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EDITOR'S NOTES

Nothing represents luxury more than fine timepieces. Whether it is the traditional and well-established houses or one of the rare younger brands that has truly brought a fresh outlook to haute horology, the latest issue of the First Avenue magazine is a tribute to these fine luxury goods.

There's nothing hotter this season than First Avenue's latest issue. Jam-packed with everything you need to enjoy fun-filled sunny days and starry nights in Dubai. From our art and entertainment features to the very best social events in our lifestyle section, consider this carefully detailed guide, your ultimate resource for high end fashion and lifestyle.

OK, so maybe there is one thing hotter, and it's starlet Naomi Watts. In a candid sit-down with First Avenue, Naomi Watts opens up about her dynamic new role on screen and her less dramatic but still exciting life beyond the camera. If you need more celebrity scoops, then don't forget to read our interesting feature on "*Celebrity Moms*" and "*Celebrity Fashion News*".

Also sizzling with heat is Abu-Dubai's fascinating dining scene. We take you inside the amazing, restaurant *Cipriani* at the Yas Marina, where a weekend brunch is much more than just enjoying good food; it's about relishing it in the ambience, the surrounding and the lightness of mood that sets it apart from any other place. Touching the sultry waters of the Yas Marina Yacht Club, and overlooking the Yas Marina race track bellowing with the sounds of V8 engines racing around, Cipriani is the perfect spot to kick back and spend a late spring early summer day with friends and family. And if this wasn't enough, take a tour and get a taste of different "*Finest Cuisines of the World*" in our Fine Dining section.

Sultry summer days may also encourage you to head to places farther afield than the buzzing city streets. Well, pack your bags and plan a getaway this summer with some help from our feature on "*Romantic Travel Destinations*", a roundup of exotic and praise worthy destinations.

From one attention grabber to another (that's you), don't miss our style feature on "*2012 Top Fashion Trends*", and since everyone's fitness radar is at a high point to achieve the summer look, we look into the "*Power Foods for Women*" to keep you healthy and glowing as well as in shape.

So here's to another great summer in Dubai - A city that knows how to bring the heat on!

Lamiya Sami

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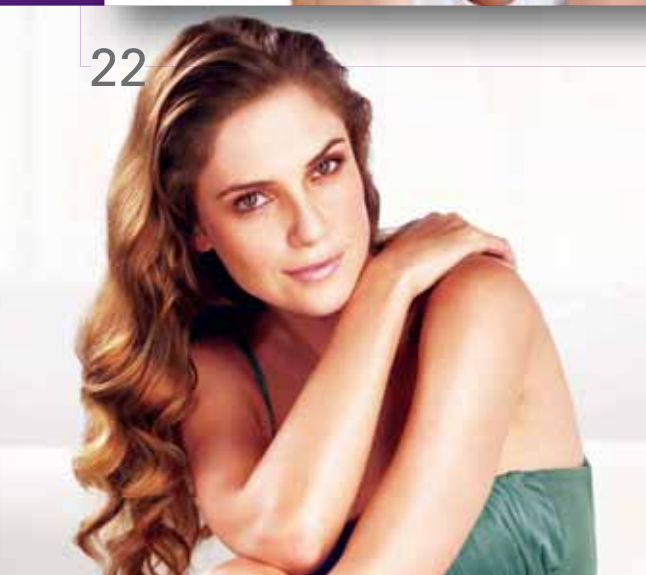
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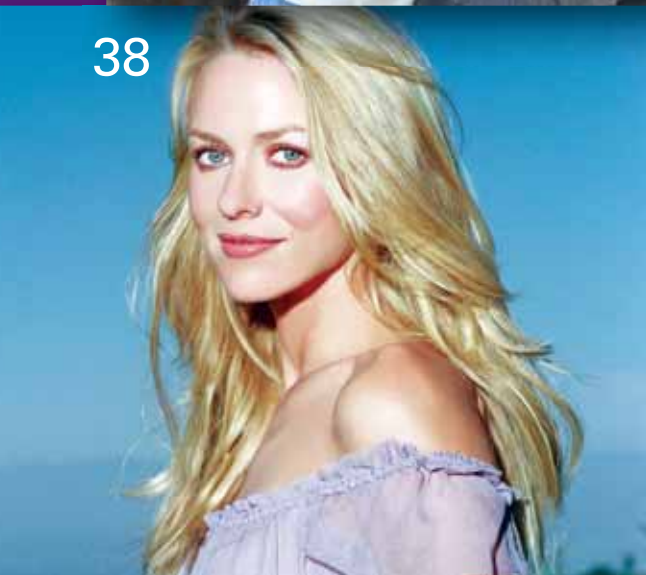
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Celebrity Fashion News

Penelope Cruz Wears Chopard

Academy Awards winning actress Penelope Cruz looked stunning on the red carpet wearing a pear-shape diamond necklace (56 carats), diamond cluster earrings (15 carats) and fancy-shape diamond line bracelet (43 carats), all set in platinum, by Chopard.



Elizabeth Hurley

British Actress Elizabeth Hurley looked beautiful in a pair of diamond chandelier earrings (32 carats) and diamond line bracelet (22 carats) by Chopard, at the fall 2012 fashion week.



Supermodel Karolina Kurkova

Czechoslovakian supermodel Karolina Kurkova looked stunning in Chopard's Copacabana drop earrings featuring over 170 sapphire briolettes (108 carats) set in over 100 pave diamonds (6 carats) and 18-carat white gold.

Oscar-winning actor Jean Dujardin chose Jaeger-LeCoultre

French actor Jean Dujardin received an Oscar as Best Actor for his role in the film "The Artist" at the 84th Annual Academy Awards. On this memorable occasion he chose to wear a Jaeger-LeCoultre Memovox Tribute to Deep Sea watch.



Nicki Minaj at Super Bowl

American hip-hop singer Nicki Minaj wore Giuseppe Zanotti Design's gladiator sneakers for her performance at the 46th edition of Super Bowl.

Power Foods for Women

Stop focusing your energies on what you can't eat; instead, change to what you should eat more often!



Power foods are items you should include in your diet to get the maximum amount of nutrients, the least amount of calories, and a tremendous feeling of overall wellbeing and health benefits. These power foods may seem ordinary, but they offer ample nutritional value, decrease the risk of illness such as heart disease and diabetes, boost the immune system, improve memory and concentration, and slowdown skin and body aging. So if you want to be a healthy-empowered woman, check out our list of fat busting, energy boosting healthy foods for women.

Almonds

Almonds contain antioxidants that help fight skin wrinkles, aging, cancer, heart disease and stroke. They also contain magnesium and phosphorus to build healthy bones. One single serving (1/4 cup) provides 11 grams of heart-healthy monounsaturated fat (which may help to lower blood cholesterol levels).

Apples

An apple a day, really could keep the doctor away! In a study, British researchers said that apples were more effective as compared to other fruits and vegetables, in reducing the risk of developing serious disease, including lung cancer. Not only that, but apples also contain a kind of fiber called pectin, which helps to reduce cholesterol and regulate blood sugar levels. It also contains Boron, a mineral believed to increase your alertness, improve thinking skills and reduce calcium loss which could lead to osteoporosis.



Blueberries

According to recent studies, compounds found in blueberries help protect and heal the body against diseases like obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer and cognitive (brain function) decline. Blueberries are full of energy boosting carbs, contain fiber to help your digestive system do its job, vitamin C, and anthocyanin. Anthocyanin is what makes blueberries blue. It also helps provide protection against certain types of cancer and on top of all of that, one whole cup of these tasty delights only contains 83 calories.

Broccoli

Broccoli is one of the richest vegetable sources of calcium, iron, and magnesium. It is also a good source of vitamins A and C, potassium, and fiber. Broccoli also contains phytonutrients - a group of compounds that may help prevent chronic diseases, such as heart disease and cancer. Broccoli is low in calories, and it is fat- and cholesterol-free, which makes it an excellent food for women who are dieting.





Health & Fitness

Yogurt

Yogurt contains protein, potassium, calcium and vitamins A, B and D. It contains active probiotic bacteria cultures that aid healthy digestion and boost the immune system. Yogurt has also been proven to help the body guard against infections, but go for the low or fat free varieties.

Salmon

Salmon is one of the best sources of omega-3 fatty acids - a type of fat that may protect against heart attacks, sudden cardiac death, and stroke. Omega-3's may also help to lower blood pressure. In addition, salmon is a good source of protein and is low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Eating seafood rich in omega-3 fatty acids, up to twice a week, could greatly reduce your risk of heart disease. Pregnant women, however, should stay away from mercury rich seafood.

Spinach

Spinach provides the most nutrients with the least amount of calories compared to any other foods. It is high in vitamin K, vitamin A, manganese, folate, magnesium, iron, and vitamin C. The vitamin and mineral contents in spinach may help to boost your immune system and help keep your hair and skin healthy.

Tomatoes

Tomatoes are rich in many vitamins and minerals, but they are especially high in vitamin C, A, and K. Add tomatoes to soups, salads, and sandwiches or use whole tomatoes on top of your favorite pasta. A single cup of spaghetti sauce will provide you with a full day's recommended intake of the essential vitamins. Tomatoes also contain *lycopene* & studies have shown that women with high amounts of lycopene in their diets have up to a 50% lower chance of developing breast cancer. Lycopene will also lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

Whole Grains

Whole grains such as barley, brown rice, buckwheat, millet, oatmeal, and whole wheat bread, pasta, and cereal are rich sources of complex carbohydrates, B-vitamins, minerals (iron, magnesium, selenium), and fiber. Whole grains may help to reduce blood cholesterol levels, reduce risk of heart disease, give you energy, and make you feel full (due to the fiber) which can help you to eat less and manage weight.



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Skin Care 101

From acne to dry skin to wrinkles, we've got you covered with the best tips for healthy skin ever!

Don't have time for intensive skin care? So treat yourself with the basics. Good skin care and healthy lifestyle choices can help delay the natural aging process and deter various skin problems. Remember, a glowing complexion reflects inner health – and it shows. So never neglect your skin and get started with these simple no-nonsense tips;

Moisturize

Daily moisturizing is the best defense against dry skin. Apply body lotion right after you step out of the shower to seal in the moisture. And since hands are often the first indicators of aging, keep a moisturizer in your bag, car, and office.



Go Green

Greens, like spinach and arugula are packed with naturally occurring antioxidants. For a radiant and blemish-free complexion, add a side salad to your lunch or dinner.

Omega

A diet full of fish, fruit, vegetables, olive oil, and tea provides the skin with the good omega fatty acids. Such diet also has the antioxidants your skin needs to maintain a healthy glow and reverse sun damage.

