. Completed in late 2021, this beachfront masterpiece

spans an impressive 16,650 square feet, including six bedrooms and eight bathrooms. The villa's design and location offer unmatched privacy and panoramic views of the ocean, setting a new standard for luxury living. While The Founder's Villa has been sold, it remains an emblem of the unparalleled lifestyle that the Rosewood Residences promise.

For those who seek to craft their own sanctuary, the available inventory at Rosewood Residences Mayakoba includes a selection of customizable villas. The Coral Villas, with their generous interior spaces starting at over 3,000 square feet and expansive terraces of over 2,000 square feet, provide a canvas for personal expression. Buyers are invited to work with world-renowned designers to tailor their residences to their precise tastes and preferences, ensuring that each home is as unique as its owner.

The Rosewood Residences Mayakoba are more than just homes; they are the embodiment of a vision that combines luxury, nature, and personalization. They stand as an invitation to those who aspire to own a piece of paradise, meticulously crafted to reflect the highest standards of luxury and exclusivity.

Sydney's new house of luxury

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Unsurprisingly, the leading Australian integrated property investor and developer's prestigious development is capturing attention from local, interstate and international buyers seeking an exceptional residence to call home at the city's sophisticated heart.

A four-bedroom residence from The Skyhome Collection and a limited selection of expansive one-, two- and three-bedroom residences, most with breathtaking Sydney Harbour and Hyde Park views, remain available for sale, presenting a remarkable opportunity to live at 111 Castlereagh.

Within the tower, The Penthouse Collection and The Skyhome Collection were conceived off the back of extensive downsizer interest in premium house-size apartments offering expansive living spaces and bedrooms, with existing residences being amalgamated to accommodate for the bespoke-designed sky homes.

This makes 111 Castlereagh appealing to a range of prestige buyers – from downsizers looking for a full-time residence, to interstate and international visitors seeking a city pad.

"Our customers are not only being drawn to the exceptional quality, extraordinary design and exclusive prestige of 111 Castlereagh, but also

the proximity of some of Sydney's most desirable retail and dining options, while also seeking an oasis from the bustle of the city," Cbus Property's Chief Executive Officer, Adrian Pozzo, said.

Architecturally designed by the internationally acclaimed Sydney-based fjcstudio, 111 Castlereagh offers a unique balance of old and new. Seemingly suspended above the city's renowned former David Jones menswear store, the residences retain some of the store's art deco features, reimagined for a new era.

"Rising above Hyde Park, 111 Castlereagh will stand out on the Sydney skyline, yet feel as if it has always been part of the city fabric," Mr Pozzo said.

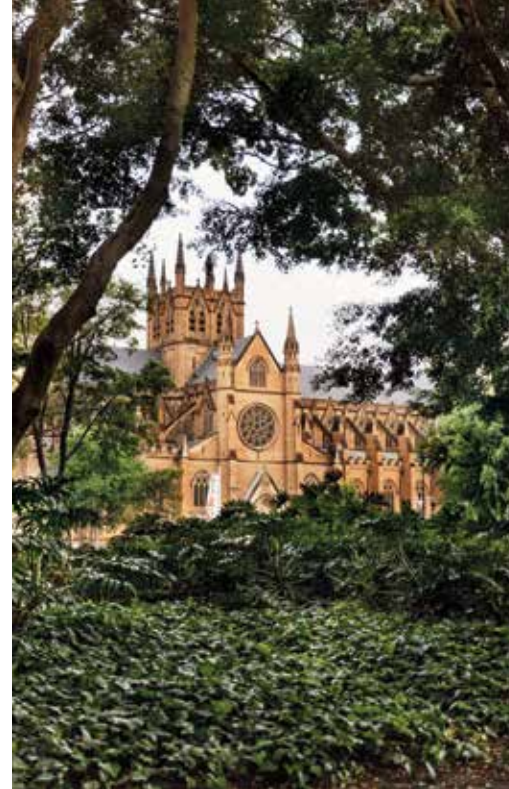
"The ingenious innovation, architecture and engineering of 111 Castlereagh draw parallels with the cutting-edge design of the original David Jones building, which also set a benchmark for development at the time.

"It is a timeless symbol of transformation, celebrating the history and legacy of the former department store, while offering unparalleled amenity for future residents."

Many of 111 Castlereagh's fixtures and fittings are custom designed, with the option of a signature 'Sydney Bronze' hue created exclusively for the project. Appliances come from internationally renowned high-performance suppliers, such as Sub-Zero, Gaggenau and Wolf. Select residences also include Vintec wine cabinets.

fjcinteriors' Head of Interiors, Lina Sjogren, said 111 Castlereagh's residences were "elevated in status and expansive in design ... inspired by the heritage of the former David Jones store".

"These opulent residences offer exclusive design details and selections that have been curated to honour the rarity of each residence, entirely elevating the living experience," Ms Sjogren said.



Most residences will have sweeping Hyde Park views stretching to the majesty of Sydney Harbour and all will feature exclusive access to two levels of rooftop gardens, replete with a heated open-air swimming pool, gym, residents' lounge and alfresco entertaining terraces,



creating a sanctuary in the city to harmoniously complement the luxurious lifestyle on offer.

Residents will also enjoy the building's dedicated concierge service, on hand to assist with personal shopping, catering and

entertainment bookings, along with numerous other requests. A mere lift ride away is Sydney's new 'house of luxury', Scentre Group's multi-million-dollar retail expansion of Westfield Sydney, encompassing a new CHANEL flagship boutique, Omega, Moncler and Canada Goose.

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ADRIAN POZZO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CBUS PROPERTY



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“We envisage residents of 111 Castlereagh making the most of the incredible Sydney CBD location and surrounding amenity, with Hyde Park, The Domain, Sydney Harbour and a long list of coveted fashion houses, restaurants, theatres, art galleries and museums all at your doorstep – not to mention easy access to public transport,” Mr Pozzo said.

Cbus Property has appointed international sales agency, Colliers, as the exclusive agent on 111 Castlereagh, with National Director of Residential, Blake Schulze, saying

his team was seeing strong global buyer appetite due to the site’s prime location, including connectivity to Sydney International Airport.

“We have received steady interest from Australian expatriates residing within the Asia Pacific region, United Kingdom, United States and closer to home in New Zealand,” he said.

“These buyers are wanting to buy a residence within 111 Castlereagh but they are not always based in Sydney. They are seeking a pied-a-terre or secondary dwelling for when they are in Sydney for business or visiting family.”

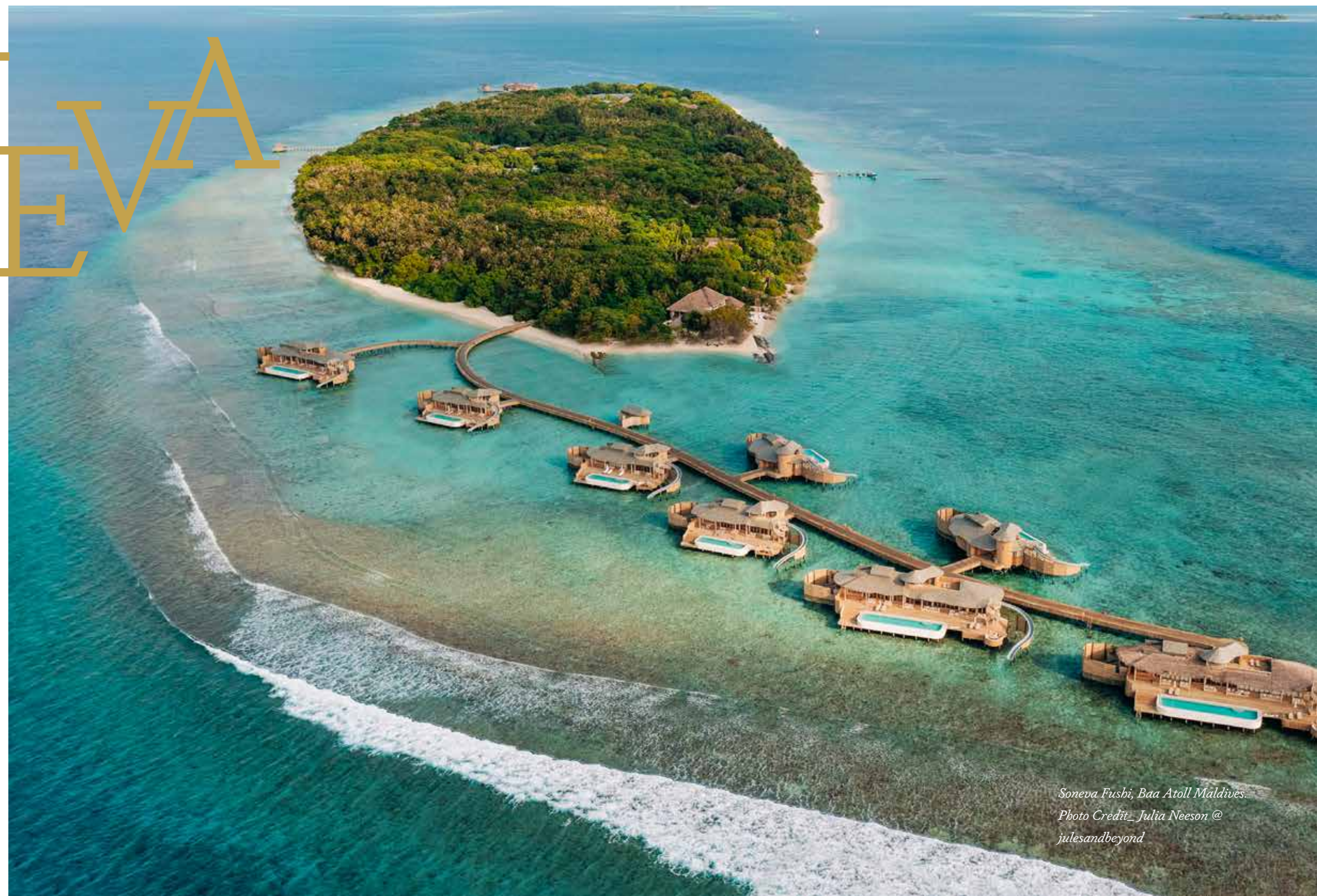
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*Soneva Fushi, Baa Atoll Maldives.
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Visionary Leader and Eco-Pioneer

Sonu Shivdasani, the CEO and Joint Creative Director of Soneva, epitomizes the fusion of luxury and sustainability. Sonu's journey in luxury hospitality began after falling in love with the Maldives alongside his Swedish-born wife, Eva.

In 1995, they opened Soneva Fushi in the Maldives, redefining luxury tourism with an emphasis on environmental responsibility. Sonu also co-founded Six Senses Resorts & Spas and Evason hotels, later adopting a 'One Owner, One Operator, One Philosophy' approach under Soneva.

A pioneer in environmental stewardship, Sonu established the Soneva Foundation in 2010 to champion sustainable practices. Initiatives include banning branded bottled water, developing a carbon calculator, and implementing a carbon levy on guest stays.

Sonu's leadership in sustainable luxury earned him recognition as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) and the SevenRooms.



Eva Malmström Shivdasani

Creative Force and Sustainable Conscience

Eva Malmström Shivdasani, the Creative Director and Conscience of Soneva, has been instrumental in crafting the brand's unique aesthetic. A former top fashion model and successful entrepreneur, Eva's Swedish heritage and passion for sustainable living shape her approach to luxury design.

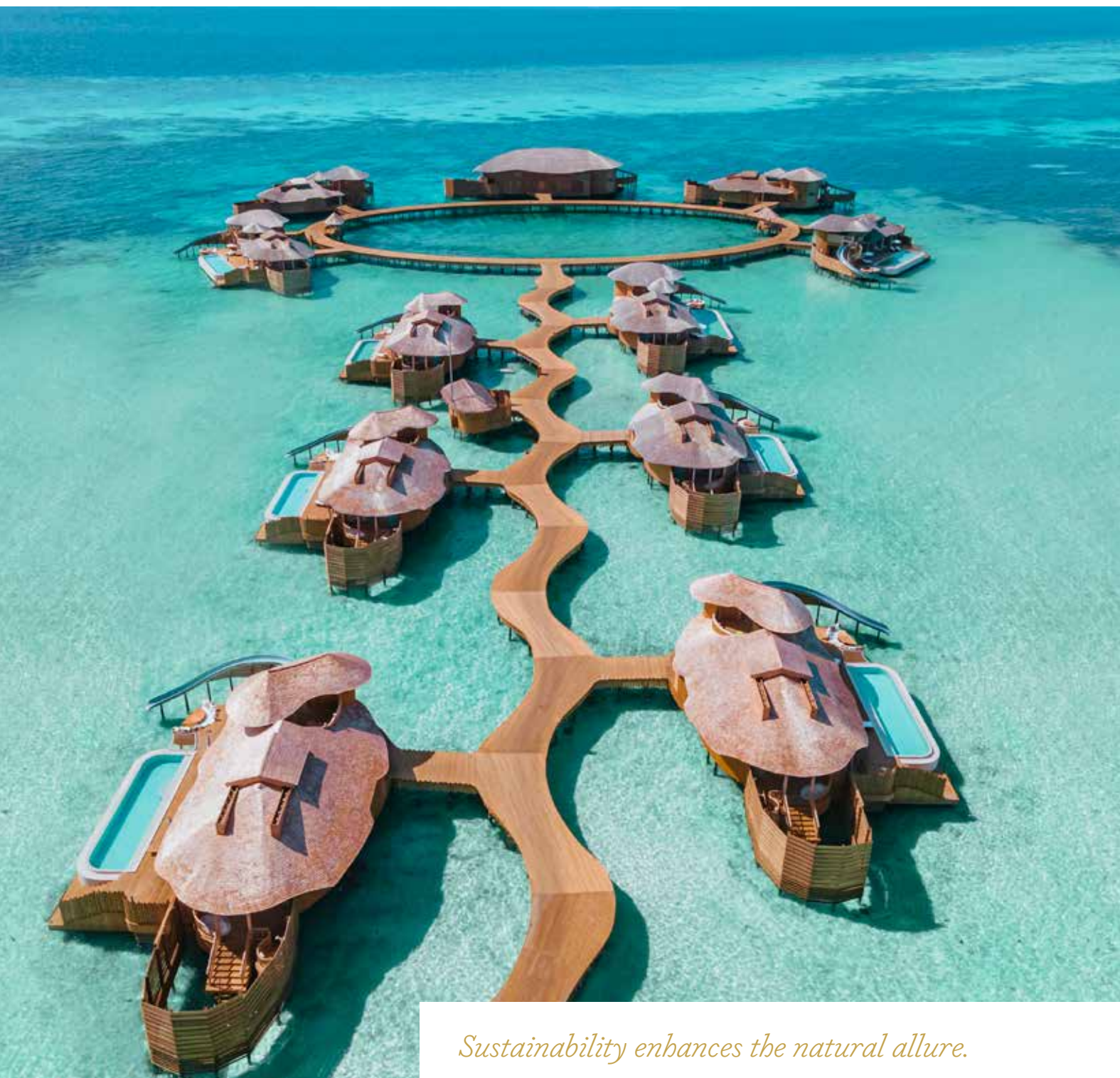
At Soneva, Eva's flair for elegant, sustainable interiors shines. She oversees the design of each villa, ensuring harmony with nature and commitment to eco-friendly practices. Her dedication to using local, sustainable materials and her meticulous attention to detail are legendary.

Eva's initiatives reflect her philosophy of ethical and sustainable luxury. Under her guidance, Soneva resorts have become a benchmark for responsible, luxurious living.

Our Philosophy: Inspiring a Lifetime of Rare Experiences

In a world where true luxury is rare, Soneva stands as a beacon of extraordinary experiences. Our philosophy is rooted in offering peace, time, and space – the ultimate luxuries in today's fast-paced world. Soneva resorts are sanctuaries where guests can immerse themselves in serene natural beauty, feeling the sand between their toes and dining under a sky glittered with stars. As pioneers of 'barefoot luxury,' we encourage our guests to reconnect with themselves and the natural world. This ethos extends beyond mere relaxation, aiming to evoke profound, memorable experiences that resonate deeply with our guests. From private beach dinners to stargazing sessions with astronomers, each moment at Soneva is crafted to inspire and enchant.