Sleep In

Not getting enough sleep can cause stress, which leads to breakouts and a dull complexion. So don't deprive your body and skin of sleep as it uses that time to regenerate and recover from your day-to-day activities.

Eye Care

The skin around your eyes is the thinnest, so it shows the first signs of aging. Even if you're in your 20's, preventative care now will keep your eyes looking healthy for years to come.

Super Foods

Carrots and tomatoes are stocked with phytonutrients and antioxidants, both of which protect against harmful free radicals. The beta carotene and lycopene found in them also protect your skin from sun damage and repair skin cells.

Smoking

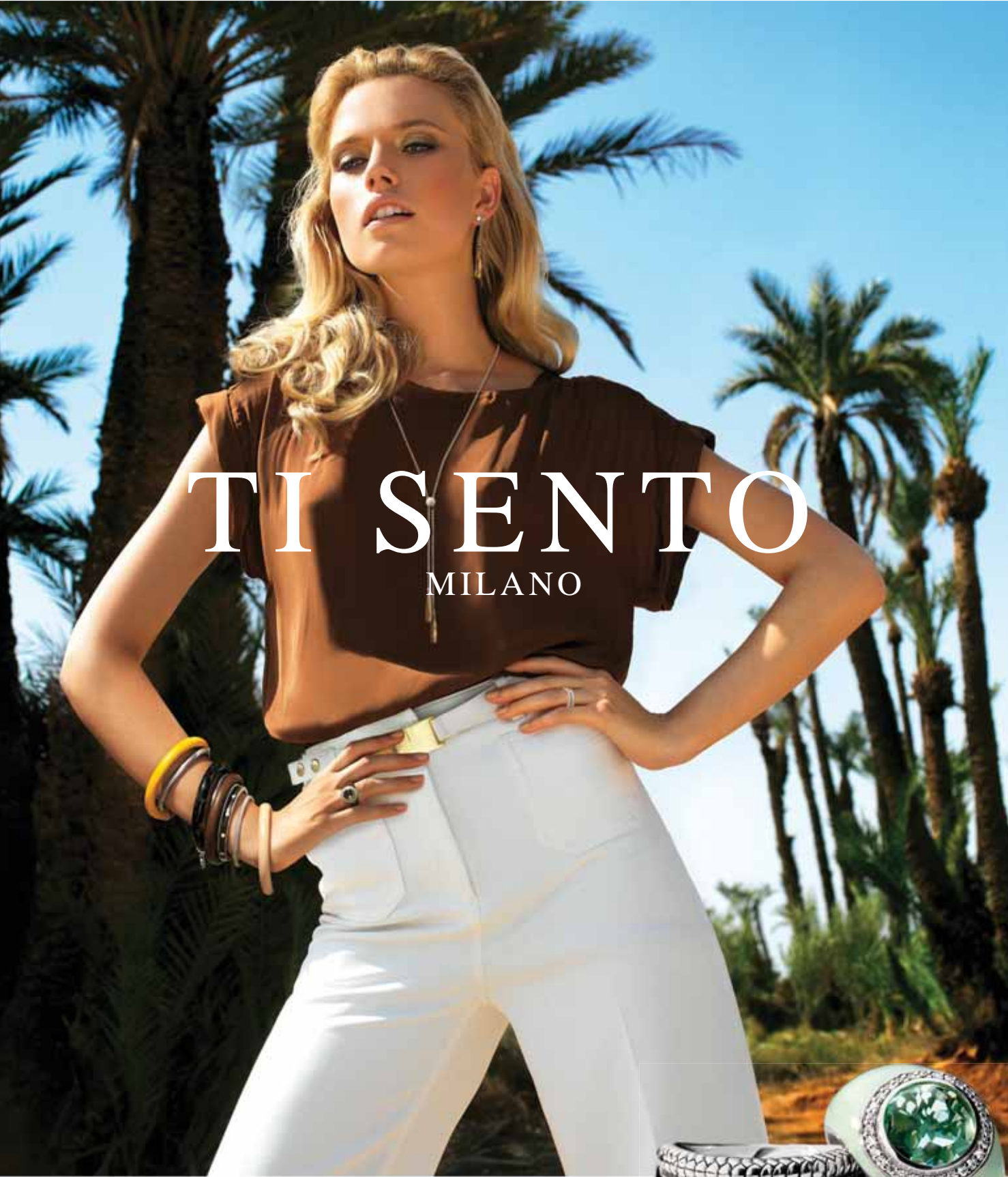
There are thousands of reasons why smoking is bad for you, but did you know second-hand smoke can also be harmful to your skin? Though you may not be smoking yourself, being around smokers can cause skin sagging and speed up the wrinkle process.

Exercise

Exercise gives your face a healthy glow by increasing blood flow. And when you sweat, it clears the body of toxins and removes dead skins cells so new ones can grow. With regular exercise you may see a decrease in age spots, so grab your running shoes and hit the gym.

Green Tea

Antioxidants have proven to be extremely efficient in preventative care against aging. Cosmetic dermatologists recommend products that use complex antioxidants, such as green tea and vitamin C.



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Clean Sweep

Bacteria on dirty makeup brushes could be causing you to break out. So don't forget to clean your makeup brushes once a month. Gently massage a mild baby shampoo into the bristles and rinse with warm water. Then, lay the brush on a towel with the head hanging over the sink to dry.

Steam

When humidity, sweat, makeup, and pollution build up in your pores, they can look like dark blemishes. To maintain your luster, steam your face over a bowl of hot water, cleanse with your usual face wash, and splash with cool water to tighten your skin. On the other hand long, steamy showers can strip away the outermost layer of the epidermis, leading to dry, scaly skin. Opt for lukewarm temperatures instead to stimulate a glow from head to toe.



Less Salt

Excess sodium in your diet can suck the moisture out of your skin and leave it dull and dry. Cut back on salty treats and invest in a hydrating facial moisturizer to combat dehydration.

Sunscreen

Wearing sunscreen is one of the most important skin care tips. It doesn't matter how much cleansing or moisturizing you do, if you don't protect your skin from the damaging rays of the sun, the sun's rays penetrate deep into your skin and break down collagen structures resulting in sunspots and wrinkles. Sunscreens also stop stretch marks and scars from getting darker with sun exposure. People often think that this is only needed during the summer months, but actually you need it all year round. Because of the damaging effects of our sun, you should use a lotion with a SPF 15 all year round.

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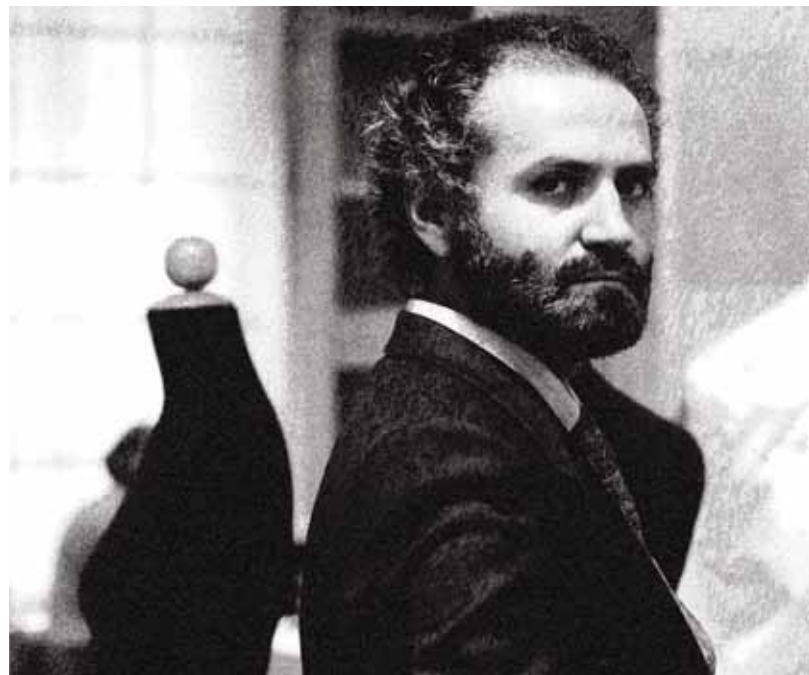
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Branded by the signature Medusa motif, the Italian label Versace has always epitomized over-the-top sexiness and glamour.



Luxuriously cultivated in historical materials and vividly dedicated to the hedonism of late 20th-century, Versace created the aesthetic limit of the avant-garde apparel, founded by the late Gianni Versace in 1978. The Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was known for his bold, outrageous and daring designs. Versace's legacy; a great creative genius from a poor, backward part of southern Italy who transformed the fashion world through his instinctive understanding of both women and how a changing culture influenced the way they wanted to dress. He knew at a young age that he would become a fashion designer. Born to a dressmaker mother, Gianni Versace spent a lot of his time in his mother's shop as a child. He watched her make clothes and admired the chic women who came into the shop.



"I work towards an aim, the aim of representing the woman of our times."



Versace also drew inspiration from the rich Italian heritage in which he grew up. He often wandered among the ancient Greek and Roman ruins, which would later provide him with themes for his clothing. Versace started designing clothes when he was 22. A local garment maker hired him to design a collection. Soon Versace's name was heard in Milan, the center of Italian fashion. He worked for several Italian ateliers in Milan.

In 1974, Versace created and developed his own line - *Complice*. Although he wasn't yet working under his own name, Versace already had his own label. In 1978 he established his own company, Gianni Versace SpA in partnership with his brother Santo and sister Donatella. Throughout the 1980's and 90's he built a fashion empire, by producing ensembles that exuded sensuality and sexuality.

He staged his seasonal fashion shows like rock concerts at his over-the-top design headquarters in Milan. Famous for designing flashy, sexy, beautifully cut outfits in strikingly extreme colors, patterns, fabrics, and leathers, Versace's fashion empire eventually encompassed men's, women's



and children's clothing, accessories, jewelry, perfume, and housewares, including some 130 boutiques worldwide.

With his vibrant sister Donatella at his side, Versace combined his virtuosic talent and extraordinary ambition to create the celebrity culture associated with Versace that we know today. He merged the worlds of fashion and entertainment, with his lavish shows that were pop-culture events, and drew inspiration from contemporary street life, art, and films as well as art and design history. His work was both metaphorical opera and functional realism; the first in with its larger-than-life exuberance in brilliant designs and the latter with its unpretentious, practical relevance to the comfort of the wearer and the expressiveness of the body.

After overcoming cancer of the lymph nodes, Versace was facing life with renewed vigor. He was at the height of his creative powers when he was murdered in Miami Beach. The story was front page news around the world and the manhunt for his killer became a media obsession.