*Sustainability enhances the natural allure.
Discover our eco-conscious design, celebrating
island beauty with sustainable craftsmanship
and materials.*



Soneva Foundation: Environmental, Social, and Economic Impact

The Soneva Foundation is a beacon of positive change, supporting projects that create significant environmental, social, and economic impacts. By employing impact investing principles and leveraging carbon finance, the Foundation extends its influence, aiding more families and communities. Key initiatives include the Coral Propagation project, where, in collaboration with Coralive.org, one of the world's largest coral nurseries thrives. This project is vital for ocean biodiversity, playing a crucial role in preserving and expanding coral reefs. Furthermore, the Foundation focuses on community development projects, ensuring that our luxury footprint leaves a positive mark on the world. From clean water projects to renewable energy initiatives, the Soneva Foundation embodies our commitment to a better, sustainable future.



Sustainability: Eco-Luxury Paradigm

Soneva's commitment to sustainability is a testament to the harmony between luxury and environmental responsibility. We pursue carbon neutrality through innovative practices, such as utilizing renewable energy and engaging in extensive reforestation projects. Our resorts exemplify the 'waste-to-wealth' philosophy, transforming waste into resources and pioneering recycling and composting initiatives. A stalwart against plastic pollution, Soneva has eliminated single-use plastics, reinforcing our dedication to preserving the environment. Our eco-conscious approach extends to empowering local communities through education and sustainable livelihood programs. Additionally, our efforts in biodiversity preservation, through creating sanctuaries and protecting marine life, underscore our commitment to ecological stewardship. At Soneva, luxury is not just an experience, but a responsibility.

Embrace nature's majesty

Soneva Fushi is an unparalleled paradise of barefoot luxury, in a sustainable ecosystem of lush jungle, pristine beaches and crystalline waters.

Soneva Fushi is a natural treasure nestled in the Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and one of the largest islands in the Maldives. Fifty three private island villas are ensconced in a verdant expanse of rich jungle. All feature vast living spaces and views towards the sunrise or sunset, and most enjoy their own pools, as well as being are just steps from the beach. Our eight Water Reserves are among the largest of their kind in the world, featuring a terrace with a private pool and a water slide into the ocean. All Soneva Fushi villas come with our personalised Barefoot Guardian service 24/7.

SONEVA FUSHI



SONEVA JANI



A secluded Maldivian hideaway

Soneva Jani is nestled within the tranquil waters of the Noonu Atoll, where sun-drenched blue skies and azure seas stretch out in every direction. One of the world's lowest density resorts, there are just 51 over-water and seven island residences, the largest and most luxurious villas in the Maldives, each designed for the ultimate privacy, space and breathtaking ocean views.

All of our luxurious overwater and island villas are designed to offer maximum space, privacy and unforgettable views.

With one to four bedrooms, our over-water villas all have private pools, waterslides into the lagoon and a retractable roof over the master bedroom.

Located steps from the beach, our island villas include private pools and expansive indoor and outdoor living space.

Relax in iconic Water or Island Villas for the ultimate indulgence.

Experience supreme privacy and bespoke service. A personal Barefoot Guardian and a dedicated chef ensure your every preference is gracefully met, with the utmost attention to detail





SONEVA SECRET

Your Private Island

Experience a fresh new wave of personalised hospitality at Soneva Secret 2024, located in the sparkling waters of the Maldives' Haa Dhaalu Atoll. Thirty years in the making, our barefoot paradise presents the ultimate in privacy and seclusion, where the beauty of nature abounds.

The first resort in the Haa Dhaalu Atoll, Soneva Secret features 14 overwater and island villas, including the Maldives' only floating villa. Designed to offer the ultimate in Soneva hospitality and exemplary service standards, each villa features a dedicated team of three, which includes a Barefoot Guardian, Barefoot Assistant and dedicated chef, to ensure every stay is wholly personalised.



Our commitment to eco-protection shines in the villa complex's sustainable build. We use renewable materials like bamboo and celebrate upcycling, transforming driftwood and recycled materials into unique, luxurious elements

Soneva Soul wellness centre is built in perfect harmony with its serene surroundings, allowing you to reconnect with nature as you rejuvenate in this island sanctuary



Soneva SOUL

Reconnect mind, body and soul at Soneva Soul, where thousands of years of ancient healing wisdom unite with the latest science and innovation.

Encircled by the island's lush jungle, our two-storey wellness complex at Soneva Fushi is inspired by its tranquil setting, inviting you to embrace the beauty of nature as you rejuvenate, restore and relax. Built around a central water feature, stepping stones and walkways connect the reception area and treatment rooms on the ground floor, as well as an advanced beauty room, Ayurvedic consultation and treatment room, flotation tank and retail shop. Sound pods with meditative music and aroma pods offering blends of atomised essential oils enable you to relax or re-energise before or after your treatment. Upstairs there are another three consultation and treatment rooms.

Soneva Villa Ownership

2 Bedroom Water Reserve with Slide

The master bedroom includes an en-suite bathroom and a retractable roof, while the second bedroom is upstairs and features a roof deck. A vast deck with loungers, swing and catamaran nets surrounds the private freshwater pool, with a curved water slide that goes straight into the lagoon, while a sunken circular lounging area commands panoramic views over the ocean.

Choose between a sunrise-facing villa for morning tranquillity or sunset-facing for a front-row seat to watch the sun fall below the horizon. The vast ground floor master bedroom includes an en-suite bathroom, dressing room and outdoor shower, plus an adjacent children's sleeping area. A retractable roof over the master bedroom slides back at the touch of a button to reveal starry skies. Also found on the ground floor are a spacious, light-filled living room and pantry with a minibar. The second bedroom is upstairs, and features an additional dressing room, bathroom, seating area and dining sala with roof deck.

Outside, a vast deck with loungers, swing and catamaran nets surrounds the private freshwater pool, with a curved water slide that goes straight into the lagoon, while a sunken circular lounging area commands panoramic views over the ocean. All 2 Bedroom Water Reserves offer water slides (except for the Mobility Friendly Water Reserve).



2 Bedroom Crusoe Residence with Slide

Hidden away by a stand of mangrove trees, this two-bedroom residence is a private haven with a swimming pool, expansive wooden decks, and a spacious children's room.

This luxurious two-bedroom beachfront villa offers a pool embracing the façade, complete with sunbathing catamaran nets. The master bedroom features an alfresco bathroom with a bath, dual showers, and a water feature. A wine vault-equipped kitchen and dining area double as a library, while the living room boasts a spacious horseshoe daybed and guest facilities. Upstairs, an en suite guest room adjoins a flexible space for kids or relaxation, leading to a lagoon-view balcony with plush daybeds and al fresco dining. Soneva Unlimited enhances your stay with limitless dining, premium drinks, spa services, and a Barefoot Butler. Guests of Soneva Jani Chapter Two villas enjoy all-inclusive access to Soneva Unlimited, ensuring an opulent, carefree retreat with boundless experiences, diving, spa indulgences, an exclusive wine selection, gourmet dining, and evenings with Michelin-star chefs.

Soneva Villa Ownership

Discover our exclusive portfolio of luxury residences for sale in the Maldives. Breath-taking beach and over-water villas in unspoiled natural havens.

Soneva Villa Ownership is the first and only company to offer real estate to foreign buyers in the Maldives. Our portfolio of luxury property for sale includes expansive private villas at our award-winning Maldives resorts: Soneva Fushi in the Baa Atoll, and Soneva Jani in the Noonu Atoll. Our luxurious private residences in the Maldives are the ultimate expression of our Slow Life ethos. Learn more about the benefits of Soneva Villa Ownership, from our full maintenance services to our Villa Rental Programme.

How It All Began

In 2011, Soneva made history as the first and only company to offer luxury real estate for sale in the Maldives to foreign buyers, handing over the first set of keys that same year. Soneva Villa Ownership was launched at the request of our 'Soneva enthusiasts', or repeat guests, who wanted to enjoy the many benefits of our world-renowned hospitality while creating a bespoke home-away-from-home that they can enjoy for many years to come.

Our portfolio of Private Residences at Soneva Fushi in the Baa Atoll and Soneva Jani in the Noonu Atoll are built to the same sustainable principles and uncompromising standards as our world-leading resorts. Designed to have the minimum impact on the earth, they epitomise our unique take on 'barefoot luxury' – from their beautifully understated design that harmonises with the outstanding natural environment, to the rare and memorable experiences that owners and their guests can enjoy at our award-winning resorts.

Soneva's exquisite beach and over-water villas offer the rarest of luxuries – that of time, space and peace to savour life's simplest pleasures with loved ones in a secluded piece of paradise.

As a home-away-from-home, Soneva's bespoke interiors are personalised to Villa Owners' exact needs, from beautiful furniture hand-crafted by local artisans to one-of-a-kind details, such as dining towers, twisting waterslides and children's treehouses.

Justin Kingsley
Group Director,
Soneva Villa Ownership



4 Bedroom Island Reserve with Slide

Your own luxurious beachfront mansion. Frolic in the sea or the shade. Refresh your soul in the sauna or with sundowners from the cellar. An expansive beachfront suite, the Four Bedroom Island Reserve affords a wealth of luxury while allowing for customisation depending on your requirements. Spacious indoor-outdoor living areas abound, including a steam bath, changing room, sauna, master bedroom, TV lounge, dining room, private pool, kitchen, and wine vault. The second floor is home to a further three bedrooms with bathrooms and dressing rooms, and the villa's private gym.

The pool has its own water slide, as well as a dedicated children's pool.



Your secluded haven awaits in your personal retreat. Relax to the sounds of waves and maldivian breezes. Here, luxury, seclusion, and nature converge, awaiting your arrival.

Soneva Jani Private Island

Discover unparalleled LUXURY. Nestled in the sparkling turquoise waters of a private lagoon. Soneva Jani unveils its latest masterpiece: a private island retreat, where exclusivity meets serenity. Located on the untouched North Island, this exclusive private haven, with its close proximity to the main resort, offers a seamless blend of isolation and accessibility.

Signature details embrace the seamless blend of Soneva's sustainable luxury in this private haven. Tailored to your desires, the elegant villa complex offers serenity, with sweeping ocean vistas. Its nature-inspired architecture harmoniously aligns with the scenic splendor.

Exclusivity at its FINEST

Discover unparalleled privacy and exquisite service. From a personal Barefoot Guardian to a chef who caters to your every culinary whim, your desires are anticipated and fulfilled with impeccable attention.



A luxurious Beachfront Escape

PACIFIC MIRAGE VILLAS AT SHERATON GRAND MIRAGE RESORT, GOLD COAST

Nestled along the serene Main Beach, the Pacific Mirage Villas at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast, offer an opulent retreat that seamlessly combines luxury with the warmth of home. With spacious two and three-bedroom villas, recently refurbished to perfection, these accommodations provide families and guests with breathtaking ocean vistas, tropical garden views, and serene lagoon scenery.

Location

This idyllic location is a haven of peace, where the gentle lull of ocean waves and the rustling of palm trees create a soothing symphony, inviting guests to unwind and rejuvenate. The secluded Main Beach provides a sense of exclusivity and seclusion, allowing visitors to bask in the natural beauty of the Gold Coast without the distractions of crowds. It's the perfect retreat for those seeking solace in nature's embrace, where time slows down, and serenity reigns supreme.

Perfect for Families

The Pacific Mirage Villas at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast, offer an exceptional family vacation experience by seamlessly combining beachfront luxury with the comforts of home. These spacious villas, nestled along the tranquil Main Beach, provide families with direct access to the secluded shoreline, where endless hours of beachfront fun await. After a day of sun and sand, the convenience of fully equipped kitchens, complete with cooktops, ovens, microwaves, and dishwashers,

ensures that mealtime is a breeze. The dining areas and roomy lounges create a welcoming environment for family gatherings and quality time together. And when it's time to relax, families can retreat to the Sheraton Grand Mirage Villas' private pool, just steps from their front doors, for a refreshing dip in a serene and exclusive setting. The Pacific Mirage Villas truly offer the perfect blend of beachfront bliss and self-sustained comfort for families looking to create cherished memories along the stunning Gold Coast.

Award-Winning Design

The refreshed villas, developed by award-winning architects at DBI Design, have been carefully designed to maximize the stunning surrounding views. Luxurious furnishings and fittings adorn the interior, while floor-to-ceiling windows bathe the space in natural light. Every aspect of the Grand Mirage Villas reflects sophisticated beachside living, immersing guests in the breathtaking environment of the resort.





**The Pacific Mirage
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Key Highlights

The Pacific Mirage Villas offer an array of captivating features that elevate your stay to an unforgettable experience. Wake up to the mesmerizing Pacific Ocean in an oceanfront villa, where each morning is serenaded by the rhythmic waves, and you're immersed in a tropical seascape. For a touch of luxury, recharge on your private rooftop terrace, boasting views of the resort and glimpses of the Pacific Ocean, perfect for both entertaining guests and finding solitude to soak in the tropical atmosphere. Plus, with direct beachfront access to the secluded Main Beach just steps from your villa, you can maximize your tropical escape by feeling the golden sands beneath your toes and the gentle ocean breeze as you stroll along the shore, making every moment a cherished memory.

Villa Inclusions

The Pacific Mirage Villas at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast, offer an array of amenities that ensure a truly luxurious and convenient stay. Each villa boasts a fully-equipped kitchen, complete with a cooktop, oven, fridge/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, crockery, cutlery, and utensils, making it easy to prepare meals at your leisure. The spacious dining area and lounge provide ample room for relaxation and family gatherings. Additionally, laundry facilities, including a washing machine and dryer, add to the convenience of these accommodations. For added

security and accessibility, guests enjoy private undercover secure parking with direct lift access to accommodation floors. The villas also grant access to the private pool, offering a serene escape just steps away from your front door. Further enhancing the experience, an electronic security system ensures peace of mind, while access to all resort services, including 24-hour reception, concierge, in-room dining, Wi-Fi, restaurant, bars, a lagoon pool, and a gymnasium, guarantees a well-rounded and unforgettable stay.

Pacific Mirage Villas Options

The Pacific Mirage Villas offer a diverse range of accommodation options to cater to every guest's desires. The two bedroom villa presents a true home away from home, featuring two bedrooms, two bathrooms, an open-plan lounge, dining area, and a fully-equipped kitchen. A private balcony provides a serene outdoor space to take in the stunning surroundings, with a master suite offering a Sheraton Sleep Experience King bed and an en-suite, while the second bedroom offers flexible sleep arrangements. For those seeking an added touch of luxury, the two bedroom rooftop Villa encompasses all the amenities of the two bedroom villa while adding an expansive private rooftop terrace, spanning over 228 square meters, complete with barbecue facilities and outdoor dining. The Deluxe Ocean Villa takes beachfront living to another level, featuring breathtaking ocean

views, an extra room with a smart study area, and a double sofa bed lounge, effectively creating a third bedroom. Finally, the three bedroom villa offers spacious and stylish accommodations, including three luxury bedrooms, a king bed in the master, a twin in the second bedroom, and a queen in the third. With a sleek modern design, it also includes a roomy lounge area, two bathrooms, a six-person dining space, and an elegant kitchen, ensuring ample room for everyone in the family to relax and unwind.

Luxury Accommodation at Its Best

The Pacific Mirage Villas offer the spaciousness of luxurious accommodations along with all the comforts of a five-star resort. Featuring open-plan living designs with modern kitchens and dining spaces, as well as private balconies to enjoy, all villa guests are welcome to indulge in the exclusive villa pool, just steps from their front doors.

Discover the epitome of coastal luxury at the Pacific Mirage Villas, where sophisticated beachside living meets the warmth of home, and every day is a celebration of the stunning Gold Coast environment. Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or a gathering of friends, these villas provide the perfect backdrop for unforgettable memories. Experience the allure of the Gold Coast like never before at the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast's Pacific Mirage Villas.



The Royal Mint today still stands as the home of precious metals. As the trusted maker of coins for the monarchs dating back to circa 886, it has become a centre for British Craftsmanship and celebrates its unique 1,100 years' heritage by bringing its expertise to precious metals in all shapes and sizes.

Numismatic Glory



Leading the way with precious metals through innovation, The Royal Mint has this year launched a jewellery collection made of sustainable precious metals. Named 886, the collection inspires precious jewellery made from gold recovered from electronic waste that will last for years to come.

Adding the allure of the original twist, this extraordinary year also saw the creation of the largest coin in British history, following a private commission by a private UK collector to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The unique masterpiece, made of 15 kilogrammes of pure gold, features a commemorative design by an esteemed coinage artist that has been approved by Her Majesty. The

enduring and valuable work of art celebrates intrinsic precious metal value and craftsmanship honed over centuries of making coins for Kings and Queens.

The Royal Mint's private commission service now attracts collectors and investors all over the world looking to own unique coins with exclusive features and befitting the highest standards of the principal coin maker. Clients can also design their own pieces of art on gold, silver and platinum, in a range of shapes and sizes, to mark personal celebrations and enhance their investment portfolio at the home of precious metals in the UK.

Nicola Howell, Chief Commercial Officer at The Royal Mint, discusses the Commemorative Coin division – traditionally associated with

commemorating key themes and events on UK coin that will fit in your pocket, now in demand for large, rare, and bespoke creations from clients all over the world.

What is the Commemorative Coin division?

The Royal Mint has a rich history of commemorating key events on UK coin. These coins are designed by artists, overseen by Her Majesty's Treasury and ultimately get the approval of The Queen.

As the trusted maker of coins, we uphold the highest standards of craftsmanship and innovation across everything we do. All our coins are made to the highest standards of the Trial of the Pyx – one of the oldest and most exacting tests of minting quality control anywhere in the world.

The Royal Mint is the home of precious metals, and as we look to the future we're focused on growing and innovating in a way that complements our heritage. We are becoming world renowned for our intricate large coins, with investors and collectors looking for beautifully crafted pieces of art crafted from precious metals. We're also building a new plant to recover gold and silver from electronic waste, providing sustainable precious metals for our customers.

Tell us about the customised service for clients?

Our bespoke collectable service is customised for each customer and can range from acquiring rare collectables; adding original twists to existing coin ranges; to creating

entirely new works of art on precious metal that will be treasured for life.

We have a dedicated team, known as our Mint Marque specialists, working with new and existing collectors worldwide who want a customised service. With our 1,100 years of heritage, we are at our best developing unique pieces of history in collaboration with our designers to bring our clients' requests to life, and our specialist team are with them every step of the way.

What can you tell us about the unique features?

We work with our clients to create one-off works of art that meet the exacting standard of official coinage, with an original twist. Clients can select a unique size and weight for

their coin and customise the design with different frosting, mint mark or security feature, to ensure its rarity across the world.

Are the larger coins made in the same way as the coins we find in our change?

Unlike the coins you find in your pocket, which are struck between two dies, the large precious metal coins are cut into a solid gold ingot by a state-of-the-art precision milling machine before the processes of polishing, and frosting are carried out by hand and using laser engraving technology. For our large coins, of 10 kilogrammes and 15 kilogrammes of fine gold, this hand craftsmanship is known to take 400 hours and the results are out of this world.



What are these coins worth?

The craftsmanship and finesse of our masterworks are second to none, combining unique works of art with intrinsic metal value. Each piece carries the heritage of The Royal Mint and involves hundreds of hours of hand work by our Master Craftspeople, enhancing key elements within the design. Each piece is different, but the larger coins can be worth six figures or more.

Can The Royal Mint make customised products other than coins?

Absolutely, as the home of precious metals The Royal Mint can create a unique piece of art showcasing a design of your choosing on a range of precious metal canvases. Clients can choose from gold, silver, platinum, recycled gold, or gold recovered from electronic waste, and set the artwork on a round medal or bar.

Using the crafts from over 1,100 years we will develop a piece of history and work in collaboration with our designers to bring your request to

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life. The bespoke piece provides a blank canvas on which to work from and a personalised brief which we will help inspire. Just like our coins, the medallions are crafted using techniques garnered over centuries of making coins for Kings and Queens.

How do I find out more?

You can contact a Mint Marque Specialist about the bespoke commissioning service and find out more about our limited-edition premium coins at The Royal Mint website: www.royalmint.com/madetoappreciate

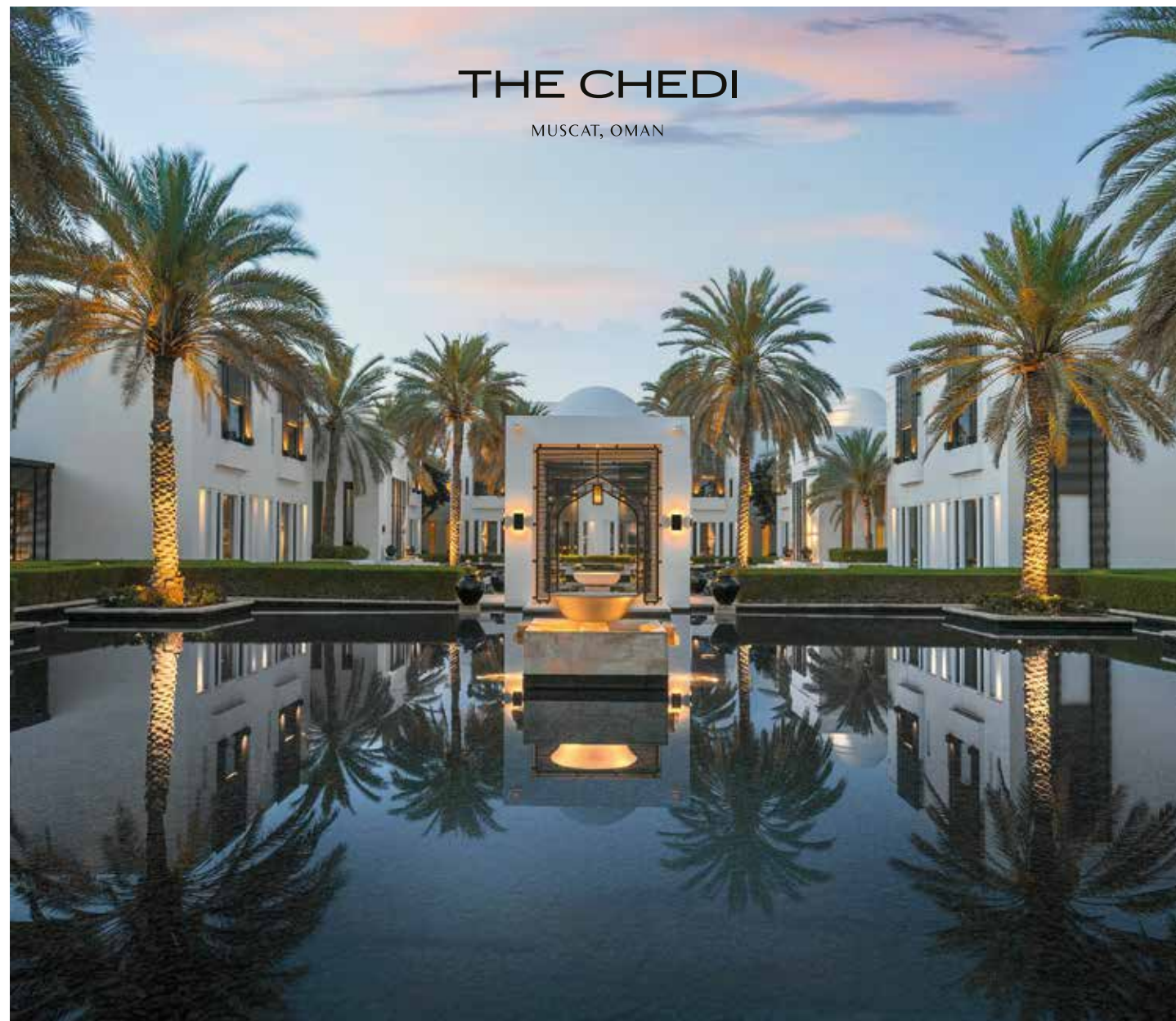
What can you tell us about The Royal Mint's 15-kilogramme gold coin for the Platinum Jubilee?

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee inspired a one-off 15 kilogramme gold coin commissioned by a private collector. Making numismatic history, it is the largest coin in our history and was lovingly crafted as per the wishes of our client. The release represents our growth as the home of precious metals in the UK and our ambition to make metals precious to our customers across all our collections.

The 15-kilogramme gold coin for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee has a diameter of 22cm and sits proudly in its customised case made to showcase the exclusive design by esteemed coinage artist John Bergdahl. The regal design depicts a crowned EIIIR cypher surrounded by roses, daffodils, thistles and shamrocks, representing the United Kingdom. Adding original features to the largest coin, a symbolic privy mark of the St Edward's Crown worn during her coronation in 1953 is positioned above the number '70', in recognition of Her Majesty's momentous celebration.

As the largest UK coin to date, the scale and diameter of the piece has allowed us to push the boundaries of minting to produce an exceptional level of relief and detail. It is a true testament to the expertise and skills of our in-house design and production teams, and their ability to collaborate with the finest artists. With the combination of traditional craftsmanship and modern technology, we can produce one-of-a-kind pieces of art on precious metal that appeal to investors and collector all over the world. This special-edition coin is the masterpiece in the Platinum Jubilee collection, a unique piece of art that will endure as a legacy of the occasion for generations to come.



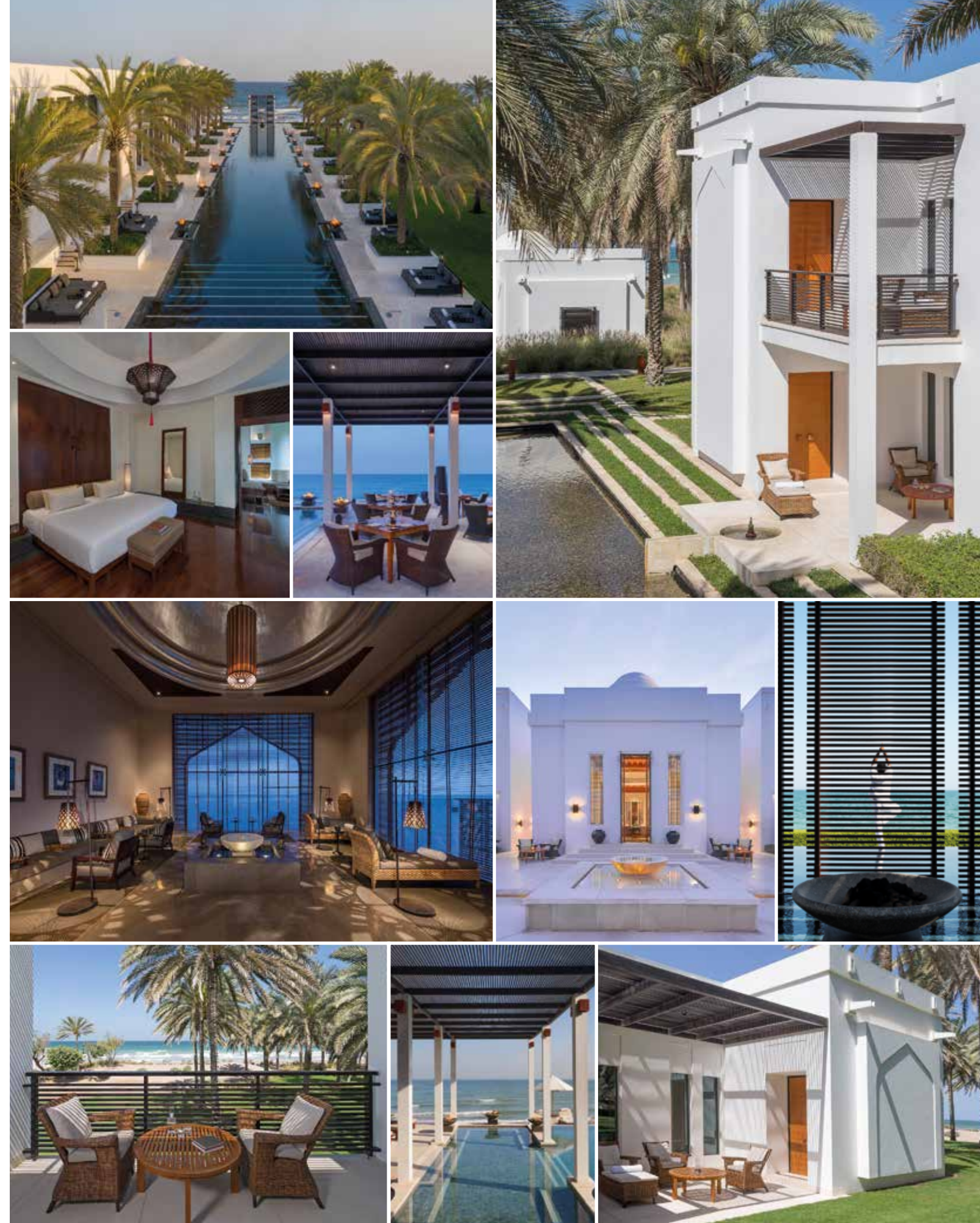


The Chedi Muscat

Where the majestic Hajar Mountains meet their luminous reflection in the serene waters of the Gulf of Oman, The Chedi Muscat rises amidst an elegant oasis and is perfectly located for exploring the magnificent country.

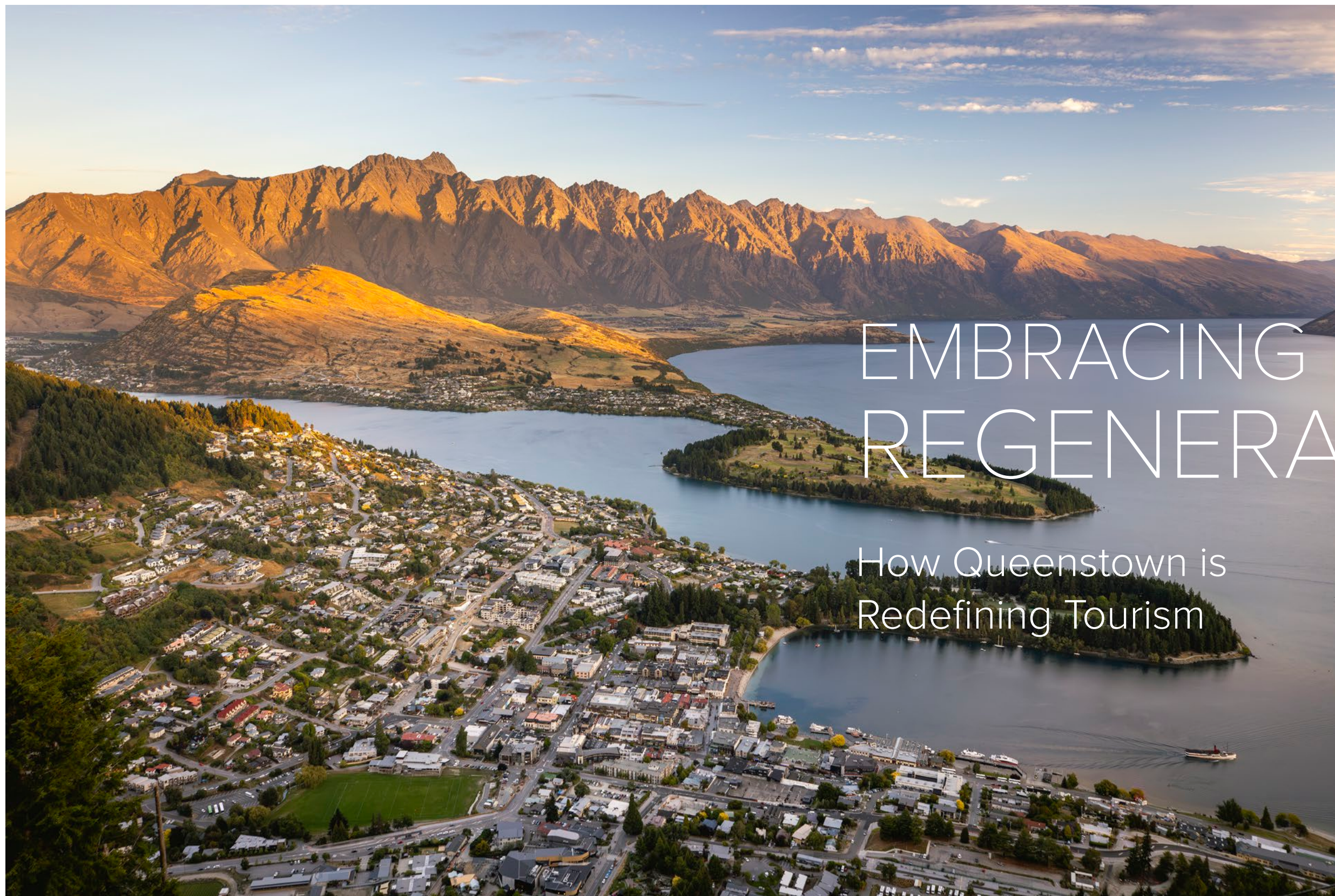
The resort offers understated elegance and a perfect mix of Omani architecture and a profound Asian zen style. The minimalist lines of the low-rise buildings are accentuated by gardens of symmetrical simplicity, with lines of manicured hedges and balanced water ponds, creating a tranquil retreat.