His sister Donatella demanded no less than a funeral befitting an assassinated King to be held in Milan's magnificent cathedral attended by Princess Dianna, Elton John, Naomi Campbell, and others.

By the year 2000, three years after Gianni's death, the Versace Empire had been reorganized, streamlined, and poised for a possible initial public offering. On the design front, Donatella's expertise grew with each succeeding collection,

maintaining the Versace sensationalism and colorful style. In addition to the evolving apparel and accessories offered with the Versace label, the firm's name also became associated with luxury hotels and resorts.

"... Today's woman is a woman of contrasts, she has ambiguities which are part of today's life, contrasts which fashion is bound to reflect... I design for the woman who does not wear clothes like a suit of armor, but adapts them to her own personality."



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2012 Top Fashion Trends

Top key fashion trends to keep you looking fabulous!



If you are wondering what to add to your wardrobe to keep it current, take a look at the list of the top fashion trends of 2012. Remember, personal style always trumps runway fashion, so whatever you choose to add to your wardrobe it must complement your personal style and body shape.

Orange Hues

This season's hottest hue from tangerine to pale peach is orange. The color in its various tones, has dominated the runway for three straight seasons. While the color is a favorite with the designers, it's a difficult color for a lot of women to wear. So, we suggest trying chic accessories to add orange to your wardrobe.

Ball Gowns

For some seasons now, short dresses and maxi style dresses ruled the runway, but this season big princess style ball gowns are in full affect. If you have any formal events to attend this season opt for big ballroom style dresses. We're sure you'll impress everyone with this formal silhouette.



Pastels

Although bold colors and color blocking are still in trend, you can also rock pastels this season. Light shades of pinks, soft blues, sherbet oranges and lemony yellows were favored by designers this season.



Tribal Influence

From olive and orange hues, to animal prints, there was a strong ethnic influence in many of the items showcased on the runway. It evolved over the past few years, and now the trends of tribal and ethnic fashion have been reborn with a new focus on prints and texture. Less fierce and more organic, it's the 2012 trend that makes it easy to stand out in a crowd.

Sporty Look

Sportswear as a fashion trend has been evolving for the past few years. Now, with the 2012 Olympics on the horizon, the stars are in alignment for yet another burst of sporty chic inspiration. Sleeker, more functional, and with a minimalist leaning, sportswear in 2012 offers new wardrobe inspiration - for both men and women. Whether or not you're an athletic type, the sporty look is one of the more accessible trends from the Spring/Summer 2012 Fashion Week.



Animal Prints

Prints of images and silhouettes of the animals can also be seen gracing the runway in the designers collections this season. From sheer shirts to jackets, boots, heels, handbags and loafers, animal prints are everywhere.

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Celebrity Moms

Meet famous celebrity moms and find out how they juggle between a glamorous lifestyle and kids...

Balancing work and family is hard for any mother but it is especially challenging if you happen to be famous. Many celebrity moms are coming out as strong, caring matriarchs who bond with their kids in strong ways. These famous moms are just as comfortable rockin' the red carpet as they are rocking their little ones to sleep. Check out our list of the young and famous celebrity moms and how they deal with parenthood.



Heidi Klum

Always smiling, always carrying her kids everywhere, Heidi is one of those women that seem to take motherhood in their stride. She has chosen to be a mom and seems to love it. The fashion mogul and actress, has four children (Helene Klum, Henry Gunther Ademola Dashtu Samuel, and Johan Riley Fyodor Taiwo Samuel). She's also working actively with charitable organizations and donates a large sum to numerous charities.

"It's a huge responsibility to have four kids. They all have different likes and dislikes and activities that they want to do. You have to learn how to juggle all of that, and at the same time give them each the love that they need." (Heidi Klum)

Angelina Jolie

The 34-year old Angelina Jolie has traveled a long road to motherhood. After a string of failed relationships, the academy award-winning actress is now the happy mom to her growing brood. She and Brad Pitt have six kids altogether: Maddox (adopted from Cambodia), Pax (adopted from Vietnam), Zahara (adopted from Ethiopia), Shilo (born in Namibia), and twins Vivienne and Knox (born in France). They don't keep their kids away from them ever. And, for better or worse, they drag them everywhere without nannies. And if raising six children and being a major international super star wasn't enough to keep her busy, Angelina is also the UN Goodwill Ambassador helping millions of children in crisis around the globe.

"There are far too many things to count. But everything that matters in life has to do with being a parent." (Angelina Jolie)



Reese Witherspoon

Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon is a mom to two kids (Ava and Deacon), and expecting her third child. Unlike other super-busy celeb moms, she avoids overprotecting her kids or spoiling them, even though she can afford to. She is notoriously strict with them and conservative as a parent.

"I know it's corny, but being a parent to me is such a great privilege; that I get to chaperone these beautiful little souls through life. They astound me with their knowledge and their humor." (Reese Witherspoon)



Julia Roberts

From Pretty Woman to mother of three, Julia Roberts can do it all. After her 2002 nuptials to cameraman Danny Moder, Julia settled down to nurture their family. Even though Julia has a nanny to help out with her kids, she is by all accounts, an incredibly hands-on mom to twins Phinneas and Hazel, born in 2004, and Henry, born in 2007. Julia is a dedicated mom, she believes that making her marriage, a top priority is essential, not only for the couple, but for the kids, too.

"They're [my children] seeing the things that he [Danny] does and the way that he shares his feelings with me, and the way that I share my feelings with him. The coolest thing you can do for your children is to love each other in their presence." (Julia Roberts)



Jennifer Garner

Jennifer Garner seems to be so in love with her kids that she can't leave their side. Lead actress on the series *Alias*, mother of two (Violet and Seraphina), is one of the best celebrity moms. If there's a magic work/family equation, Jennifer Garner holds the formula. Rather than parading around in 6-inch heels with a string of nannies, she takes her kids to the park, and even wears sweat shirts!

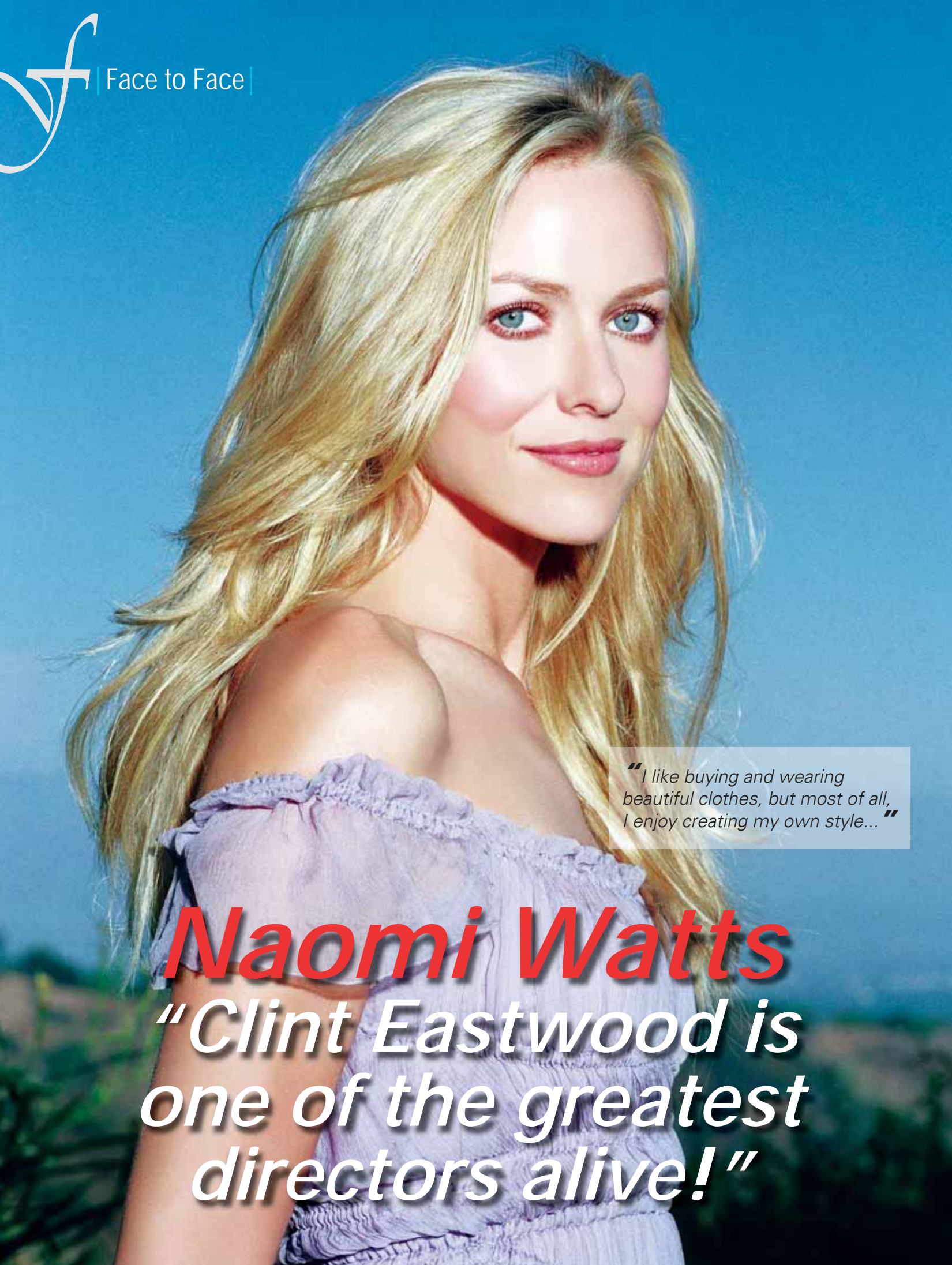
"Beauty comes from a life well lived. If you've lived well, your smile lines are in the right places." (Jennifer Garner)



Jessica Alba

As a working mother of two, Jessica Alba probably has a lot more in common with many women than we realize. She too has trouble balancing her busy schedule, struggles to keep in shape and finds there is not enough time in the day to do everything she wants. Jessica Alba also recently announced plans to write her first book too. The actress and mother of two; *Honor*, 3, and *Haven*, 7 months, hopes to share some of the tips and tricks she's learned about motherhood, as well as her methods for creating an eco-friendly and toxin-free environment in her home with other modern moms.

"I know who I am, and I know that I love my family and I love my kid and that being a good mom is my #1 priority." (Jessica Alba)



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Naomi Watts
"Clint Eastwood is one of the greatest directors alive!"