The Chedi Muscat is home to six restaurants and two lounges offering everything from Mediterranean and Middle Eastern to Southeast Asian and Indian cuisines. In addition, the resort's exclusive offering includes a private beach, three swimming pools, a spa and health club – creating a true sanctuary for guests in the heart of Oman.



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LONG CELEBRATED FOR ITS BREATHTAKING SCENERY AND WORLD-CLASS ADVENTURE, QUEENSTOWN IS RENOWNED AS THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S PREMIERE FOUR SEASON RESORT. YET, THIS POPULAR VISITOR DESTINATION IS NOW CAPTURING ATTENTION FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT REASON.

Queenstown is ambitiously pursuing regenerative tourism — a forward-thinking approach that is about much more than just preserving the environment, and instead aims to ensure tourism adds value on a holistic level — environmentally, economically, and socially, while enriching its cultural fabric.

At the heart of this transformation is the region's destination management plan, 'Travel to a Thriving Future', a collaborative effort involving residents, communities, the council and businesses, all working together to preserve Queenstown for future generations. This visionary framework is guiding regenerative tourism, and the keystone project to achieve a carbon-zero visitor economy by 2030.

An interesting shift in Queenstown's vision is the growing embrace of 'slow tourism'. Visitors are encouraged to stay longer, take a breath, and

immerse themselves fully in the region. This slower, more thoughtful pace not only reduces pressure on local infrastructure but also offers a richer, more relaxed experience for travellers. In doing so, Queenstown is reimagining what it means to travel, placing quality over quantity in every sense.

Vital to the success of the plan is a deep connection between tourism and the local community. It's not just about visitors passing through; it's about truly engaging with local culture, respecting the area's values, and sharing in the unique identity of the communities that call Queenstown home. This alignment is what makes the visitor experience richer, ensuring travellers leave with not just memories, but meaningful connections.

As more travellers seek out authentic experiences that align with their personal values, this vision for

tourism is resonating. The shift towards responsible, conscious travel speaks to travellers' increasing desire to make a positive impact while exploring new places, fostering genuine connections with the people, places and cultures encountered along the way.

With a growing population of residents and visitors alike, social wellbeing plays an important role in Queenstown's future. Creating opportunities for meaningful connections between visitors and locals is crucial to build strong, resilient communities that thrive alongside a vibrant tourism industry.

Restoring the environment and decarbonising the visitor economy by 2030 will rely on commitment and sustained action. This includes reducing the carbon footprint associated with travel to and from the destination, and lowering

emissions in the region. Many tourism businesses in Queenstown are showing leadership in this space, introducing electric buses, investing in solar energy, managing waste and exploring sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) compatible aircraft. The famous Shotover Jet is on track to introduce the world's first commercial electric jet boat fleet, with a prototype already in testing.

Beyond just reducing carbon emissions, Queenstown is setting its sights on restoring and regenerating natural ecosystems, with local businesses and community organisations spearheading reforestation projects, waste reduction initiatives, and sustainable tourism practices. It's a move that not only benefits the environment but adds another layer to the visitor experience, inviting travellers to be part of the region's restoration.

Queenstown's efforts in regenerative tourism are not just about local impact; they are also about inspiring other destinations nationally and globally to join the mission.

The journey toward regenerative tourism in Queenstown is not without challenges. Balancing visitor needs with the imperative to protect the environment requires careful planning and collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The rewards, however, have the potential to be immense. By positioning itself as a leader in regenerative tourism, Queenstown can serve as a model for other destinations facing similar challenges.

In Queenstown, the landscape is not just a backdrop for adventure; it thrives when cared for. By championing regenerative tourism, Queenstown invites the world to nurture and preserve the beauty that has drawn in so many.

VILLAS

AMONG THE VINES



Located at the heart of the Central Otago wine region, just a 20-minute drive from the Queenstown Airport, Central Otago's founding winery is home to the Gibbston Valley Lodge & Spa luxury accommodation. They pride themselves in providing a 5-star friendly and personal service, where guests can relax, unwind and experience the beauty of this unique wine region.

GUESTS CAN TREAT THEMSELVES TO SOME OF THE BEST WINE EXPERIENCES IN QUEENSTOWN

The 24 private villas feature views over organic vineyards and out towards the mountains bordering the valley. The spacious and luxurious indoor living areas open onto a secluded, covered deck and courtyard. The deck is a delightful spot to enjoy a glass of their award-winning wine and relax as the peaceful stream trickles past your villa. The large bathrooms have a walk-in shower, separate bath and dual basins; as well as premium, locally made, sustainable beauty products.

The Bubbles Bar and Lodge Restaurant offers an à la carte menu, designed to complement the organic wine produced onsite and using local ingredients that highlight the quality of food produced in New Zealand. Guests are encouraged to join the complimentary wine tasting before dinner, held in the Lodge's private cellar. They can also watch the beautifully curated 25-minute short film on Gibbston Valley's fascinating winemaking process next door in the private theatre.

The boutique Spa is the perfect retreat for health, beauty and well-being. The calming Spa features three private treatment rooms, secluded hot pools and sauna, and a well-appointed gym, conveniently located just a short stroll from the villas.



This is a serene, relaxing environment for a range of personal indulgences – guests can enjoy signature ‘vinotherapy’ treatments using different parts of the grape and vine to benefit the skin, enabling them to connect with the land and winery on a whole new level.

Many unique activities take place on the wider Gibbston Valley property. Guests can treat themselves to some of the best wine experiences in Queenstown. The buzzing atmosphere of the Cellar Door has their full range of wines on offer and the Winery Restaurant and garden courtyard features a relaxed, seasonal lunch menu each day.

The winery is home to New Zealand’s longest wine cave and a range of expertly guided experiences are on offer to enrich one’s knowledge and palette with the delight of Gibbston Valley wines. The Cheese and Wine experience is also a wonderful way to spend an afternoon, hosted in the onsite Cheesery and Deli. All these experiences can be booked by the friendly team upon request.

The perfect base for cycling the valley of the vines, an onsite Bike Centre has hard-tail and e-bike options for exploring the Queenstown cycle trails. Pedal through the property and alongside the Kawarau River, or venture out to Arrowtown or visit the neighbouring vineyards in Gibbston. Ask the team about the option to add a special picnic with a hamper and rug, and perhaps a bottle of Gibbston Valley’s best.



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The Rees Hotel Queenstown is a sophisticated five-star haven, perched above the serene shores of Lake Wakatipu with sweeping views of the remarkable mountain ranges.

a balance of indulgence and relaxation

This premier Queenstown destination blends understated elegance with genuine warmth, offering guests a spectrum of luxurious, fully air-conditioned accommodation choices, each designed to showcase the natural beauty of its surroundings. From chic hotel rooms perfect for intimate escapes to spacious apartments and exclusive Lakeside Residences with three bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, and expansive terraces, The Rees presents a seamless blend of style, comfort, and panoramic scenery.

From the moment you arrive, The Rees wraps you in a warm embrace of hospitality, exuding a chic yet unpretentious charm. This balance of indulgence and relaxation defines the spirit of The Rees. Every stay here is designed for ultimate relaxation, from the meticulously curated interiors to the plush furnishings that elevate every space. Guests can unwind on private balconies overlooking the lake, take in the grandeur of the Remarkables, or savour the warmth of the elegant schist fireplace in the lobby, adorned with an homage to William G. Rees, Queenstown's pioneering settler.



Every moment here is tailored
to provide seamless comfort



Beyond its picturesque accommodations, The Rees Hotel offers guests a culinary journey that celebrates local flavours. True to New Zealand's reputation for fresh, world-renowned produce and award-winning wines, the hotel's dining experiences are crafted to delight even the most sophisticated palates. Guests can indulge in menus that prioritise locally-sourced ingredients and reflect the diverse culinary heritage of Otago, all thoughtfully paired with selections from the hotel's enviable wine cellar.

The Rees is renowned for hosting exclusive winemaker events and private tastings, giving guests intimate access to some of the best wines from New Zealand's celebrated wine regions.

The heart of The Rees experience is its dedicated team. Known for their genuine Southern hospitality, the attentive staff set the benchmark for exemplary guest service, delivering each request with natural charm and a relaxed informality. Every moment here is tailored to provide seamless comfort, ensuring that no detail is overlooked and that every guest's needs are effortlessly met.

At The Rees Hotel Queenstown, indulgence comes naturally. Whether you're taking in the scenery from your room, enjoying a bespoke culinary experience, or simply basking in the friendly yet refined atmosphere, every moment promises a memorable escape. Your perfect Queenstown retreat awaits.

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A legacy of luxury

Nestled in the heart of
Queenstown, New Zealand,
Eichardt's Private Hotel has
a rich history that dates back
to its establishment in 1867.



Originally a modest accommodation for gold miners and travellers, the hotel has evolved into a luxurious haven that captures the essence of this breath-taking region. Over the years, Eichardt's has become synonymous with elegance and sophistication, attracting guests from around the world. Its iconic location overlooking Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains has made it a retreat for those seeking both adventure and tranquillity.



AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR ADVENTURE AND RELAXATION

Queenstown is renowned as the adventure capital of New Zealand, and for good reason. Surrounded by stunning landscapes, it offers a diverse range of activities that cater to thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike. From world-class skiing during the winter months to exhilarating bungee jumping, jet boating in the warmer seasons, the region provides endless opportunities for outdoor entertainment.

Today, Eichardt's Private Hotel stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of hospitality, blending its historical roots with contemporary luxury. The hotel has been meticulously restored and expanded to offer a unique experience that seamlessly marries the charm of the past with the conveniences of modern life and everything that Queenstown has to offer.



CULINARY DELIGHTS AND LOCAL FAVOURITES

No stay in Queenstown would be complete without indulging in the culinary offerings at Eichardt's. Guest can unwind with expertly crafted cocktails at the stylish Eichardt's Bar, a local favourite that has been serving patrons since 1867. The cozy atmosphere is perfect for relaxing after a day spent exploring.

Other dining options include The Grille by Eichardt's set in a prime location on the waterfront with a menu featuring the famous Eichardt's Seafood Chowder, or Tamaring by No5, serving modern Indian African Cuisine at our sister hotel, The Spire.





The Penthouse

A PINNACLE OF LUXURY

For those who demand the height of excellence, The Penthouse at Eichardt's Private Hotel is the ultimate expression of luxury and sophistication. Perched atop the hotel, it offers breath-taking views of Lake Wakatipu and the snow-capped mountains that define Queenstown's skyline. This exclusive suite is designed for those who wish to experience the finest in accommodation while being immersed in one of New Zealand's most stunning landscapes.

Spanning an impressive 240 square meters, The Penthouse features spacious indoor outdoor living areas, the exquisite interior is a blend of contemporary elegance and provincial charm. Every detail has been considered to ensure that guests enjoy both comfort and style.

The Penthouse boasts two large bedrooms, each a sanctuary of tranquillity, accompanied by marble bathrooms that evoke a luxurious spa experience. For those seeking relaxation, a private sauna and outdoor spa are available, providing the perfect retreat after a day of exploration in the adventure capital of the world.

Unmatched Amenities and Design, one of the standout features of The Penthouse is its unparalleled amenities. The fully equipped kitchen, invites culinary exploration against a backdrop of stunning mountain views. Whether preparing a casual breakfast or hosting an elaborate dinner, guests will find everything necessary for creating memorable meals.

The terrace also includes a fully equipped outdoor kitchen, making al fresco dining an effortless delight.

Andrew Cox, the owner of Eichardt's, identified a unique opportunity to create a high-end accommodation experience that marries the luxury of a metropolitan hotel with the beauty of New Zealand's landscapes. "New Zealand's luxury lodges are typically remote," Cox explains, "but The Penthouse provides a high-end experience right in the heart of the adventure capital."

For those who prefer a more private dining experience, The Penthouse's kitchen facilities enable guests to prepare their own meals or a Private Chef can take care of everything you need. Entertain in an elegant setting, all while enjoying the stunning views that make every meal an occasion to remember.



This vision has resulted in a remarkable accommodation option priced at \$15,000 per night, offering a lavish escape for those who seek only the best.



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IN A PRISTINE WILDERNESS

Built to showcase the best features of the world's finest alpine lodges, Blanket Bay is a rustically elegant retreat at the edge of New Zealand's beautiful Lake Wakatipu.



Blanket Bay is where relaxation and adventure meets luxury accommodation, unparalleled service and five star facilities.



Owned by Tom Tusher, retired president of Levi-Strauss, and his wife Pauline, who spend a good part of the year at their spectacular hideaway, Blanket Bay is located within Wyuna Station, which at 10,000 acres is one of New Zealand's largest high country stations (ranches).

The lodge's name recalls an event more than a century ago, when a mob of sheep owned by Sir William Gilbert Rees was shorn on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in a bay just south the small town of Glenorchy. To protect themselves and the wool from the elements, Maori shearers used blankets to create the shed and shelters, and so Blanket Bay was born.

Situated right on the shores of this magnificent, glacier-carved lake just 40 minutes' drive from Queenstown in the South Island, Blanket Bay is the perfect place to experience New Zealand's most exhilarating wilderness adventures. It's also an area where your imagination can run wild. The local landscape has been a shooting location for many films, including Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings movie series.



Little expense was spared in creating this perfect haven, which is a far cry from the blanket shelters erected in 1861. At the heart of the lodge is the Great Room, where lofty ceilings, a massive log fireplace, vaulted wharf-timber beams and antique wooden floors embrace a singular kind of rustic elegance. Guests also enjoy an intimate den, games room, spa, gym, jacuzzi, steam rooms, therapy suite and heated outdoor lap pool.

Popular daytime activities include guided fly-fishing, heli-flight-seeing (from the onsite private pad) to Milford Sound and greater Fiordland, jet boating on the Dart River, biking on the trails or hiking in Mt Aspiring National Park to zip-lining and bungee jumping.

Guest accommodation at Blanket Bay is sumptuous. Three magnificent lodge suites offer bedrooms complete with sitting areas, stone fireplaces, and the generous bathrooms come with steam shower and separate tub. Chalet suites are another option, beautifully designed to reflect New Zealand's colonial architecture and complement the main lodge through the use of schist stone and timber beams.

Whether seeking
adrenalin pumping
action or pure
relaxation, the
southern lakes region
offers a vast array of
alpine activities set
in one of the most
beautiful places on
earth.



Nestled in this majestic alpine setting, just a short walk or buggy ride from the Main Lodge sits Blanket Bay's flagship Villa. Here you'll encounter an unrivalled luxury experience combining five-star facilities with world-class hospitality, delivered in a distinctly warm New Zealand way. Enjoy time to yourself in one of the Villa's four King-sized suites, complete with stone fireplace, living area, decadent bathroom and spectacular views, or come together in the grand central atrium which offers multiple living and dining areas in a truly unique setting.

Your dedicated private chef will prepare exquisite dishes for you at any time of the day from inside the Villa's kitchen, using fresh, local produce from around the region, complemented by an impressive

list of outstanding local and international wines. Dine privately with your group inside or outdoors under the stars. Every day the lodge's culinary team live up to guests' highest expectations with ever-changing menus of creative Pacific Rim cuisine. Over the years, many of Blanket Bay's chefs have been recognised with awards and accolades; the kitchen is a hotbed of culinary talent.

A stay at Blanket Bay is a profound experience. A Forbes Traveller reviewer was moved to say: *"In 35 years of hotel design and visiting, this is the best hotel experience I have ever had. Such a wonderful location and such wonderful service—it was a magical experience. I was heartbroken to leave."*



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Nestled along the serene shores of Lake Wakatipu, **Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa** embodies the unparalleled beauty and sophistication of New Zealand's Southern Alps. Located in the heart of the adventure capital of the world, our luxurious resort blends alpine elegance with warm hospitality, creating an experience that is both intimate and majestic. For those seeking a tranquil retreat or an unforgettable gateway to New Zealand's most breathtaking landscapes, Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa is the destination that has it all.

A LAKESIDE SANCTUARY

Imagine waking up to panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu’s sparkling waters framed by rugged mountains. Each of our 220 rooms and suites has been thoughtfully designed to echo the rich beauty of the surrounding landscape, with warm, natural tones, rich textures, and luxurious furnishings. Floor-to-ceiling windows open to private balconies or terraces in many rooms, giving our guests a front-row seat to the lake and mountain views that make Queenstown world-famous.

For an extra level of indulgence, our Lakefront rooms and suites provide private patios that open directly onto the tranquil lakefront.

“Our goal is to offer guests an extraordinary stay that connects them with the very essence of Queenstown,” says General Manager, Mark Jones. “From our lakeside location to our luxurious interiors and exclusive experiences, every element has been curated to provide a sense of peace, elegance, and adventure.”

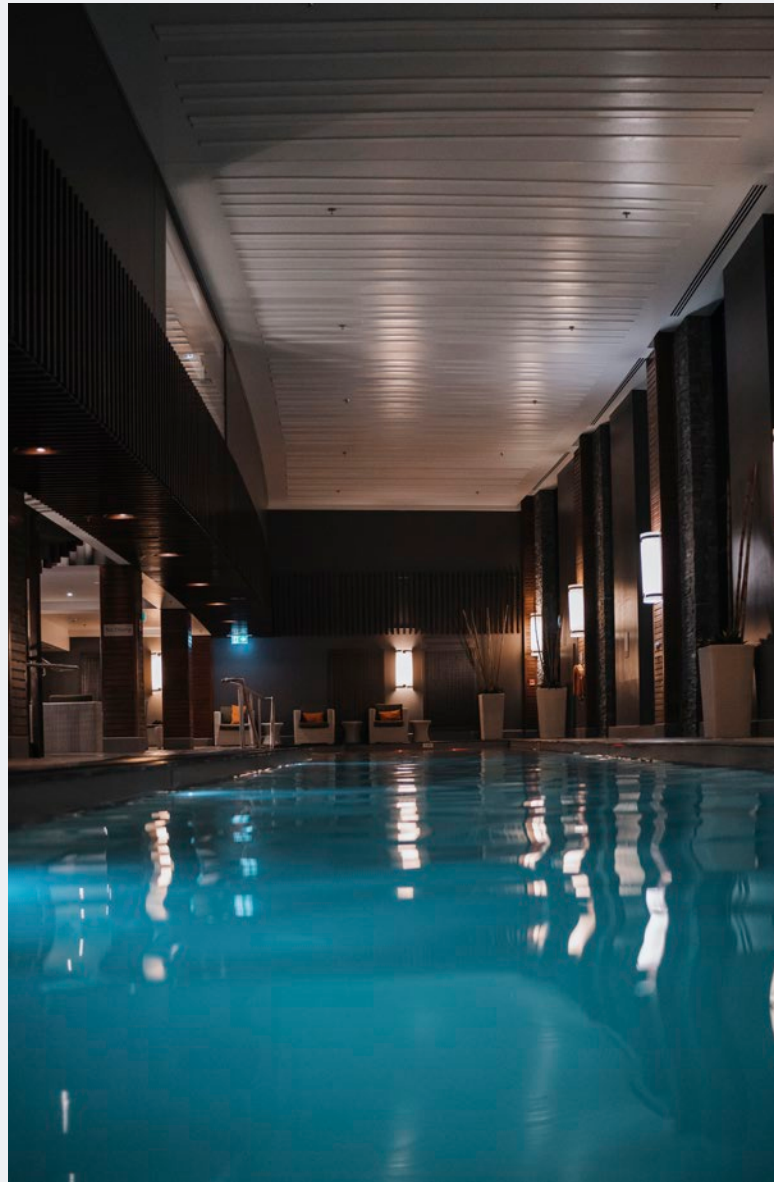
EXCEPTIONAL DINING EXPERIENCES

At Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, culinary excellence is at the heart of our guest experience. Our signature restaurant, Wakatipu Grill, offers a refined dining experience that celebrates New Zealand’s incredible produce. With ingredients sourced from the region’s lush farms, fertile vineyards, and bountiful waters, the menu takes you on a culinary journey, showcasing the very best that Central Otago has to offer.

The Wakatipu Grill’s executive chef, Aabhimanyu Venkataraman Sekar, invites guests to savour specialties like South Island lamb, locally sourced game meats, and exquisite vegetarian dishes.

The atmosphere is as memorable as the cuisine, with an open kitchen and outdoor fire pit seating. “Dining at Wakatipu Grill is more than a meal; it’s an experience that allows you to connect with the land and its flavours,” says Aabhimanyu Venkataraman Sekar.





AWARD-WINNING SPA & WELLNESS

Escape to a sanctuary of relaxation at eforea: spa at Hilton Queenstown, where luxury and tranquillity blend seamlessly. With a variety of unique treatments inspired by the rugged beauty of Queenstown, our spa offers guests an oasis of calm. Enjoy exclusive massages, facials, and body treatments using premium products, such as Pure Fiji and Algotherm, designed to rejuvenate both body and soul.

“Our spa is designed to be a retreat within a retreat,” says Spa Manager, Achal Naidu. “Guests can unwind and restore balance, leaving them refreshed and ready to explore the adventures Queenstown has to offer.”

The wellness offerings extend beyond the spa walls, with a heated indoor pool, hot tub, and fitness center featuring state-of-the-art equipment and mountain views, ensuring that wellness remains at the forefront of the Hilton Queenstown experience.

ADVENTURE AWAITS AT EVERY TURN

Queenstown is a destination that stirs the spirit of adventure, and our resort provides easy access to the region’s most exciting activities. From the nearby Remarkables Ski Area to jet boating on the Shotover River, guests have endless options to explore. Adventure seekers can take advantage of our resort’s partnerships with local tour operators to enjoy helicopter tours, bungee jumping, and world-class hiking, all just minutes from our doors.

PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCES & EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

At Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, we are dedicated to creating unforgettable memories for every guest. Our team prides itself on offering personalized service, from tailored itineraries to thoughtful touches in each room, ensuring that each stay is unique. Many of our guests return year after year, often leaving glowing reviews and testimonials that speak to the warmth and care they experience here.

“Hilton Queenstown has been my home away from home for years,” says frequent guest Sarah Mitchell. “The service is always impeccable, and the attention to detail makes every stay feel like a special occasion. The team goes above and beyond to make me feel welcomed and pampered.”

AN UNFORGETTABLE RETREAT

Whether you’re looking to immerse yourself in Queenstown’s adventure-packed offerings or simply unwind in a luxurious lakeside setting, Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa provides a retreat that combines world-class hospitality with a true sense of place. With unparalleled views, award-winning amenities, and a team that brings the best of New Zealand’s legendary hospitality, this is more than just a destination—it’s an experience that will stay with you long after you leave.

Book your escape to Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa, where every moment is a celebration of luxury and the beauty of Queenstown.




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A beacon of luxury and artistry in jewellery design

JODI PENFOLD is a renowned master jeweller, designer, and creative director behind Jewels of the Kimberley. Known for her exquisite craftsmanship and innovative designs, Jodi has created some of the most stunning and high-end jewellery collections in the world. Her work captures the raw beauty of the Kimberley region in Australia, blending natural elements with sophisticated artistry. Her dedication to sourcing ethically and using locally sourced materials, such as rare pink diamonds and South Sea pearls, underscores her commitment to sustainability. This ethos, combined with her artistic vision, has positioned her as a leading figure in luxury jewellery design, celebrated for both her creative genius and her ethical approach to crafting timeless pieces.





Early Life and Career Beginnings
Jodi Penfold's journey into the world of jewellery began in the picturesque town of Broome, Western Australia. From a young age, she was captivated by the beauty of the local landscapes, a fascination that would later become the foundation of her design philosophy. Growing up in an artistic family, Penfold was encouraged to explore her creative talents, which led her to study fine art, goldsmithing, diamond setting and gemmology.

After completing her formal education, Penfold honed her skills as a jeweller, learning traditional techniques while also embracing modern innovations. Her dedication to her craft and her passion for

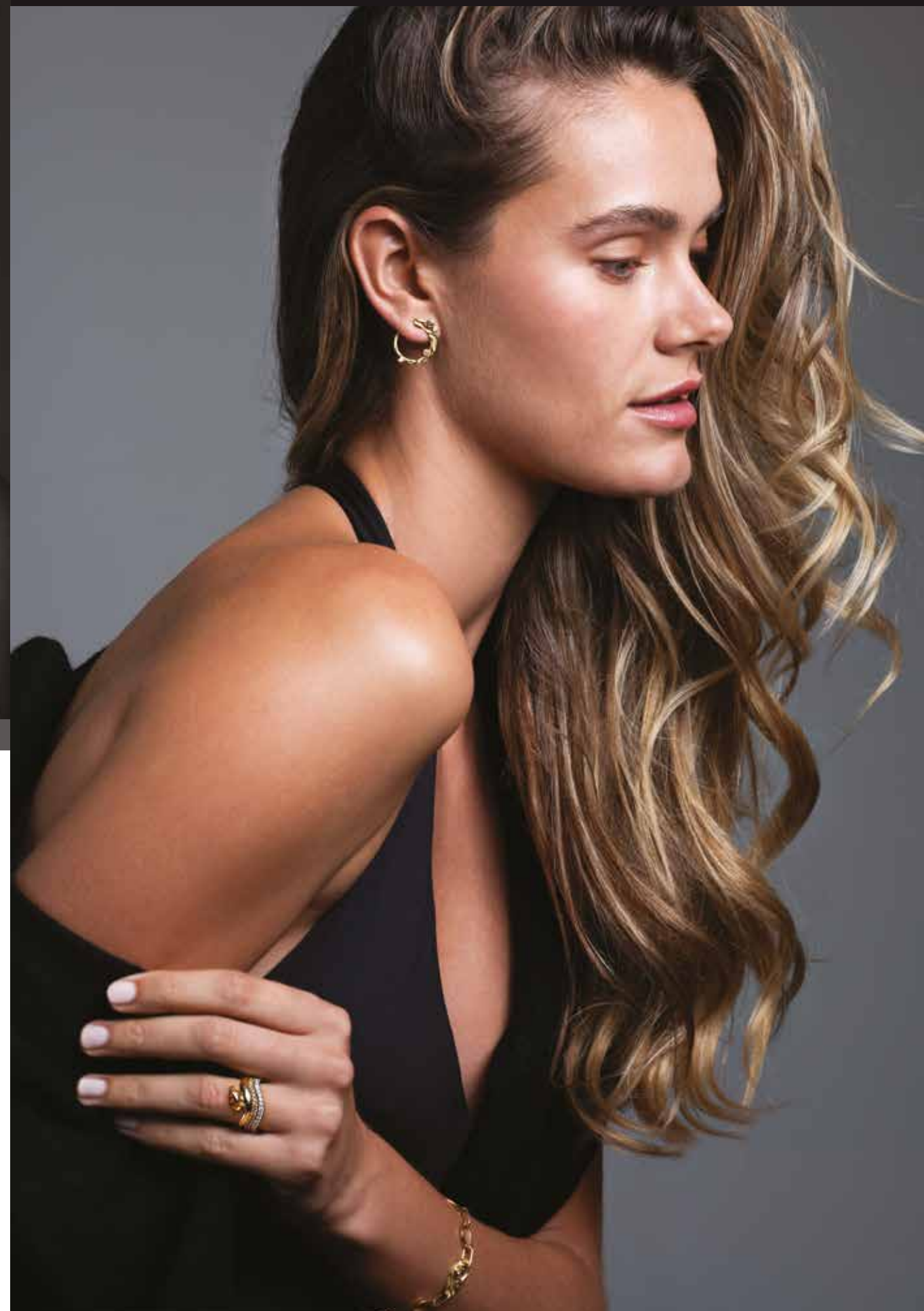
design quickly set her apart in the industry, earning her a reputation for excellence and creativity.

In 2005, Jodi Penfold founded Jewels of the Kimberley, a boutique jewellery studio located in Broome. Her vision was to create unique, handcrafted pieces that reflect the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the Kimberley region. Each piece is meticulously designed and crafted in-house, ensuring the highest standards of quality and artistry.

Jewels of the Kimberley quickly gained recognition for its exceptional designs and commitment to ethical sourcing. Penfold's use of locally sourced diamonds and pearls, combined with her innovative approach to design, has earned her a

loyal following of clients from around the world. The studio's dedication to sustainability and ethical practices not only appeals to discerning clients but also sets a benchmark for the industry. Jodi's pieces are more than just jewellery; they are stories captured in precious metals and stones, each reflecting the rugged elegance and untamed spirit of the Kimberley. Her ability to intertwine the region's natural splendour with fine jewellery craftsmanship has solidified Jewels of the Kimberley as a distinguished name in luxury jewellery.

Jewels
of the
Kimberley



NUUTOPIA

A Journey into the unknown

A Masterpiece of Vision and Craftsmanship

Among the crowning achievements of Jodi Penfold's illustrious career stands the NUtopia Collection – a testament to her unwavering pursuit of harmony between artistry and the natural world. Inspired by the concept of utopia, where nature's beauty converges seamlessly with human creativity, each piece in this collection embodies a vision of perfection. The NUtopia Collection emerges as a celebration of the Kimberley region's untamed allure, where rugged landscapes and crystalline waters converge in a symphony of hues and textures. Here, Jodi's craftsmanship transforms rare pink diamonds, vibrant coloured diamonds, and South Sea pearls into wearable masterpieces that echo the region's sublime beauty.

Design Philosophy

At the heart of the NUtopia Collection lies a reverence for the Kimberley's pristine landscapes. Jodi meticulously crafts each piece to encapsulate the essence of the region's coastal tranquillity—the gentle undulations of sand ripples and the whisper of Kimberley breezes find expression in every curve and facet. It's not merely jewellery; it's an embodiment of serene moments, a tangible link to the profound beauty that defines the Kimberley.

Craftsmanship and Materials

Handcrafted with exacting precision and utilising ethically sourced materials, the NUtopia Collection radiates with a brilliance that transcends mere adornment. Each diamond and pearl, selected for its rarity and quality, speaks to her commitment to sustainable luxury—a marriage of aesthetic opulence and environmental stewardship.

Global Recognition

Renowned for its artistry and narrative depth, the NUtopia Collection has captivated collectors and connoisseurs worldwide. Whether worn by seasoned travellers who have ventured into the Kimberley's heart or by those who dream of its majestic landscapes, these pieces offer a perpetual connection to nature's grandeur and the allure of adventure. In the NUtopia Collection, Jodi Penfold invites wearers into a world where beauty knows no bounds—a realm where craftsmanship meets conscience, and where every jewel tells a story of timeless elegance and ethical excellence. For those who seek to elevate their style with a touch of Kimberley-inspired luxury, these pieces stand as testament to the enduring allure of nature's wonders, forever captured in the brilliance of Jodi's visionary designs.



Flow Ring: A Dance of Gold and Diamond Elegance

Experience the epitome of luxury with the Flow Ring, an extraordinary piece from Jewels of the Kimberley's NUtopia Collection. This \$39,800 masterpiece captures the ethereal beauty of the Kimberley coast in Western Australia, where the sand meets the sea in a harmonious ballet of nature.