Throughout her career, the unfailingly glowing and diverse Naomi Watts has played a gallery of distinctive women, complex and fascinating. Watts has experienced great success with roles in a wide variety of films including *Mulholland Drive*, *The Ring*, *21 Grams*, and Peter Jackson's *King Kong* remake.

She is one of Hollywood's most glamorous blonde, and it is no surprise that in her upcoming films she portrays two blonde figures who marked the twentieth century with their beauty and mystery; Marilyn Monroe and Lady Diana. Not to mention that in the remake of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, to be released soon, she is Melanie Daniels, the character that launched Tippi Hedren in the sixties.



But for the time being Naomi Watts is Edgar J. Hoover's faithful secretary Helen Gandy, in Clint Eastwood's *Edgar J.* starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

FIRST AVENUE met the Australian actress for an interview in a Parisian luxurious Tea Room nearby the *Jardins des Tuileries* where the last fashion week events took place.

FIRST AVENUE: *Are you in Paris to attend some of the fashion shows held this week?*

NAOMI WATTS: Not the shows actually, but I am here to honour the celebration of designer Alber Elbaz twentieth anniversary at the service of Lanvin. This is a big occasion and I would not miss it especially that Elbaz is a friend of mine and that I very particularly appreciate his work.

F. A: *Are you a fashion victim?*

N. W: No not really. I like buying and wearing beautiful clothes, but most of all, I enjoy creating my own style with bits and pieces from various brands and collections.

F. A: *Did you ever imagine yourself as a Hitchcock Blonde before playing the part previously held by Tippi Hedren in *The Birds*?*

N. W: It all started when director Rodrigo Garcia offered me a part in his film *Mother and child*. He then told me that he was looking for an actress who could appear on the screen in a Grace



Kelly style, in other words as a Hitchcock Blonde since Kelly defined that better than anyone else. Before that I had never imagined myself this way. And I guess that later on, very probably in a sort of unconscious way, I started to behave like if I was. And maybe that is why I inherited Tippi Hedren's part in *The Birds*.

F. A: *How about portraying Marilyn Monroe and Princess Diana. Isn't that too much for one actress?*

N. W: I guess it is! But the fact is that all of these parts did not come to me at the same time, meaning that I never felt the weight of it all at once, only the responsibility of doing one at the time and doing it well. I suppose that I would have been shocked if I had knew that I was going to be approached for Marilyn, Diana and Hitchcock's female character in *The Birds*. Now after having done it all, I ask myself how I managed to do it.

F. A: *Did you prepare for Marilyn and Lady Di like you do for any other part or did the fact that they truly existed change the way you approached those characters?*

N. W: Of course the fact that they have existed made it somehow different, but at the same time I did not want to present an imitation of Marilyn and Diana. I had to become each one of them, and for that I had to work on the script like I do for the other parts, meaning to let my imagination go and to compose the character by bits and pieces. Also through discussions with the director of course. I did though

watch films and interviews of Marilyn and read articles and looked at pictures and television interviews of Diana in order to seize their behaviour and way of being. That was important. So in the end I would answer your question by saying I did a mixture of both, working on the real characters and then also bringing some of my own perception to it.

F. A: *How was it working under Clint Eastwood's direction?*

N. W: I arrived on my first day of work on Edgar J.'s set much more nervous than I had never been before even when I had to face David Lynch for *Mulholland drive* knowing that this was my first true big experience in cinema. And that is due to the fact that I consider Clint Eastwood to be one of the greatest directors alive. I had met him when he considered me for the part of course, but that was different as I did not expect to hear from him again. And so when I learned that he had indeed chosen me, I was naturally overwhelmed with joy and at the same time scared to death. Yet all of that anguish disappeared as soon as we started shooting my first scene, as I discovered the extraordinary man that



he is and his ability to make actors feel at ease in front of his camera. He leads you in a gentle smooth way to express exactly what he expects from you, and it works. I have lived one of my most extraordinary and fulfilling acting experiences under Clint Eastwood's direction.

F. A: And what about Leonardo DiCaprio?

N. W: Here is a great artist too. I did not have the opportunity of working with such a patient actor before in my life. The man used to spend hours before shooting in the make up department to change his looks and become Edgar J. Hoover. And yet he arrived later on, on the set, fresh as a rose and joking with everybody and also ready to go as soon as Clint Eastwood would say the magic word of "Action!". He is a combination of energy



and talent along with an acute sense of details that makes him pay attention to the smallest gesture he has to accomplish in front of the camera. And he would never do or say anything unless he is one hundred per cent convinced it serves the part and the whole film.

F. A: Tell us about King Kong?

N. W: I loved doing that film under the direction of Peter Jackson. And I was impressed to play the same part that Jessica Lange had portrayed in the seventies, and Fay Wray before her in the forties. Yet I was ordered not to watch any of those two first films before we start shooting in order not to be under the influence of Jessica or Fay while acting.

F. A: But did you not see those films ever?

N. W: Yes I had when was younger. But I had forgotten the details of how the female part was performed.

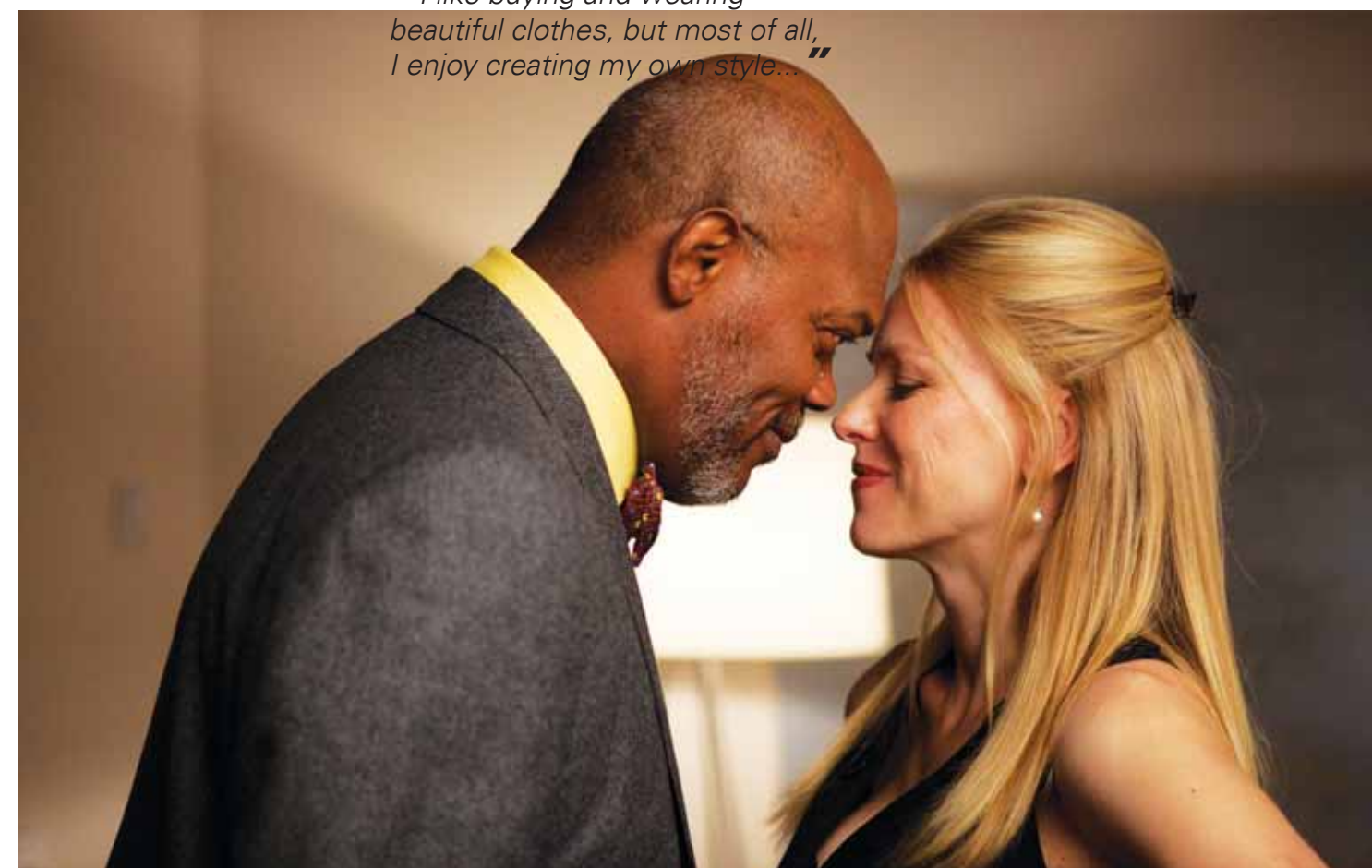
F. A: How does it feel being an Australian in Hollywood?

N. W: Well it feels quite good especially that I am not alone if we consider Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett. Actually I believe that we manage all right. Yet compared to them I am not a true Australian since I was born in the UK before spending my childhood in Australia.