Crafted in the fluid elegance of 18ct yellow gold, the Flow Ring glides gracefully across your finger, mimicking the gentle sway of ocean swells at sunset. At its heart, a captivating 1.02ct pear-shaped diamond dazzles with a fiery orange hue, reminiscent of the region's mesmerizing sunsets. This exquisite stone, with its GIA certification and laser inscription, radiates sophistication and modern elegance.

The Flow Ring is more than just a piece of jewellery; it's a versatile statement of style. Pair it with a sleek gold band for a timeless look or stack it with dazzling diamonds for a playful ombre effect. Contrast it with a white gold band adorned with crisp diamonds to express your unique flair with every gesture.

Embrace the freedom to switch up your look daily by investing in a collection of bands, each reflecting a mood or moment of your journey. With the Flow Ring, every glance at your hand will evoke memories of the Kimberley's untamed beauty and the joy of exploration.

Specifications:-

- *Material: 18ct yellow gold, handcrafted with precision*
- *Main Diamond: 1.02ct Deep Yellow-Orange pear-shaped diamond, Si1 clarity, GIA Certified*



Gaia Neckpiece: A Divine Tribute to Natural Beauty

Step into a world where nature's grandeur and human artistry intertwine with the Gaia Neckpiece, a magnificent creation from Jewels of the Kimberley's NUtopia Collection. Priced at \$14,950, this stunning necklace pays homage to the Earth goddess herself, capturing the essence of natural beauty and profound connection.

Handcrafted in luxurious 18ct yellow gold, the Gaia Neckpiece features an organic-shaped pendant adorned with a mesmerizing array of champagne and white diamonds. The textured gold surface mirrors the

ripples of tidal sands, evoking the serene ebb and flow of the ocean's embrace. Each ripple narrates a tale of the Earth's ever-changing landscape, a tribute to the passage of time and the elemental forces of nature.

Suspended elegantly on a modern heavy open paper link chain, this pendant introduces a contemporary flair to a timeless design. The Gaia Neckpiece harmonises effortlessly with other pieces in the NUtopia Collection, inspiring awe and admiration wherever you go. Wear it as a symbol of natural beauty and your deep connection to the Earth's essence.

Specifications:

- *Craftsmanship: Handcrafted in 18ct yellow gold*
- *Diamonds: Champagne and white diamonds, meticulously set to enhance the organic design*
- *Chain: Modern heavy open paper link chain, adding a contemporary touch*





Marina Ring: A Testament to Coastal Splendour

Jewels of the Kimberley presents the Marina Ring, a \$14,950 masterpiece that epitomizes the enduring beauty of the Kimberley's coastal landscapes. Created by the skilled artisan Jodi Penfold, this hand-carved marvel in 18ct gold encapsulates the essence of sandy shores, where each ripple narrates tales of ebbing tides and gentle waves.

At the centre of this exquisite piece lies a perfect pear-shaped white diamond, symbolizing elegance and timeless grace. The intricate sand ripple texture, adorned with petite sparkling white diamonds, mirrors the

enchanting dance of sunlight on the water's surface.

Ideal as a distinguished dress ring for special occasions or as a modern engagement ring for the alternative bride, the Marina Ring's captivating charm is designed to transcend generations. It is more than a piece of jewellery; it is a testament to the raw beauty and serene ambiance of Kimberley.

Embrace this piece of wearable art, a reflection of your connection to nature and your spirit of adventure. With the Marina Ring, carry the allure of the Kimberley's pristine ocean with you, wherever your journey may lead.

Specifications:

- *Material: Hand-carved in 18ct gold by Jodi Penfold*
- *Central Stone: Pear-shaped white diamond, embodying elegance and grace*
- *Accent Stones: Petite sparkling white diamonds set within the sand ripple texture, evoking sunlight on water*

The Kimberley Collection is the ultimate choice for those seeking a truly rare and exquisite piece of jewellery, celebrating the Kimberley's unique beauty and exceptional artistry

A Masterpiece of Natural Splendour

Jewels of the Kimberley proudly presents the Kimberley Collection, an extraordinary tribute to the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the Kimberley region. Created by the renowned master jeweller Jodi Penfold, this collection draws inspiration from one of the world's oldest living cultures and one of the most rugged and beautiful landscapes on Earth. Covering an area larger than Italy or Germany, the Kimberley in remote northwestern Australia is a sanctuary for unique species and offers an unparalleled range of habitats, colours, and textures.

Concept and Inspiration

The Kimberley Collection is a celebration of the region's breathtaking landscapes and rich history. Each piece is meticulously crafted to reflect the vibrant colours of the local flora and fauna, the dramatic coastal vistas, and the intricate patterns found in the gorges. The collection's designs capture the deep blues of the ocean, the earthy tones of the outback, and the shifting hues of the Kimberley sunsets. By incorporating locally sourced diamonds and pearls, Jodi Penfold ensures each piece not only highlights the natural splendour of the region but also honours its indigenous heritage.

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Celestial Ring: The Night Sky Captured - \$16,590.00

Diamonds cascade across the silken gold of the Celestial Ring, creating an effect reminiscent of a star-filled night sky. The matte finish accentuates the prominence of each diamond, giving them a larger, more dazzling appearance compared to polished metal. This mesmerizing pattern draws comparisons to the celestial heavens, captivating the eye with its brilliance.

Designed for comfort, the ring features a slight taper on the reverse side, while the top remains impressively wide. This ergonomic design ensures it can be worn daily, with a flat-to-the-hand fit that exudes elegance and sophistication.

This limited-edition piece is truly special, adorned with 5 rare Argyle Pink Diamonds, allowing you to own a piece of Australian history. Available in yellow, white, or rose gold, the Celestial Ring is a stunning addition to any jewellery collection.

Connoisseurs look forward to the exclusive limited-edition version adorned with Argyle Pink Diamonds. Complete your collection with the Solar Eclipse Trifecta by pairing this ring with our Eclipse Pendant and Yindi Earrings.

Specifications:

- *Handcrafted in 18ct Yellow Gold*
- *5 = 0.07ct Argyle Pink Diamonds, Round Brilliant Cut 6-7PR colour Si clarity, complete with Argyle Lot No*
- *36 = 0.75ct Round Brilliant Cut white diamonds D-F colour Si clarity*



Berkeley Pink Diamond Ring: A Tribute to Nature's Grandeur - \$42,950.00

Jewels of the Kimberley presents the Berkeley Pink Diamond Ring, a testament to the wild beauty and grandeur of Western Australia's Kimberley region. This exceptional piece, inspired by the meandering curves of the mighty Berkeley River, encapsulates the essence of nature's artistry in its design.

Central to this masterpiece is an Argyle pink diamond, laser-inscribed with Argyle certification, a rare gem that epitomises elegance and timeless beauty. The warm yellow gold setting cradles the pink diamond, enhancing its natural brilliance and positioning it as the focal point of this extraordinary creation.

The design of the Berkeley Pink Diamond Ring is deeply inspired by the awe-inspiring 135km stretch of the Berkeley River, accessible only by air or sea. Just as the river winds its way through the rugged Kimberley landscape, collecting alluvial diamonds, this ring symbolizes the journey and the intrinsic connection to the land.

Beyond its stunning aesthetic, the Berkeley Pink Diamond Ring serves as a keepsake for significant moments. Whether it commemorates a cherished adventure in the Kimberley or represents a deep connection with a loved one, this ring is crafted to endure, turning memories into timeless treasures. Our jewellery transcends time, embodying the essence of the Kimberley in every detail.

Specifications:

- *18ct Yellow and White Gold craftsmanship*
- *Centre Stone: 0.16ct 6PR VS1 Round Brilliant Cut Argyle Pink Diamond, Laser Inscribed with Argyle Certificate 437265*
- *Accents: 5 Round Brilliant Cut White Diamonds, totalling 0.225ct, D-F colour, Si clarity*
- *Can be made to order with a pink diamond in a more vivid hue (3, 4 or 5P/PP)*



Jodi Penfold's work brings the spirit of the Kimberley to life, translating its natural brilliance into a contemporary jewellery range that is both visually stunning and culturally significant.



Mezza Pebble Studs - \$4,995.00

Inspired by the breathtaking King George Falls of Western Australia, the Mezza Pebble Studs in 18ct yellow gold are a testament to natural beauty and refined artistry. Each earring features a captivating arrangement of ochre-coloured diamonds, intricately set to evoke the random allure of river pebbles,

accentuated by black rhodium accents. With a total diamond weight of 0.35ct, including orange and champagne hues with Si clarity, these studs exude elegance and exclusivity. Perfectly complemented by the Mezza Pebble Pendant and Grande Pebble Ring, this collection offers a sophisticated expression of nature's splendour and luxury craftsmanship.



Exceptional Engagement Rings by Jodi - Spotlight on Three Distinct Designs – Our favourites, picked by the team here at UNIQUE

Discover the essence of romance with Jodi's exquisite engagement rings, meticulously designed to capture hearts. Featuring the enduring charm of the Classic Solitaire, the enchanting brilliance of the Halo Diamond, and the nostalgic beauty of the Romance Ring, each piece showcases superior craftsmanship and the finest materials. Whether celebrating tradition or embracing contemporary elegance, Jodi's creations are an expression of everlasting love and unparalleled sophistication.



The Peggy Ring - \$49,550.00

Discover the epitome of happiness captured in the Peggy Ring, a mesmerizing display of elegance and colour. Featuring three perfectly matched natural yellow diamonds, including a cushion-cut centrepiece adorned with brilliant-cut trapeze shoulders, meticulously secured by sweeping claws on a parklane shank. The striking yellow hue of these diamonds, influenced by varying levels of nitrogen, showcases their rich intensity and natural allure. With a total diamond weight surpassing 2 carats, the Peggy Ring exudes opulence and sophistication, offering a timeless statement of luxury and refined taste.

Crafted with uncompromising precision and passion, each facet of the Peggy Ring is a testament to the jeweller's artistry. The claw setting not only enhances the diamonds' brilliance but also adds a contemporary edge to the classic design, ensuring it stands out as a symbol of unparalleled craftsmanship and enduring elegance. Whether worn as a symbol of commitment or as a stunning addition to a jewellery collection, the Peggy Ring promises to captivate and delight, embodying the essence of joy and luxury in every gleaming detail.



The Nala Ring - \$59,150

Step into a world of rare beauty with the Nala Pink Diamond Ring, where elegance meets exclusivity. Featuring a pear-cut 6PP Argyle certified pink diamond, this masterpiece captures the essence of romance and sophistication. Enhanced by sparkling brilliant-cut white diamonds and finished with a luxurious silky matte texture, every detail of the Nala Ring reflects impeccable craftsmanship and timeless allure.

With pink diamonds commanding a premium due to their scarcity—representing less than 0.1% of global diamond production—the Nala Ring not only embodies luxury but also serves as a prudent investment choice. Whether worn as a symbol of enduring love or as a statement of refined taste, this ring promises to be a cherished heirloom, blending rarity with beauty in a way that captivates hearts and inspires admiration.



The Sophia Ring - \$125,000

Step into a world of unparalleled beauty and romance with the Sophia Ring, a true masterpiece crafted for those who appreciate the extraordinary. Featuring a breathtaking 1ct Argyle white diamond at its centre, flanked by two vibrant 5PP Argyle pink diamonds, this ring embodies rarity and sophistication in every detail. Handmade in the heart of Broome, Australia, Sophia showcases the finest craftsmanship and ethically sourced materials, reflecting a commitment to excellence and sustainability.

From its exquisite design to its flawless execution, Sophia captivates with its allure and elegance, promising to become a cherished heirloom in your love story. This beautiful piece invites discerning collectors and connoisseurs to embrace its uniqueness and exceptional beauty, ensuring it remains a symbol of love and legacy for generations to come.

In Jodi's world, jewellery is more than adornment; it is a testament to love, beauty, and the timeless appeal of Australian craftsmanship. Each piece tells a story of passion and dedication, inviting discerning collectors to embrace the rarity and elegance that define Jodi's signature style





Arc Angel

With bags of environmental credentials, aesthetics influenced by Star Wars and New York's Meatpacking District, and its location just minutes from London's uber cool areas of Shoreditch and Islington, The Arc mixed-use hub of new residences and working space, is a millennial's dream. WORDS: Nick Rice

A neighbourhood with a village-style feel, with quick access to five dynamic districts, living and working at The Arc is effectively a ticket to experiencing multiple facets of London's complex character, as the building sits on the crossroads of Old Street, Shoreditch, The City, Angel, and Clerkenwell. Future residents and office workers will have an abundance of attractions on their doorstep – from Shoreditch's creative concept bars and member's clubs to Clerkenwell's interior design boutiques and charming atmosphere.

The development is also just minutes from Old Street, London's undisputed tech hub, which is vibrating with creative entrepreneurial energy, and interspersed with hidden street food markets and beautiful old warehouse buildings. Residents and office tenants can also choose from 10 Michelin Star restaurants in the surrounding area.

Adding to that, The Arc is also conveniently located within a 40-minute radius of some of London's most illustrious intellectual powerhouses, including Central Saint Martins, University College London, London School of Economics and Imperial College London – making it the ideal place to live for those studying in the city. With Old Street station undergoing a major renovation and high-speed Crossrail and The Elizabeth Line on its way to Farringdon, The Arc offers unparalleled connectivity across London and beyond.

A fully electric development featuring 100 new residential homes, 160,000 square feet of office and retail space, and a health and wellness hub with 413 cycle spaces, The Arc is the brainchild of the family-owned European real estate investor and developer, Ghelamco, and it



represents the firm's first UK property venture.

Founded in 1985 and 100% family owned, Ghelamco is world-renowned for its dedication to achieve greener, smarter and more efficient building projects – and the company's vision is to create cities that unleash a positive human energy. Ghelamco has an unparalleled track record of growth over the past three decades and is highly-recognised by its peers for its top-quality projects and pioneering work in the creation of sustainable, energy neutral concepts.

A market leader in sustainable development since 2011, every one of Ghelamco's projects has been awarded either Outstanding or Excellent BREEAM certifications, including Spectrum (Brussels), Silver

Tower (Brussels), The Link (Antwerp), Woloska (Warsaw), Warsaw Spire (Warsaw) and Wronia 31 (Warsaw).

The Arc is fully electric, boasting carbon emissions 30 per cent lower than its multi-fuel-operated competitors; with triple certifications including BREEAM and WELL Gold, alongside being the first UK development to be DGNB gold certified. With a focus on wellbeing, the mixed-use hub will feature 100 stylish new homes on the top 15 floors, comprising a mix of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments designed by Bowler James Brindley. Calm living spaces are composed of cool stones, soft woods and beautifully finished fixtures and fittings, whilst wide, floor-to-ceiling windows flood each apartment with a spectrum of light. Furthermore, the

majority of apartments are complete with balconies and winter gardens – providing a sanctuary in the heart of EC1.

Ghelamco not only focuses on energy saving but also on workplace comfort, water usage, innovation, location, and social impact and has been appointed as a Partner in the European Commission's "Green Building Programme" for several projects in Poland. Constantly striving to achieve greener and more sustainable ways

of delivering their projects, Ghelamco has become an expert in the creation of energy neutral concepts, meeting the highest ecological standards across their entire portfolio.

The company was founded by Paul Gheysens in 1985, and now the business is spearheaded in the UK by his 27-year old daughter, Marie-Julie. Beyond creating urban homes, offices and retail, the developer's track record includes branded residences, golf courses, football stadiums and hotels.

As Head of UK, International Business Development at Ghelamco, Marie-Julie Gheysens, says, “I’m delighted to be representing women in construction as I believe there are no more barriers around gender – the baton was passed from my father to me to bring Ghelamco to the UK. The firm was set by up my father over 35 years ago and is still a family business today, meaning that we do everything in-house – a building is our own product from A to Z and we plan everything down to the tiniest detail. This level of passion can be seen throughout The Arc and we very much look forward to working on new projects in the UK over the coming months as we strive to create entire environments, with health, wellness and sustainability at the core.”

Located just moments from Shoreditch and Islington, The Arc, EC1 is named after the luminescent arches at the entrance. Designed by award-winning architects, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, the mixed-use development was inspired by both Star Wars and New York’s Meatpacking District, with its luminous interiors and the industrial charm of the Art Moderne red façade.

Merging the craftsmanship and heritage of the WWII pillars from a previous hospital on the site, with the building’s contemporary 22-storey, tiered form cuts a statuesque figure against its neighbours, making it one of the most visually striking buildings on City Road.

Future office tenants will benefit from access to the expansive roof terrace and lounge on the 7th floor, whilst a dedicated lobby will sit beside new retailers and a destination restaurant on the ground floor. The lower ground floor will also feature 413 secure cycle spaces within a dedicated ‘cycle hub’, available for both residents and office workers. The building will, in effect, be a ‘campus’ and will create a place for innovation by providing an inspiring working and living environment.



Furthermore, both residents and office tenants at The Arc will benefit from a suite of first-class amenities, including a dedicated 24/7 concierge team, a lounge area for socialising and working, a 13-seat private cinema room and a state-of-the-art golf simulation room. Residents will also have exclusive access to a private fitness suite, complete with a yoga studio and a treatment room. The Arc will be digitally supported via an App, which will enable residents to chat with the concierge team 24/7, book amenities, arrange social events, alongside providing remote lift access, to ensure a touch-free experience.

An abundance of outdoor space at The Arc has been designed with urban biodiversity in mind. The Arc’s residents and office tenants will also have access to a plethora of greenspace, including an expansive open-air terrace, which has been designed by Grant Associates – the landscape architects behind the Gardens by the Bay in Singapore. The terrace will boast panoramic views across the City and Shoreditch and will be able to host up to 50 people for celebrations. There will also be private winter gardens, alongside terraces and private balconies – ensuring that there are a variety of spaces to relax and unwind or to entertain guests.



Prices at The Arc start from £728,000 for a studio apartment. For further information visit - www.thearclondon.com



Unexpected Alila

Alila means “Surprise” in Sanskrit, and while some people don’t like surprises, all visitors to **Alila Kothaifaru Maldives** can be certain that every “Alila” will be a pleasant one.



From the very first impressions when arriving at Alila, and through every hour, as all the meticulous attentions to detail unfurl, a sense of serenity befalls visitors... the shoulders drop, the face muscles soften, and a faint smile becomes an almost permanent fixture.

Alila Kothaifaru Maldives is truly a restorative retreat that has been conceived to marry perfectly with the glorious landscape that surrounds it.

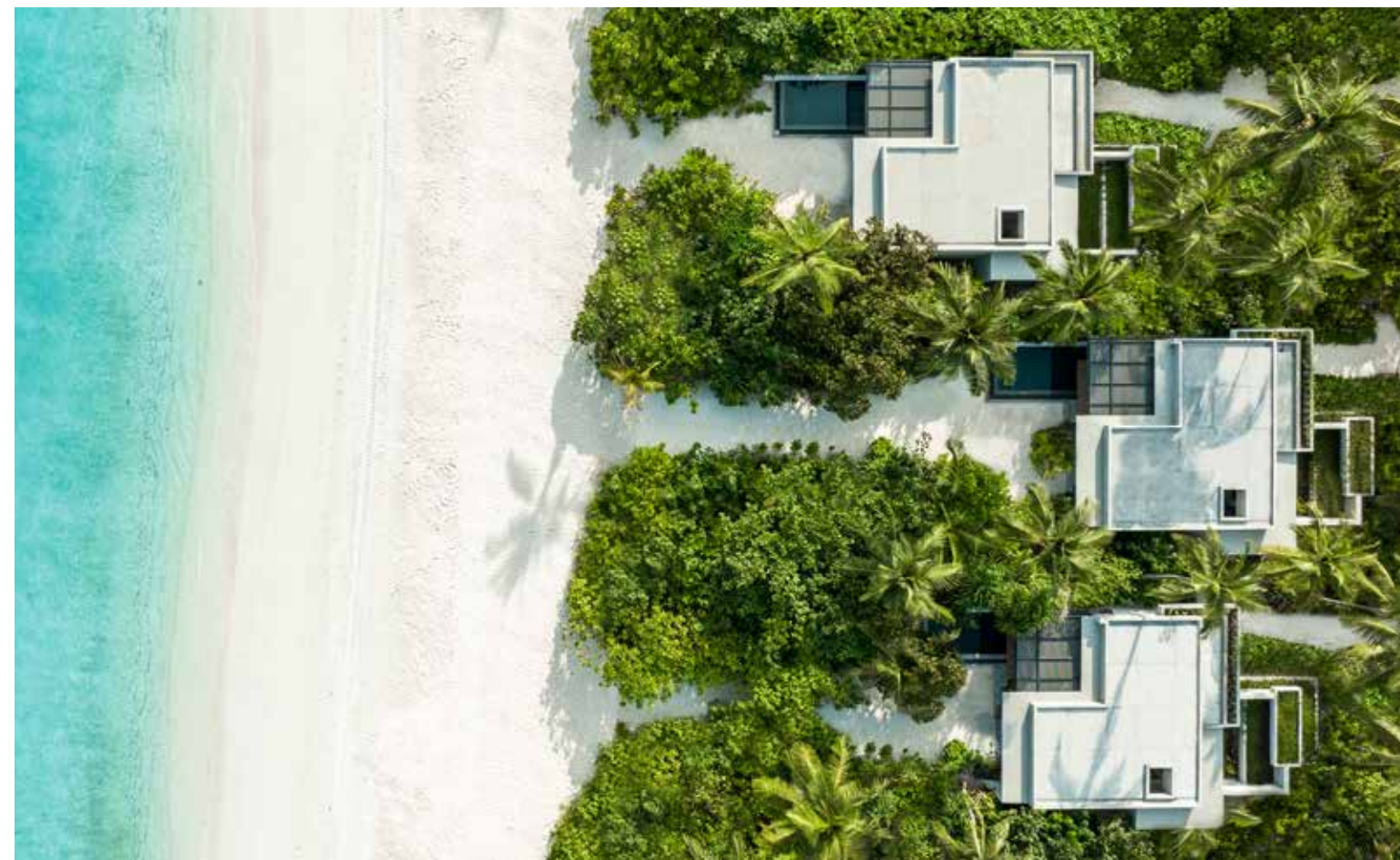
Located on the island of Kothaifaru in the scenic Raa Atoll at the northern edge of the Maldives, the all-pool-villa resort's modern minimalist architecture was designed by Singapore-based Studiogoto, which took its cue from the island's flat topography to create an environment that feels completely at one with nature.

As is the hallmark of every Alila resort, Alila Kothaifaru Maldives is seamlessly designed in harmony with the environment, preserving the extraordinary natural beauty of the destination while creating understated, sophisticated spaces for guests to unwind.

Against the quiet backdrop of the island's lush vegetation, the low-rise pavilions and villas cascade gradually, creating the experience of living in a garden and looking out towards the ocean. Among the resort's most distinctive features is the tranquil treetop spa, whose elevation amidst the leafy canopy provides natural privacy screening for guests in the spa suites.

Bold architecture with clean lines contrasted with soft natural materials, cultural motifs and organic forms, as well as the balance between intimate and open-air spaces, result in spa-inspired environments that promote relaxation and draw on the restorative powers of nature. Light tones of timber and sand combine with black elements to create a calming yet contemporary palette.

Housed on an 11-hectare island, Alila Kothaifaru Maldives can be reached via a 45-minute seaplane journey from Malé. As one of the deeper atolls in the archipelago, the Raa Atoll offers abundant snorkelling and diving options to discover its rich marine life, from colourful corals to manta rays and sharks.



There are 80 pool villas, of which 44 are along the white-sand beach overlooking the infinite expanse of ocean blue, a stunning house reef and lush greenery

The resort also offers easy access to the famous Hanifaru Bay UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and is close to Vaadhoo Island, one of the best spots to witness the spectacular ‘Sea of Stars’ phenomenon.

There are 80 pool villas, of which 44 are along the white-sand beach overlooking the infinite expanse of ocean blue, a stunning house reef and lush greenery. The other 36 are perched overwater with direct access to the sea. Guests can unwind in these understated, sophisticated spaces that balance privacy with openness to the outdoors. Each villa comes with a private pool and sun deck where guests can bask in picture-perfect views and enjoy personalized service whether they are staying steps from the beach or above the turquoise lagoon. The Sunrise Beach Villas offer early birds captivating views to start their day alongside quick access to the resort’s main facilities such as the infinity pool, Play Alila kids’ club, Seasalt restaurant and Mirus Bar.

The water villas are something to be experienced. Perched above the turquoise lagoon in a spiral arrangement, they offer a panoramic experience of the ocean with wide floor-to-ceiling glass doors in the open-concept bedroom and living area. Guests can also soak in the ocean view from the infinity pool and sun deck and the indulgent sanctuary of the bathroom, and opt for villas that afford a sunrise or sunset view for another level of incredible.

Guests staying in the beach villas can enjoy the sensation of walking along a forest path as the entrance to the villas is totally concealed by lush greenery, heightening the sense of peaceful seclusion. The villas feature a separate bedroom and living room, and an open-air bathroom in a garden court setting.

At Alila Kothaifaru Maldives, simplicity, sustainability and the physical connections to the natural environment create space for guests to breathe, reflect and be restored.

Commenting on the opening in May this year, David Udel, Group President, Asia-Pacific, Hyatt, said, “As countries continue to open up and travel confidence grows, we look forward to welcoming guests from all over the world to Alila Kothaifaru Maldives for a memorable getaway in what we hope will become the centrepiece of Raa Atoll. We are delighted to add this beautiful resort in the Maldives to our growing Alila portfolio, with new Alila hotels opening in sought-after destinations such as Suzhou and Shanghai in China and Nha Trang in Vietnam in the future.”

Whilst Alila Kothaifaru Maldives is full of pleasant surprises, it should actually be no surprise, considering that all Alila Hotels are distinguished by the combination of innovative design and luxury in unique locations, set apart by an unprecedented level of private space, crafted artisanship, personalised hospitality, and bespoke journeys.





Housing Bubble?

Real Estate prices are soaring in parts of the USA, thanks to inflation, high housing demand, and low supply. **UNIQUE** talks to two North American highly respected experts in their field.

These are interesting times for the real estate industry. The global pandemic has triggered trends, such as home buyers leaving cities in droves, in search of space and serenity in the face of further uncertainty. We get the lowdown on the sector from **Joyce Rey**, the Beverly Hills-based luxury real estate agent who heads the Global Luxury division for Coldwell Banker, and **Dina De Laurentiis**, Global Real Estate Advisor at Sotheby's International Realty.



Joyce Rey,

Global Luxury Division,
Coldwell Banker.

The real estate industry has been through challenging times, but you remain at the top of your field - how do you sustain your enthusiasm?

Nearly 50 years ago my husband, television star Alejandro Rey, and I made several purchases before I was a realtor. I thought it looked easy and I quickly learned that it's a very challenging job, but my enthusiasm has never ebbed as it's a wonderful "people" business. I've always loved architecture and matching people with homes is an extremely rewarding experience. I love negotiating and helping people compromise to satisfy their dreams. Each day differs and constantly requires innovation. I thrive on living by my wits and as each exciting new challenge presents itself, I find great satisfaction in solving every problem. Waking up each day and following a career that you love is a special gift and I will always be very thankful for it!

What is the luxury home buyer looking for in 2022?

Certain things never change in the luxury market – they want everything! The critical importance of location, quality of construction, special design features, garden setting, and views. One positive by-product of the pandemic was that the home became the most important consideration and centre for family life. Luxury home buyers have always wanted privacy and the wonderful indoor/outdoor California lifestyle but spending so much time at home has made that even more important. The other amenities buyers are now focused on searching for is a home office, but now two home offices are a requirement, as well as a movie theatre and a home gym.

Location is an all-important choice in real estate, is your love for Southern California, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles among your biggest professional tools?

Of course, it's certainly contributed to my passion for selling property right here. I've been exceedingly fortunate to live in the Beverly Hills area. My home of 50 years is a mid-century modern nestled in the trees of Benedict Canyon with walls of glass and soaring ceilings. You would never know that my office in the Golden Triangle is only eight minutes away. The weather is gorgeous and the entertainment options unlimited. Lifelong friendships have developed, which is such a great part of my commitment to this beautiful area.

What is it about your principal locations that would draw a potential homebuyer to the region?

I have a very long list! Shopping on Rodeo Drive, lunch or dinner at the Getty Museum... actually, all of our fabulous museums: LACMA, The Broad, MOCA, The Hammer and fabulous private art galleries all over Los Angeles. We have so many incredible restaurants including oceanfront dining in Santa Monica and Malibu. Our local sports teams are fantastic: Clippers, Lakers, Rams, USC, UCLA. There are spots for beautiful hiking all over the LA area, plus easily accessible holiday destinations in the desert, mountains, or along the coastline. We have world-class yoga; incredible malls like The Grove, Century City Westfield, and Palisades Village; a wonderful entertainment community; close proximity to Disneyland; flourishing wine communities nearby such as Temecula and Santa Ynez; ideal weather year-round and friendly people! Plus, we have such diverse and outstanding educational options.

What is your singular approach to Real Estate?

I strongly believe in a team approach. I currently lead an extraordinary team of eight experienced, professional and knowledgeable agents that work closely with me on every project. I've always thought that two heads are better than one. I also have an outstanding support staff that enables me to focus on providing stellar service to my clients.

What have been the most important factors in creating the Joyce Rey brand?

The biggest factor is my personal integrity and the fact that I've always put my clients' interests first, which has led to a track record of success. I doubled the highest price that anyone had ever paid for a home back in 1978 – now it's laughable because it was \$4.2 million. In 1979, I founded the first company in the world that only handled million-dollar homes. Though my company has been bought and sold over the decades I have continued to lead that company, which is now the Global Luxury Division for Coldwell Banker. I've also closed the highest residential sale in the United States on several occasions. My brand is a reflection of those career highlights.

What are the positives and negatives in real estate at the moment?

The negative is that we are in a changing market due to rising interest rates, which will limit a buyer's ability to purchase because of the overall cost of debt in doing business. On the other hand, resulting price reductions and an increase in inventory will bring more buying opportunities, which are definitely positives for buyers. Real estate will always be your very best long-term investment as well as the best hedge against inflation.



Dina De Laurentiis,

Global Real Estate Advisor,
Sotheby's International Realty.

What is your personal approach to Real Estate?

The client is my number one priority. Whether I'm working with family, close friends, or new clients, they all receive VIP treatment and service. I'm available 24/7 and it's imperative that my clients feel close and comfortable with me. I emphasise value over urgency and make sure my clients know that I will be with them every step of the way, no matter how long it takes or if their priorities change. Additionally, I find that I work well with all personalities, big or small, this allows me to individualise my services to each personality type and accommodate all wants and needs.

What is the luxury home buyer looking for in 2022?

2021 was really a seller's market. It was more challenging for luxury home buyers to find good opportunities due to market competition. There was a mass exodus of people from the city with an emphasis on space and comfort; it made sense as we transition from pandemic to endemic. Buyers still find these factors important. With that, mental health and sustainability are common themes. Buyers are looking for spas and gyms and it's important that homes have advancements in technology to provide for water and power efficiencies. As we close out the first half of 2022, there's a lot of attention on global markets and economies; luxury home buyers are expecting better opportunities this year. As interest rates and building materials continue to rise, cash remains king. Luxury buyers are looking for move-in ready homes and they're ready to take advantage with cash in hand.

What are some of the biggest challenges in your work?

The biggest challenge right now is lack of inventory. It's tough to meet demands for buyers when their wants and needs aren't met by the market. Patience is a virtue and timing is everything in the luxury market. Luxury buyers have high expectations and an unwillingness to compromise, rightfully so, it's what tends to make them incredibly successful professionally. When shifting priorities isn't an option, we have to be patient and creative.

What has been the most obvious effect of COVID-19 on your business?

Due to lockdowns and at-home working conditions, people see value in homes with space. Families were forced to live, work, play, and attend school from home. People cooked more in their kitchens and parents played multiple roles for their kids. This has led to an increase in buyer demand, an increase in home values, and an emphasis on certain needs and wants.

What would you change about your sector?