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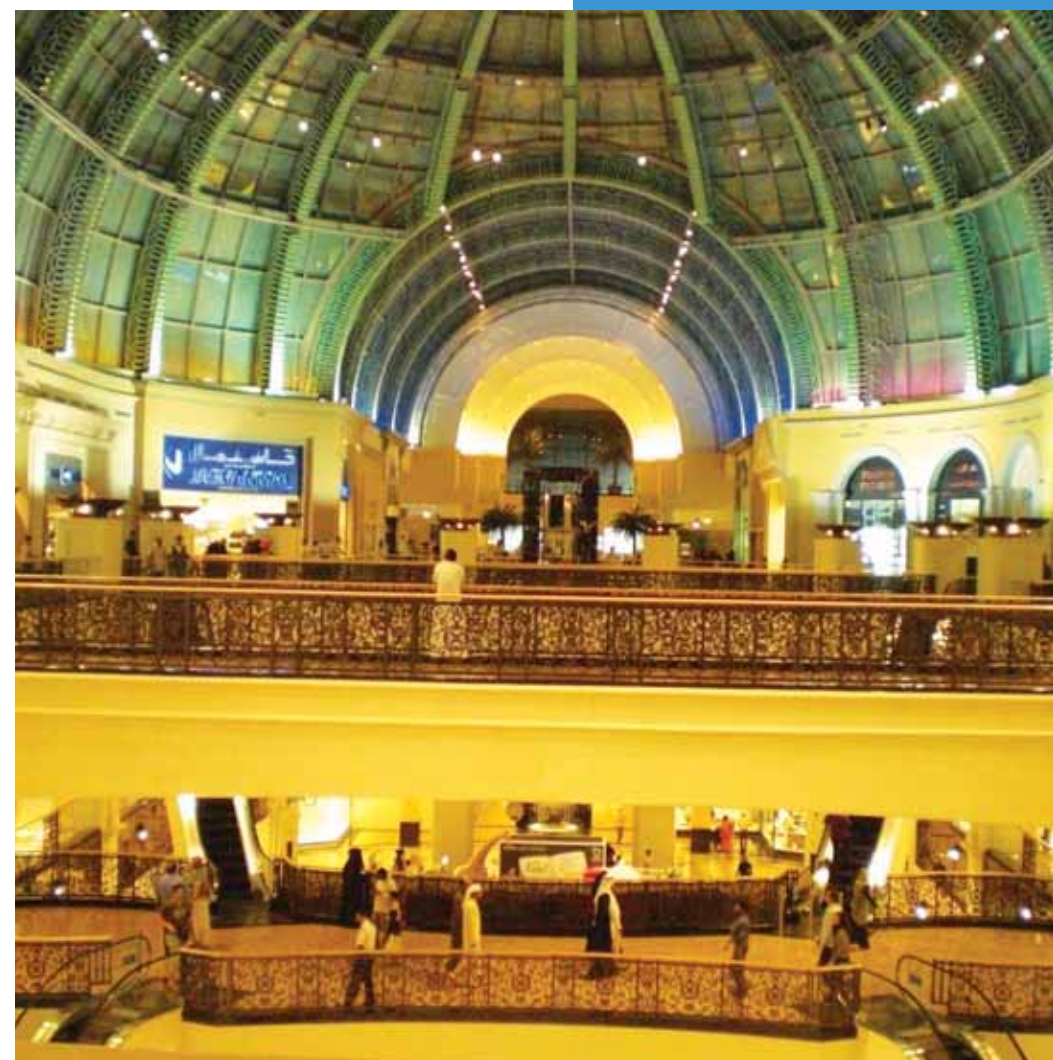
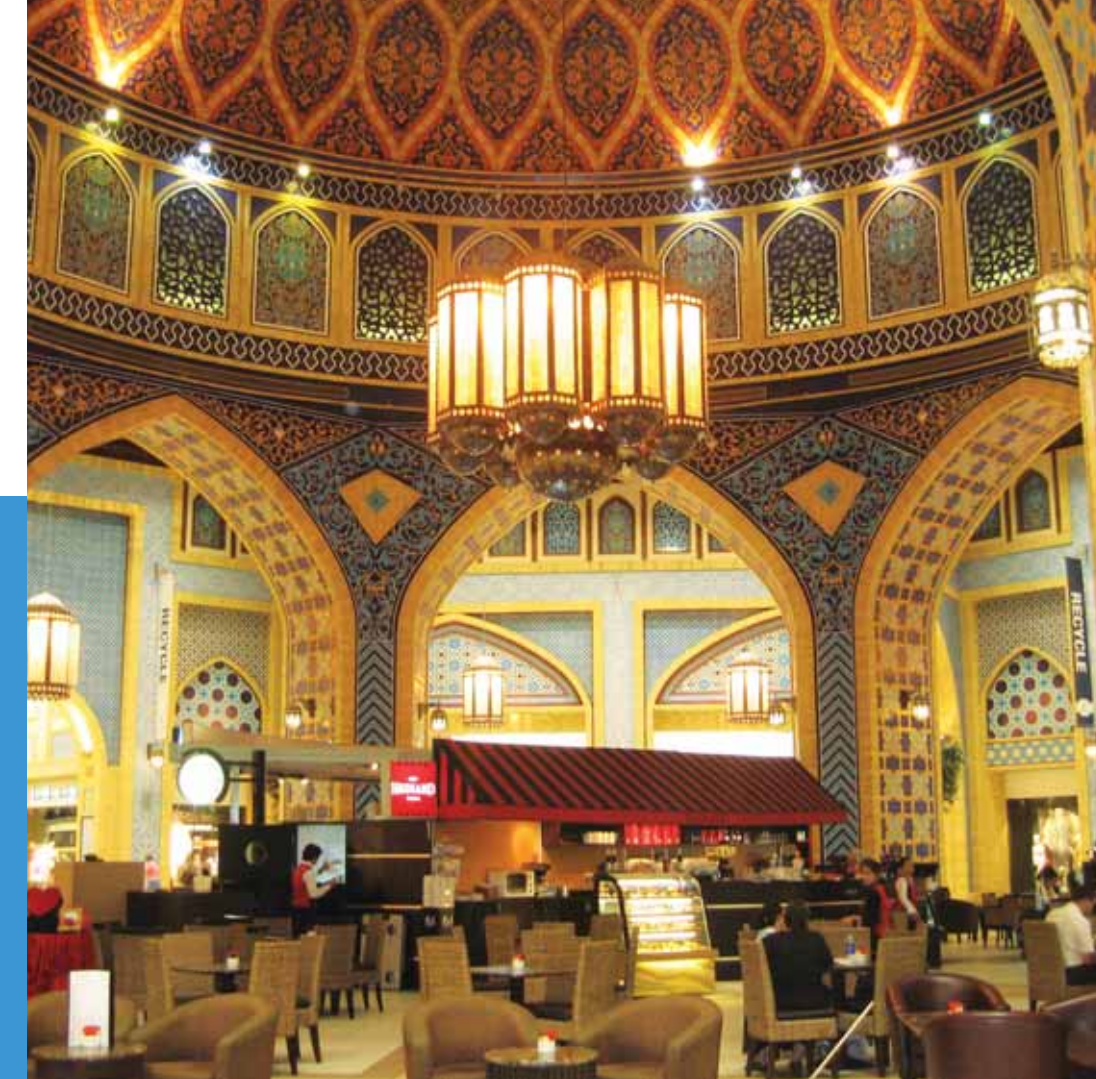
With big swanky shopping centers and distinctive souks & bazaars, Dubai literally is a shopper's paradise.

Dubai offers consumers an incredible array of items at attractive and tax free prices, with an excess of fifty notable shopping centers and bustling souks. The choices for the shoppers are unlimited and those living in Dubai or holidaying in the Emirate cannot help but spend their free time browsing around and looking at everything from luxury cars and designer labels to gold, spices, perfumes and Arabian souvenirs. Many tourists visit Dubai because of its fabulous shopping possibilities

and the great weather. There are a great range of shopping malls as well as local shops and souks to visit. Shopping malls are great for those wishing to do all of their shopping in one place and customers can search through local products as well as well-known international brands. High-end designer brand stores, mega-malls, gold and spice markets all entice shopping enthusiasts to Dubai. Here's a list of some of the best places in Dubai to shop till you drop.

Ibn Battuta Shopping Mall

Those looking for something a little more unusual when shopping in Dubai will definitely like the Ibn Battuta Shopping Mall. It is designed in honor of Ibn Battuta, a famed Arabic explorer. Locals and tourists alike are able to enjoy a shopping experience that is also historically informative. The mall is divided into six courts, and each court is an architectural reflection of a region that the great Ibn Battuta explored. The mall is also home to many international large chains as well as some exclusive outlets.



Mall of the Emirates

Opened in 2006, the Mall of the Emirates is an entire shopping resort. An ultimate destination in Dubai for shopping, leisure and entertainment, it houses 466 retail stores, a family entertainment center, fourteen multiplex cinemas and to top it all off there is Ski-Dubai, the world renowned indoor ski slope featuring real snow and numerous chair lifts to the 85-meter high summit.

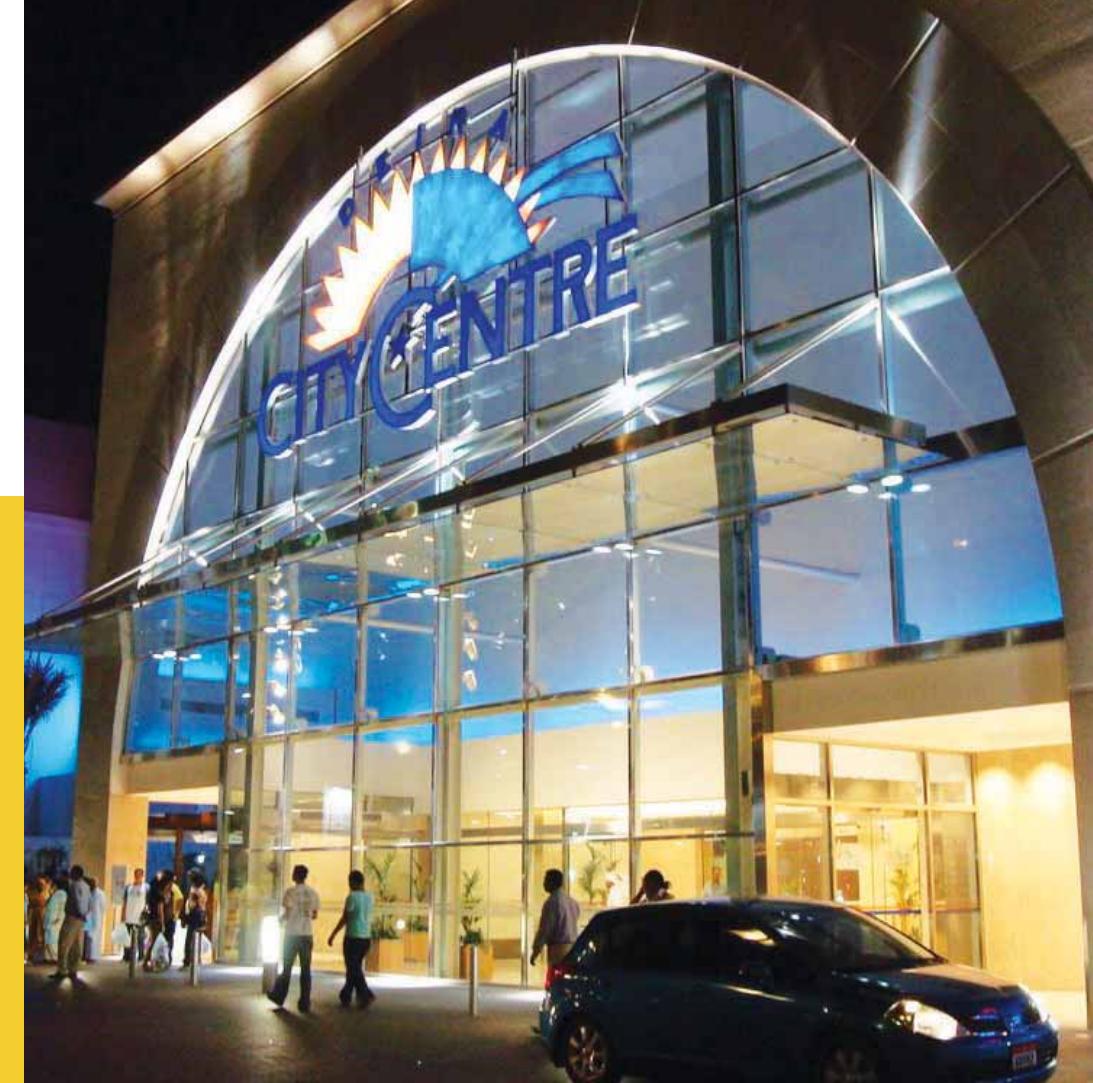
BurJuman Centre

The BurJuman Centre was among the first of the huge shopping malls in Dubai and is home to a number of international brands. It is located in the Bur Dubai district, which is a popular district for tourists and has a number of hotels surrounding it.