Real estate transactions and processes have changed quite a bit over the last few years with advancements in technology. I'm curious to see how technology and financial creativity might have a positive impact on the buying experience as we move forward. I'm specifically interested in how augmented reality and virtual reality play a role in the future of real estate. As I embrace these new technologies, I look to keep my personal touch at the forefront of my client/agent relationships. Buying a home is an emotional experience, it's a reason to celebrate, and we shouldn't lose sight of that as technology can cause these experiences to be more transactional.

Buying a luxury home is for many people one of the most important investments they'll ever make... do you feel a sense of responsibility and how do you manage this?

Yes, I do, I feel an immense responsibility that my clients absolutely love their home and investment. To deliver on this promise, it's imperative that I know my clients as well as I know myself and fully understand how they intend to use their home year-round, day-in, day-out. I look to connect in a way that helps me understand them from a professional and spiritual perspective. Discussions about goals and dreams, short-term and long-term are very important and in-depth. Understanding personalities, motivations, and values help guide us in the right direction for a successful outcome.

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California Dreamin'

A once in a lifetime opportunity awaits you at the idyllic Black Oaks Ranch. A beautiful 7,000-acre private ranch in Southern California, Black Oaks Ranch sits in the Tehachapi Mountains, just above the San Joaquin Valley, bestowing limitless panoramic views in every direction.

Ranging from 1,970 ft to 5,200 ft in elevation, this ranch has been lovingly developed and maintained with a meticulous eye for detail and impeccable taste. The entire property is fenced and cross fenced, with nine high-quality water wells, six of which are solar powered, with built-in redundancy. As water accessibility has never been more vital, much attention is paid to this and there are numerous seasonal ponds and streams, water troughs, and water tanks peppered throughout the property to keep livestock and wildlife well hydrated.



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The property also includes a 7-acre lake for swimming, boating, and fishing – and it's stocked with bass, crappie, golden belly shiners, bluegill and redear sunfish – with depths up to 18 ft. The lake maintains its water level as it is serviced by annual rainfall and backed up by 5 of the water wells. This once in a lifetime opportunity is yours to acquire and start crafting your and your family's future.

Black Oaks Ranch is developed with 23 miles of roads suited for vehicles as well as trails throughout that are perfect for horseback riding and hiking. Explore your new paradise and take in the incredible views and spectacular wildlife that include deer, elk, wild pig, bobcat, coyote, plus lots of smaller game, quail, and the occasional mountain lion and California black bear.

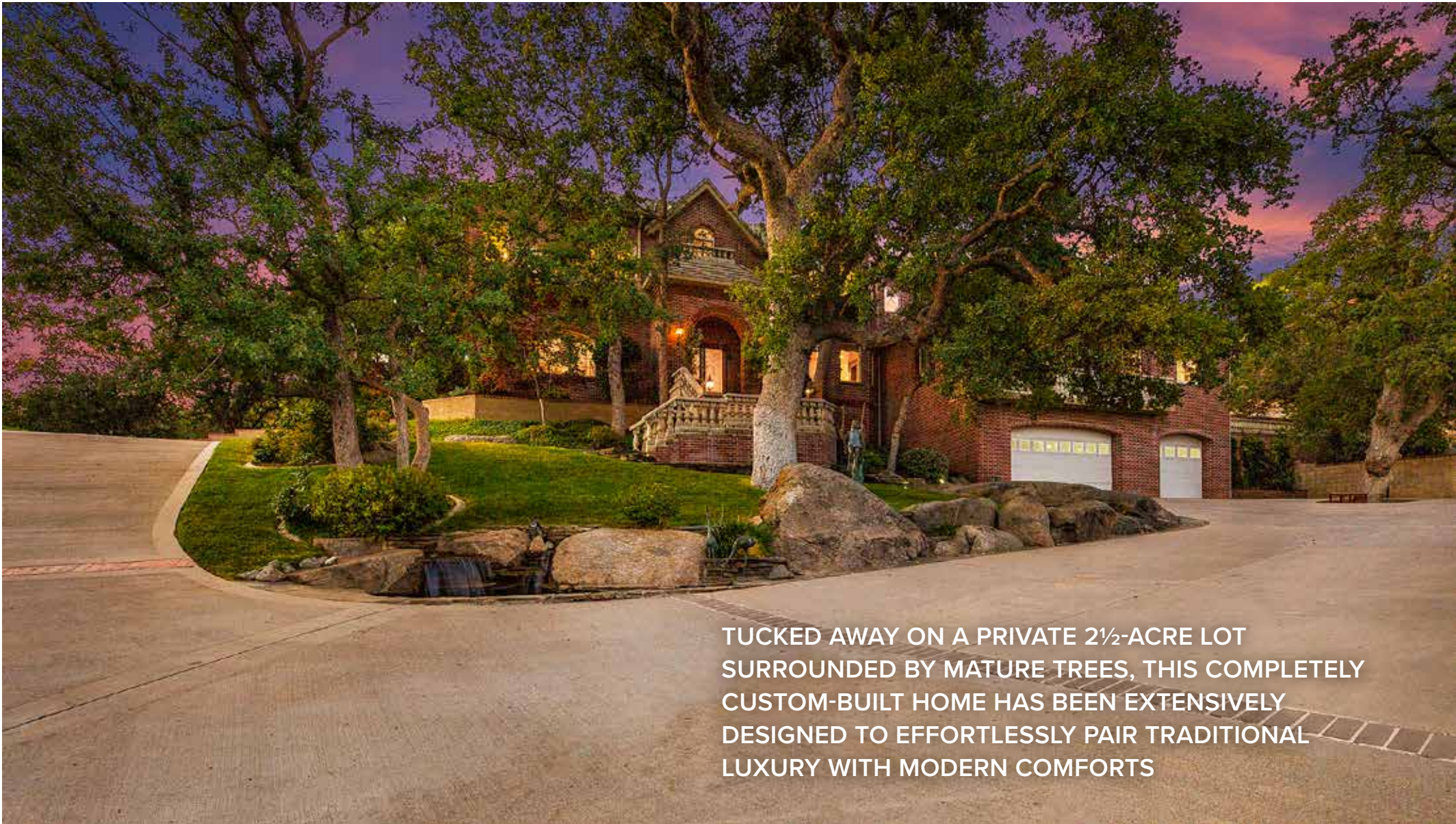
Offering limitless future possibilities, Black Oaks Ranch is rich with history and includes two early settler homesteads and an Indian campsite with grinding stones. The property is currently sub-divided into approximately 140 legal parcels, with the ability to further sub-divide up to a total of approximately 270 20-acre plus sized parcels. Each parcel would have road frontage and a prime building site. Whatever your project or vision, Black Oaks Ranch can be the place to make your dreams to a reality.

In addition to Black Oaks Ranch, which is unlike anything else you will find in Southern California, the

purchase of the ranch can include a custom-built estate home of an approximately 5,000 sq.ft., fondly called "The Castle."

Tucked away on a private 2½-acre lot surrounded by mature trees, this completely custom-built home has been extensively designed to effortlessly pair traditional luxury with modern comforts. Upon entering, the soaring ceilings are immediately striking, as are the elegant finishes and detailing everywhere. The palatial home boasts three fireplaces, four bedrooms, an office/5th bedroom, a custom 700-bottle capacity wine cellar, rich wooden finishes and so much more – all highlighted by abundant natural light.

Built to entertain, friends and family will love gathering to enjoy the large family room, living room, two dining areas, the spacious kitchen, the private back patio, and two balconies, where you can absorb even more incredible views. The Castle is nestled just outside the ranch in the highly sought-after community of Bear Valley Springs. As a resident of Bear Valley Springs, you will love this exclusive gated community that includes membership in the Oak Tree Country Club with amenities such as an equestrian centre with stables, golfing with a driving range, putting green, and golf pro shop, tennis courts, two restaurants, shooting range, sparkling Olympic size swimming pool and so much more.



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Decarbonising Aviation

Victor, the on-demand jet charter platform and the world's first carbon negative aviation company, has teamed up with Neste, the world's leading producer of Sustainable Aviation Fuel, to take positive action in drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

WORDS: Nick Rice



There's often an awkward situation that arises when considering private jet use and the impact it has on the environment. Some of the most-high profile campaigners against the looming spectre of climate change, probably fly by private jet sometimes in order to carry out their work around the world. Leonardo de Caprio is a tireless advocate for saving the planet, but one suspects he travels to various global environmental events, by private jet. And that applies not only to the stars, but surely to other conservationists as well. Not everyone can take boats and trains like Greta.

Thanks to a collaboration in the aviation industry, perhaps some mitigating balance can be applied. The on-demand jet charter platform Victor, has entered into a potentially groundbreaking partnership with Neste, the world's leading producer of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

This industry-leading partnership has a goal of lowering private jet charter emissions up to 80% - by replacing fossil fuel with Neste My sustainable aviation fuel™.

Victor has been around for over a decade and it allows people to search, compare and book private air travel quickly, efficiently and with confidence. The company disrupted the jet charter rulebook with a fully transparent, subscription-free, globally 'on-demand' marketplace which combines smart technology with high-touch customer service.

They are the perfect partner for Neste as they can provide access to more than 7,000 aircraft via a global network of 200 partner operators, it means that any private aviation requirement can be expertly fulfilled, with the support of Victor's specialist services for group travel, corporates, sports, medical, and music & entertainment. Victor is also

the world's first carbon negative aviation company. Every Victor flight is 200% carbon offset as a standard, as part of the company's award-winning approach to climate action. True to the company's core value of transparency, Victor publishes its CO2 emissions and reduction measures annually, and every Victor charter quote is labelled with its carbon impact, including fuel burn, CO2 emissions, and mitigation, allowing members to make informed decisions to minimise their carbon footprint.

Neste creates solutions for combating climate change and accelerating a shift to a circular economy. Founded in Finland, the company refines waste, residues, and innovative raw materials into renewable fuels and sustainable feedstock for plastics and other materials.

The company is the world's leading producer of sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel and is developing chemical recycling to combat the plastic waste challenge. Neste aims to help customers reduce their greenhouse gas emissions with their renewable and circular solutions by at least 20 million tonnes annually by 2030.

Neste says, "Our ambition is to make the Porvoo oil refinery in Finland the most sustainable refinery in Europe by 2030. We are introducing renewable and recycled raw materials such as liquefied waste plastic as refinery raw materials. We've committed to reaching carbon-neutral production by 2035, and we will reduce the carbon emission intensity of sold products by 50% by 2040. We also have set high standards for biodiversity, human rights and supply chain. We have consistently been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices and the Global 100 list of the world's most sustainable companies and in 2021, Neste's revenue stood at €15.1 billion.



This industry-leading partnership has a goal of lowering private jet charter emissions up to 80%





Neste creates solutions for combating climate change and accelerating a shift to a circular economy

It certainly makes for a formidable union. Victor's private and corporate members can reduce the carbon emissions of their air travel, meet the climate targets they have set, and credibly report on their CO₂e emission reductions. As aviation sets its sights on increasing the share of SAF to 10% of all jet fuel use by 2030, this partnership model enables accelerated action towards this target. Given how fragmented the business aviation sector is, the "pay here, use there" solution is the first to offer SAF for every charter flight regardless of operator or departure airport. This is crucial as it enables SAF demand to increase. Victor's global base of influential members who have the ability and means to choose SAF and make their private travel with reduced climate impact, are offered a great opportunity to help increase the overall demand so that this sustainable solution can develop more rapidly.

Toby Edwards, Co-CEO at Fly Victor, says, "I'm relieved to be announcing our global partnership with Neste... the urgent and rapid scaling-up of Sustainable Aviation Fuel is essential if we are to achieve our Net Zero goals.



It's fundamental to all our stakeholders that we continue to be transparent about the emissions of our members' private flights and, where possible, take ownership of the climate crisis. I'm thankful for the enterprise and dedication that has been put in by both the Neste and Victor team to ensure our members can now choose to replace fossil fuel with Neste MY SAF™ on every private jet and commercial jet charter booking. Our pioneering partnership could create a SAF blueprint for the fragmented business aviation sector and help



accelerate its wider usage across the aviation industry." The enthusiasm for this remarkable partnership is echoed by Neste's Jonathan Wood, Vice President Europe, Renewable Aviation, who says, "I'm excited that we're in this pioneering partnership together with Victor, a leader in Charter Aviation. This partnership enables Victor members to purchase Neste MY SAF™ for any flight globally. It's an industry-leading blueprint that we hope other companies will follow as the aviation sector strives for Net Zero carbon



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emissions by 2050. SAF is essential to reaching this goal, immediately reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Neste is committed to support aviation's emission reduction goals and believes that requires a joint effort where everyone's choice matters."

How the Victor Neste offering works is that Victor's private and corporate members can reduce their carbon dioxide emissions (CO₂e), with a clear chain-of-custody.

Neste ensures specific SAF volumes purchased by Victor members are delivered to partner aircraft operators, providing these real in-sector climate benefits:

1. Victor members will not charter using the Neste MY SAF™ they have purchased for their own flight, however their SAF contribution will ensure another in-sector partner flight benefits from a carbon emission reduction by the amount purchased, ensuring this partnership is aligned with Science Based Targets.
2. At checkout during the booking process, all Victor members can now

easily choose how much fossil fuel they want to replace with Neste MY SAF™, from as little as 5% up to 100%.

3. The Victor member's charter booking receipt will itemise exactly how much Neste MY SAF™ the Victor member has purchased.
4. To avoid any confusion in case of changes – for instance; to the exact aircraft booked, the flight itinerary, or a cancellation – Neste will only deliver the SAF purchased by the Victor member to their partner airline after the Victor member's private flight has fully flown.
5. Neste will then send a Delivery Confirmation Document with confirmation of the carbon dioxide emission reduction, which can be used for science-based reporting by the Victor member.

SAF is seen as the most realistic route to decarbonising aviation as technologies including electric and hydrogen airliners remain light years away. When used in neat form, Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ reduces GHG emissions by up to 80% compared to kerosene.

Aligned with Science Based Targets, the Victor - Neste partnership will set a new sustainability benchmark in business aviation as it will allow private jet charterers to purchase SAF for every private jet booking globally – credibly contributing to Net Zero 2050. As Aviation sets its sights on 10% SAF by 2030, this new partnership model enables this horizon to be accelerated.

Gold-standard partnership Neste MY SAF™ is already in production and available to use today – unlike SAF that has not yet been produced, or SAF credits. It is produced from 100% renewable waste and residue raw materials, such as used cooking oil and animal fat waste. Victor members have the ability to take control of their climate impact with a SAF solution the company is clearly confident that with obvious benefits and an easy order process, members will purchase SAF – despite the cost being typically three times more than jet fuel. It's a significant price disparity... but what price can you put on the survival of our species and our home?

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75 years of Magnum



Magnum photographers take a break during their AGM, New York City, 1989
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The legendary agency Magnum Photos celebrated its 75th anniversary with a series of global events around the theme of “In Dialogue”, centred around its Annual General Meeting in New York City. WORDS: Nick Rice

A co-operative that is owned and run by its member photographers, who undergo a rigorous process of self-selection in order to become full members, Magnum always meet at this time of year, either in New York, Paris or London, to discuss affairs and what next.

Magnum was founded in 1947 and ever since it has documented most of the world’s major events and personalities, covering society, politics, and conflict. In his book Magnum Photos, Fred Ritchin writes, “Two years after the apocalypse that was called the Second World War ended, Magnum Photos was founded.

The world’s most prestigious photographic agency was formed by four photographers – Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, George Rodger and David “Chim” Seymour – who had been very much scarred by the conflict and were motivated both by a sense of relief that the world had somehow survived and the curiosity to see what was still there. They created Magnum in 1947 to reflect their independent natures as both people and photographers – the idiosyncratic mix of reporter and artist that continues to define Magnum, emphasising not only what is seen but also the way one sees it.”

With its continued commitment to chronicling events, people, places and cultures across the world, celebrations and discussion have begun with a series of talk events at Photo London and retrospectives of Susan Meiselas and Bieke Depoorter at C/O Berlin.

Caitlin Hughes, CEO of Magnum Photos, says, “We hope lots of people will join us in conversation at these different events around the world. Our 75th anniversary is the stage for critical conversation about the world we live in, the changing role of documentary photography, and the future we shape with contributions to arts and culture.”

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