Deira City Centre

One of the oldest and biggest shopping malls in Dubai, Deira City Centre is still one of the most popular places to shop. With over 350 shops, an entertainment complex with a children's theme park and a huge multiplex cinema, it is also host to a large hotel and has a number of supermarkets which is perfect for locals and tourists who are self-catering.



Dubai Marina Mall

The Dubai Marina Mall is located at Dubai Marina. The mall has a wide range of shops including famous luxury brands as well as a range of bars and restaurants. It also has a Marina Promenade which gives amazing views out to sea.



Mercato Shopping Mall

Designed to look like an Italian town, Mercato Shopping Mall is a fantastic shopping arcade with its unique blend of Tuscan and Venetian architecture. Take your time browsing, while walking down charming cobbled streets, relax along a bright piazza, enjoy a romantic dinner and the latest movie and simply experience the ultimate pleasure of just shopping. Mercato Shopping Mall boasts over 120 outlets that sell everything from antiques and home decoration, to international fashion, jewelry and cosmetics.

Wafi Shopping Mall

Regarded as one of Dubai's most elegant shopping complexes, the ideally located Wafi City Mall has always been a place to discover the unusual, interesting and hi-end luxury brands. With over 200 stores featuring haute couture, popular fashions, fashion accessories, Wafi City Mall offers something for everyone. The Link, as the name suggests, links Wafi City Mall to the Pyramids complex and provides the perfect venue for a variety of exhibitions and fashion shows.



Festival Centre

Located on the banks of Dubai creek, Festival Center offers great retail outlets and over 60 restaurants making it a perfect shopping destination. Another interesting feature that makes the Festival Centre stand out is the 250 meter wide yacht club it is built around. The picturesque marina is home to many a luxury yacht, surrounded by the numerous shops of the Festival Centre as well as some of the top hotels in Dubai. One can take the whole family to enjoy the Canal Walk, a waterside path that takes you through many of the ground level shops while enjoying a view of the marina



The Dubai Mall

The Dubai Mall is the world's largest shopping mall based on the total area. It is the region's premier shopping, lifestyle and entertainment destination that offers not only unprecedented scale but also revolutionary design, challenging everything you've come to expect from a mall. From high end and haute couture to cheap and cheerful bargains, Dubai Mall covers everything. Dubai Mall is a part of the 20-billion-dollar Burj Khalifa (world's tallest building) complex. With more than 1,200 stores and a host of world-class attractions, The Dubai Mall has revolutionized the modern shopping experience. It includes Dubai Ice-Rink, Dubai aquarium and underwater Zoo, Sega republic an indoor theme park, a gold souk and cinema.



Souk Madinat Jumeirah

Wander through the traditional Arabian souk, past wind towers, lantern lit hallways and narrow waterways to discover the treasures hidden within Souk Madinat Jumeirah, offering an experience that will surprise and delight your senses. With specially selected shops, restaurants and bars to entertain throughout the day and into the night, the Souk Madinat Jumeirah offers unlimited amusement to visitors.



Romantic Travel Destinations

Rediscover romance this year by stealing away to one of these romantic and fun destinations!

There are numerous destinations around the world not only romantic in themselves, but which have the capacity to bring out one's own latent romantic potential buried deep within; reason enough to keep exploring the world with the ones we love. So whether you want to shout out your love from the top of a mountain or while snorkeling with underwater creatures, or walking hand in hand on a soft sandy beach with palm trees swaying in the breeze, there are plenty of places across the continents to proclaim your love. Since

the trip is just as important as the destination, here's a selection of some of the most romantic destinations on the planet where you can create enough memories to last a lifetime.

France

France is one of the most popular romantic destinations in the world, due to the fact that every lane is imbued with romance, love, laughter, and alive with the spirit of art and history at almost every turn. Depending upon, what you are looking for while on your romantic vacation in France, you can arrange whatever package fits your

budget, timeframe, and desires. The upper end of the expense scale, can include a stay in a castle or in a chalet or if you are in the mood to rest in a countryside cottage, then a *gîte* might be the type of accommodation that you should look into. Some couples even take a romantic vacation in France to get married. Whether they plan to get married in the meandering hills of the south, or amongst the vineyards of the northwest, France just might be the most romantic place of all in Europe. A holiday in France will appeal to the senses, relax the mind, and heighten the romance of anyone who enters its charming borders.



The Caribbean

The Caribbean is perhaps the top destination in the world when it comes to a romantic beach vacation. As it is a biodiversity hotspot, you can also enjoy Caribbean's flora and fauna and be enthralled by the vivid colors, crystal clear waters and the island music. You can enjoy any island or destination in the Caribbean or join a luxury cruise to visit all the islands. Now, if you don't know exactly where to go, some notable places to visit include Barbados, Aruba and Costa Rica.

Mauritius

Nestled in the Indian Ocean, this little jewel of an island basks in a warm, tropical climate and is famed for its palm-fringed, white beaches and sand-rimmed lagoons. It is surrounded by the world's longest unbroken coral reef, which makes the calm turquoise waters perfect for a restorative dip. Mauritius is synonymous with glamour and luxury, both of which can be surprisingly affordable here, with accommodation ranging from small to medium sized hotels and stunning villas to luxury resorts.

Greece

With its rich history coming to life in its archaeological sites and monuments, Greek culture, cuisine, art and alluring romance beckons anyone who wants to get away to a land that truly takes you away. If you travel to Greece, you will be overwhelmed with all the history and historical sites around each and every corner. If you are not adventurous or a history buff, don't worry, Greece offers something for everyone. You can try visiting Hydra, where you might run into some celebrities, actors, and musicians. Another place to visit is Corfu Town, which is quite appealing and caters to the more refined tastes of discriminating travelers. Secondly, it is the only place in Greece where you'll find brightly colored houses built during colonial rule.

Maldives

Maldives beaches are famous worldwide for the white sand and turquoise tranquil waters. As you stroll along one of Maldives numerous beaches, you find some of the most interesting local handicrafts and original artwork on display in various stalls and shops that align the streets. With culinary delights and a culture that is as diverse as any, a trip to the Maldives is a delight not only for the senses, but for the heart as well.

New Zealand

New Zealand is a country that is completely safe, with an infrastructure that matches any developed nation in the world. If you are searching for a luxurious New Zealand romantic vacation, whether it's for your honeymoon, anniversary, or just a getaway, then many tour companies offer individual itineraries as well as guided tours by local professionals, on private jets or helicopters plus luxury vacation packages to any number of New Zealand's surrounding islands.

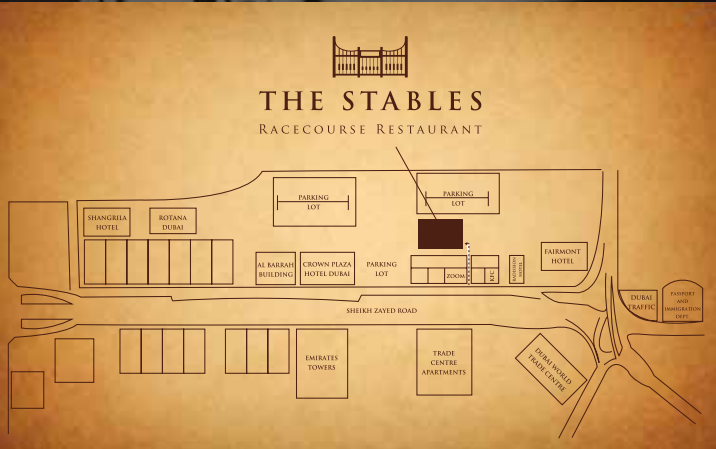
Jordan

Few places in the Arab world can match the allure of Jordan, a land of great beauty and even greater history in the heart of the Middle East. There's so much to see in Jordan - ruined Roman cities, Crusader castles, desert citadels and powerful biblical sites, but it's not all about ruins. The country also offers some of the wildest adventures in the region, as well as an incredibly varied backdrop ranging from the red desert sands of Wadi Rum to the brilliant blues of the coral-filled Gulf of Aqaba; from rich palm-filled wadis to the lifeless restorative Dead Sea.



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An Encounter

with supermodel
Adriana Karembeu
who opens her own
spa and launches
a beauty care line

"AM I OLD?"

Adriana Sklenarikova Karembeu is a Slovak supermodel who has worked for the top fashion designers in the world as well as for Lingerie brands such as Wonderbra and Victoria's Secret. She is also involved in humanitarian activities through the Red Cross and Human Rights leagues where she mainly defends women's rights. She is former wife of French football player Christian Karembeu with whom she stayed married for 13 years.

Adriana is a Guinness record holder for having the longest legs among female models. Her legs are 49.25 inches long (125 cm).

FIRST AVENUE met with her on the occasion of her opening a SPA bearing her name in Paris, as well as launching her own beauty care line "Silicium +".



FIRST AVENUE: Tell us about your SPA?

ADRIANA KAREMBEU: It is above all a place for relaxation where all the elements are gathered to make you feel good and quiet far from the noise and the stress that are the normal way of life in big cities, and Paris is one of them. Once you cross the door of the SPA, you feel as if you are entering a whole new world. It has especially been designed this way.

F. A: You are also expanding to other places, are you not?

A. K: Yes, to the south of France mainly where the SPA can be a natural extension of the beautiful weather and sunny climate. But I have plans to open in various countries throughout the world.

F. A: At the same time you launch a beauty care line?

A. K: Exactly. The "Silicium +" line which as its name clearly indicates, uses Silicium among its components. Silicium helps fight against wrinkles and all symptoms of aging, as well as helping to retain a good shape and losing weight. That is also why we have developed a line of natural food supplements that integrate Silicium. We also have the makeup Silicium line that offers an excellent way for a woman to be beautiful while protecting her skin.

F. A: We noticed that you are also launching a Perfume?

A. K: Yes, two actually. K for women and K for men. They are fresh and natural and should appeal to those who appreciate the Silicium + line.

F. A: What about skin care for men?

A. K: We do have a men's product line. They are based on a high technology process called "Nano Emulsion"; of course Silicium is a part of that technology.



F. A: From what age do you think that a woman needs to start using such products?

A. K: The products help protect the skin against all aging processes and mainly against the various types of aggravations we have to face all day long, such as pollution, exposure to the harsh sun's rays and many other concerns, stress and strains that surround us in our environment. So I would say that, there is no age barrier in fact to start using anti age products. It depends on how each and every one feels. Using it does not mean that you are old, am I old? It simply means you wish to stay young a little bit longer.

F. A: Why do you personally need such products, being a supermodel and known to be one of the world's most beautiful women?

A. K: Thank you for the compliment. I believe I need such products, as you say, because I am a supermodel and therefore my skin is constantly subjected to various stresses; putting

on makeup and then removing it for fashion shows, photo sessions, for appearances in public, for meeting journalists, for television interviews and many more reasons such as continuous travel and the resulting jetlag as well as sleeping late. I need to preserve my skin with simple and efficient products and so do many women nowadays who combine work with family responsibilities, who do not get enough rest, who may smoke also and who do not have the time to truly care about their skin.

F. A: Did you get personally involved in the making of the products?

A. K: Yes completely. I studied medicine at Charles IV University in Prague before modelling, and therefore I decided to use my knowledge in that field and worked along with all the chemists involved in the making of the products. I helped, gave my opinion and mainly tested the final results to make sure they fit my requirements. And I am proud to say that we did not test any of our products on animals during the process of fabrication.



F.A: Many of your fellow supermodels gave it a shot in cinema without truly succeeding. I think of Claudia Schiffer, Naomi Campbell and Cindy Crawford. Do you wish to become an actress?

A. K: I did appear in a French film about seven or eight years ago. It was not a huge success. And to answer your question, no I do not dream of becoming a movie star. If I ever do so, I shall start by taking acting classes because I do not believe that a good model is automatically a good actress or singer or dancer, even if we, models, do have to put on an act when we appear on the catwalk wearing so many different outfits. Posing for photo sessions is also acting in a way, but all of this remains different from cinema and theatre. There is also another issue, which is finding a good script along with a good part to play. I think that Claudia, Cindy and Naomi were offered parts based on their looks and on nothing else. Plus, the fact that the scripts were bad. The only one who managed to become a true actress is Laetitia Casta. She managed it well and is now recognized as such.

F. A: You are an official Ambassador for women's rights and for the Red Cross. Why?

A. K: I believe that when a well known personality uses their name to help humanitarian causes move forward, it gets much better results than when others do. So I use my celebrity status to defend what I believe is worthy of defence. That is all.



Accessorize Your Home

Do not underestimate the power of accessories. Carefully chosen, the right ones can give your home a fresh and warm look without breaking the bank.

Accessorizing your home involves adding finishing touches to your home decor after you have placed your furniture. Even if the furniture is exactly what you envisioned for the room, it won't feel complete without a few well-placed accessories that pull the room together. Many people stop decorating before dealing with the most important part; accessorizing. Sometimes figuring out just how to group those pieces together and display them in your home can be a challenge. So how do you create great-looking arrangements? Here are a few tips and tricks designers use that can help you display any type of accessories – whether they're flea-market finds, family heirlooms, or pricey collectibles.



Artwork

Artwork is one of the most popular trimmings used to accessorize a house. Whatever your artwork includes – valuable prints, family photographs, or originals from your kids – you want it to capture attention. However, while arranging pieces of artwork, you need to make sure that they are placed at eye level. This will make everyone notice them the moment they enter a room. Large paintings are more effective when displayed alone on walls, while small pieces have more impact when grouped together.



Lighting

Lighting is an important element in accessorizing your home. Use lighting as an accessory to accent fireplaces, artwork, plants, and other ornamental objects. Lighting should be warm, cozy, and inviting. Place a cluster of candles on a table to accent the room or corner with soft light. Use floor lamps or table lamps to light up dark corners of the room. Place a light behind a folding screen to add a glowing accent. Use recessed lighting or chandeliers to accent the centerpiece on a table. An interesting or unusual light fixture will give your room the added 'wow' factor.



Mirrors

Mirrors are great to expand a smaller space. Try adding a large full length mirror with a floor stand or attach one to the wall, behind a small dining room table. Try leaning a tall mirror behind a bed as a head board for a more dramatic look. A floor standing mirror is a savvy investment as it makes any room appear larger. Simply prop one up against a wall for an instantly larger looking space.



Textile

The varied colors and textures of fabrics and rugs liven up any room. To include texture in your accessories, use a rug in a neutral color for a modern room, or a rug with an interesting design in a plain room, spruce up your chairs, sofa or bed with throw pillows of different sizes and colors, place a bold throw on a single piece of furniture or tie in any bold colors or patterns, or use soft, muted hues in your curtains as the final touch. Area rugs can also define a space and pull a room together. Place furniture completely on the rug for a warmer effect.



Natural Elements

Liven up the room with plants or floral bouquets and use them to introduce color and 'life' into the room. Plants and fresh flowers brighten the atmosphere in your home, so experiment using old urns, water pitchers, and teapots as vases. Collectibles make great containers for flower arrangements. Take your favorite vase or bowl to a florist for a custom-designed arrangement.



Knickknacks

Display a collection of knickknacks, statues, vases or other treasured items. Create a group of similar items of different sizes, heights, widths or textures so they go together thereby creating balance and interest. If you have a collection of various small keepsakes from a vacation, display them together, but remember that each item should be clearly visible within the grouping, or otherwise it will look cluttered.





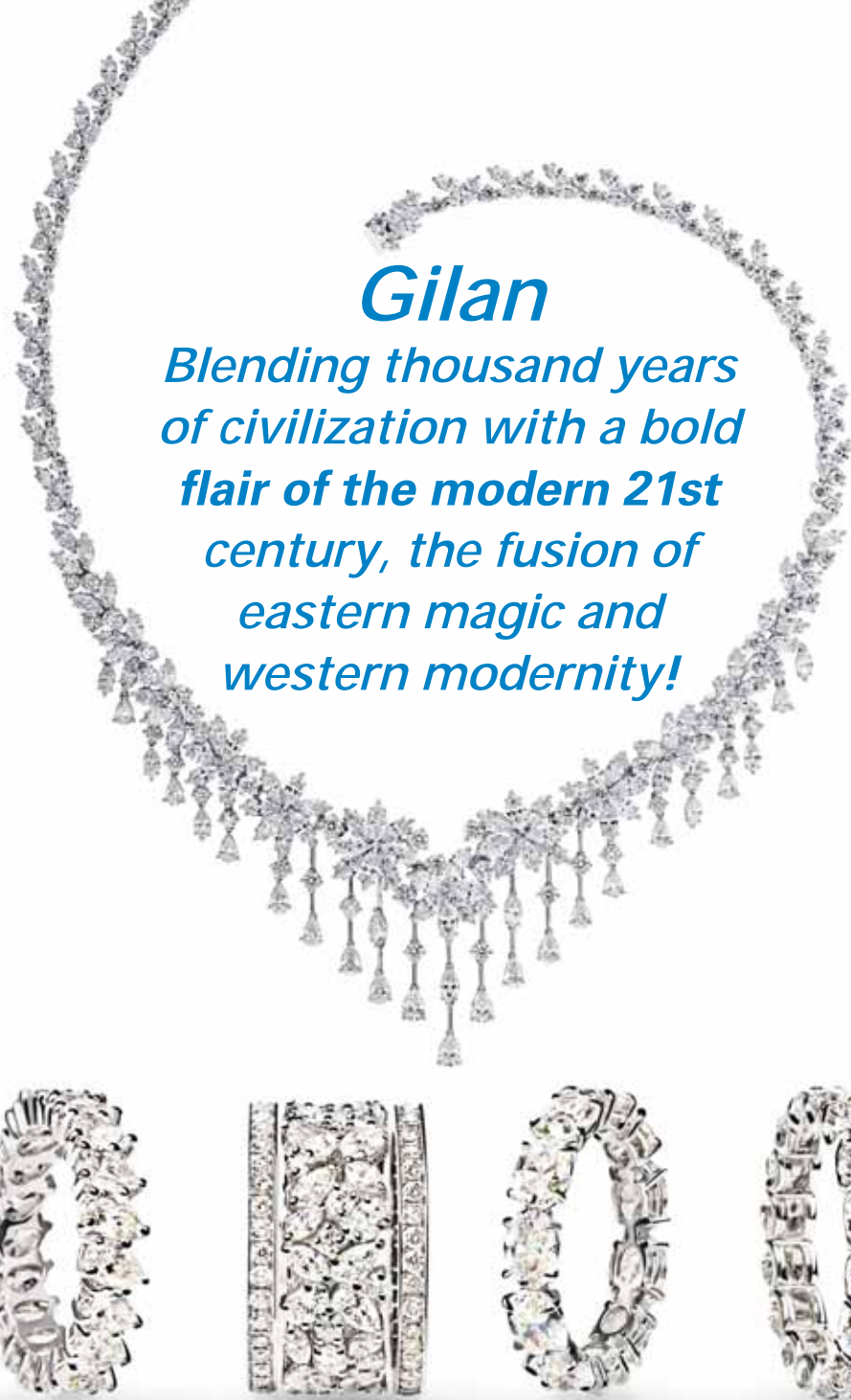
Inspired by Istanbul's heritage in jewelry making, the brothers Muharrem and Ferhan Gilan gathered a creative design team with the most skilled craftsmen in Istanbul, with the aim, to create contemporary jewelry collections suffused with the opulence of the Sultan Court. Today, Gilan captivates the world of Fashion, Cinema and Music and the most beautiful women. Gilan's dedication to craftsmanship and unique design has captured the attention of Hollywood, including celebrities like Nicole Kidman, Penelope Cruz, Selma Hayek and Lucy Liu, to name a few.

We spoke with **Muharrem Gilan** to find out more about the history of the company and the inspiration behind their art and designs.

Q: Tell us the story behind Gilan?
Gilan, is the name of my ancestors' town. During the Ottoman rule, about two generations ago, my great grandmother was head seamstress for the Ottoman Pashas. Our family's story and love affair with luxury began in this town, with association with design. Me and my brother Ferhan Gilan followed in our great

grandmother's footsteps. We seek to reinvent the traditional Istanbul images and translate their mystique and opulence associated with the court of the Sultan, into unique designs relevant to the contemporary world.

Q: How would you describe your design style, and who is your targeted customer?
Gilan is the first and only Jewelry House to draw inspiration from the Western magic; and Eastern mystery of our birthplace Istanbul and the rich traditions of the Topkapi Palace in jewelry making. Through innovation



Gilan
Blending thousand years of civilization with a bold flair of the modern 21st century, the fusion of eastern magic and western modernity!

Penelope Cruz wearing Gilan at the 63rd Golden Globe Awards



Alicia Keys wearing Gilan at CFDA Fashion Awards



and creativity, the House attempts to capture the romance and the mystery that is inherent in the Istanbul images and transform the mystical opulence of the Sultan's Court into intricate creations for the 21st century. 15th century Istanbul jewelry making technique of the Palace which is a combination of the ancient rose-cut diamonds, set in silver with detailed engraving work on a yellow gold back has become one of our signature looks in our Heritage Collection. We add our touch of modernity by associating this ancestral know-how to stunning volumes and daring designs, with several unique pieces. It gives an impressive different visual effect which is both traditional and contemporary. Being a family owned jewelry House is allowing us to be responsive, flexible and to create inspirational jewellery which carries strong emotional connotations. Because this Heritage technique is only mastered by a very limited number of jewelers in Istanbul, we can say that most of Gilan creations are unique. And Gilan women appreciate the daring, one of a kind designs.

Q: What inspires you?
The splendour of Istanbul and the cultures that passed through this magnificent melting pot of civilisations are one of the sources of inspiration. But we are also inspired by the beauty of life itself. It can be a cultural treasure, a legend or a love story. As I am used to say: Gilan creations are like Istanbul, at the crossroads of two worlds where the magic of East marries the modernity of West.

Q: Do you feel that your background will always influence your designs?
Gilan is a family owned Jewelry House. Our story of devotion, pride and respect of our core values, from the small studio to the international luxury House of the 21st Century will always be a part of our DNA, that influence our designs.

Q: Several celebrities have worn your designs. Who would be your dream person to see wearing your jewelry?
 Nicole Kidman and Charlize Theron were the two women that I wanted to see wearing Gilan. Nicole Kidman's husband bought a Gilan heritage heart pendant for their anniversary and Charlize Theron also wore Gilan jewelry.

Q: Tell us about your design aesthetic and inspiration for the latest collection.
 The exceptional creativity, meticulous craftsmanship and attentiveness to details are the key words that describe our design aesthetic. Our latest Colours of Emotion creations highlight certain hues specific to the queen of the cities: Istanbul. The poetic shades of the city's legendary atmosphere; the golden light of its unique sunsets, the purple and pink of tulip gardens and a thousand hues of the sky we try to capture in our designs at Gilan. Colours of Emotion was designed to capture Istanbul's fairy tales and its stories of passion. Gilan pays homage to the splendour of the city and the craftsmanship perfected by its masters.

Q: Your collections feature a lot of stones. How do you source materials and pick different stones?
 Having complete faith in the magic of natural stones, we have a team travelling all around the world just to find the highest quality of stones. They are constantly looking for magical colored gemstones that will complement the emotional designs of our Creative Team.

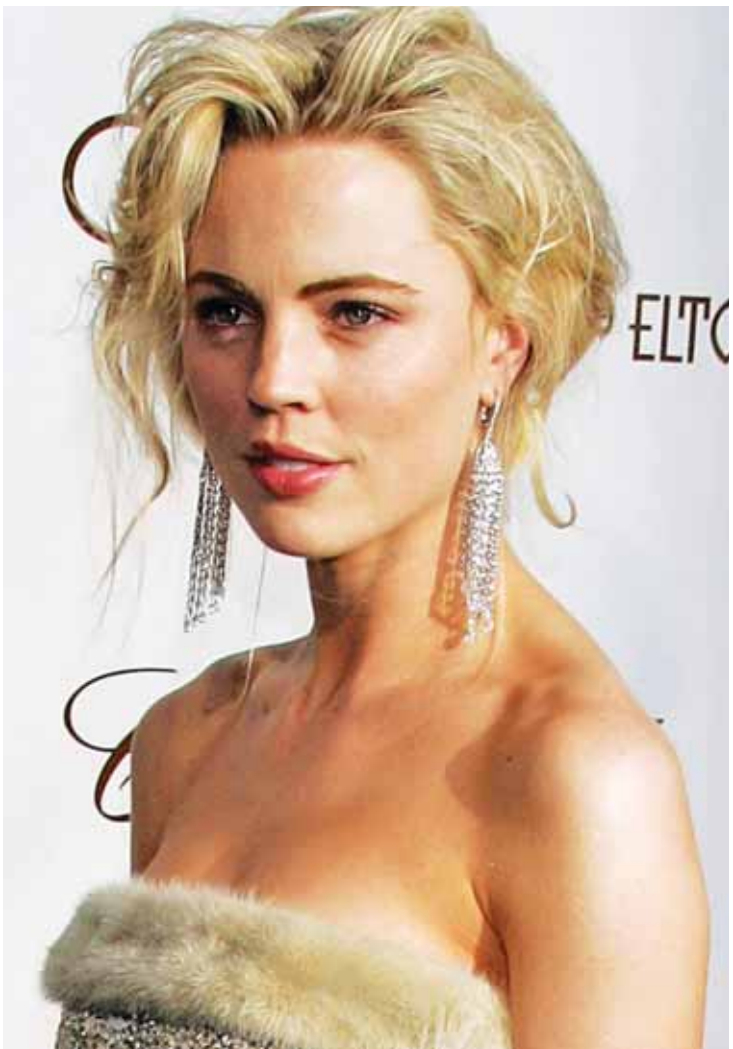
Q: What's next for your brand? What are your business expansion plans for the UAE?
 After the successful first step to become the number 1 high jeweler in Istanbul, we are now launching the House on the International scene, Middle East being one of our priority markets. We have had the chance to start a strong collaboration in Bahrain



Salma Hayek wearing Gilan at the Bandidas movie premiere, Paris



Drew Barrymore wearing Gilan at the ShoWest Awards



Melissa George wearing Gilan at the VH1/Elton John AIDS Foundation Benefit & Academy Awards After Party



with Asia Jewelers in 2007 that we now want to consolidate and develop. Considering the quality of the presentation and the sophistication of the clientele attending the fair, we have chosen Jewelry Arabia to launch the House in Bahrain and to announce the opening of Gilan in Asia Jewelry store in Moda Mall. Based on the success of our creations among Middle Eastern women especially in Four Seasons and Istinye Park Boutiques in Istanbul, UAE is on our priority list to open a Gilan boutique. Our network will always remain exclusive and you will see Gilan only in very select locations.



The impressive line-up of 75 galleries generated sales from international and regional institutions as well as established and first-time collectors. For 2012, new names such as Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Arndt, The Pace Gallery and Alexander Gray Associates brought museum-quality artworks to Art Dubai alongside returning gallery heavyweights, the majority of which experienced strong sales, with Jeddah's Athr Gallery selling out within half an hour of the fair's exclusive Jumeirah Patron's Preview.



Art Dubai 2012

Held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai over the last six years, Art Dubai, the leading international art fair in the MENASA (Middle East/North Africa/ South Asia), has become a cornerstone of the region's booming contemporary art community. This year, Art Dubai welcomed 22,500 visitors, including 75 international museums groups, curators, collectors, gallerists and artists.

Art Dubai 2012's ambitious offering of artists' projects and dynamic programming generated a wealth of interest from an increasingly diverse audience base. As a meeting point for some of the greatest minds of the art world, Art Dubai 2012 generated thought-provoking cultural discussion with the esteemed Art+Auction magazine referring to the fair as the 'Davos summit of the art world'.

CIPRIANI

Yas Island

Renowned for providing the world's most sought after social experiences, Cipriani Yas Island, offers guests the most fashionable outdoor dining in the UAE. A complete luxury destination, Cipriani the traditional Venetian Restaurant, is an enclave of old-school glamour straight out of a billionaire's yacht. With its venue set above the turquoise waters of Yas Marina, Cipriani offers priceless views and timeless elegance.

First opened by Giuseppe Cipriani in 1931, Venice, today Cipriani has grown into a global hospitality brand with properties including; restaurants, event spaces, luxury residential and hotels in New York, Los Angeles, London, Venice, Hong Kong, Istanbul, and Porto Cervo Sardinia.

Cipriani Cigar Lounge Provides the backdrop for one of the most beautiful lounges in the UAE and make it the perfect setting for a private business discussion, an intimate gathering or simply a relaxed retreat.



Finest Cuisines of the World

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The world has countless variety of cuisines to offer. Some are known for their unique ingredients while others stand out for their simplicity. Every country offers culinary treats unique only to its own culture and it is virtually impossible to sample the culinary delights every region or culture has on offer. Although, we can say that there are certain similarities or influences, textures, ingredients or tastes that are shared in a particular geographic location. Enjoy top global cuisines and check out what makes them special!

for royalty, nouvelle cuisine offers a cleaner, lighter approach. French people have great passion for good food in all its varied forms. France is famous for its wide range of cheeses and wines. French cuisine uses French wine and French cheese as they are an integral part of this cuisine and they are used as accompaniments as well as ingredients. Ranging from the conventional baguette or the cheese or the wine, French meals can be simple or elaborate affairs comprising different courses. French cooking is also considered to be



French Cuisine

The French elevated cooking to a culinary art that has influenced the entire world's cuisine and even the way we talk about food today. While haute cuisine was once reserved

the standard against which all other cuisines are measured. This standard was introduced into the French courts by Catherine de Medici in the 1500's, and later perfected by Auguste Escoffier during the 19th century.

Italian Cuisine

Italy is a dream destination for anyone who loves food. Food is an integral part of Italian living and it forms the focus of any social event. For the rest of the world, Italian cuisine is also one of the most popular cuisines, finding its way on to the tables of many families with classic dishes like spaghetti bolognese and panini with tomatoes & basil. Italian food is known for its wide use of fresh seasonal vegetables and herbs, red meats, cheeses and freshly baked breads. The food is rich and tasty, with varying flavors, colors and textures. Italian food is highly famed, greatly loved and tirelessly imitated the world over, it has been a source of endless pleasure and joie-de-vivre in countries far and wide.



Japanese Cuisine

The celebration of natural flavors and the absence of frills contribute to the healthy reputation of Japanese cuisine. Wholesome and elegant, Japanese cooking is currently growing in popularity in the West. Japanese cuisine offers a very large variety of dishes and regional specialties including Tempura, sukiyaki, sashimi, and sushi. Japanese cuisine is also one of the healthiest in the world, with its concentration on fresh fish, seafood, rice and vegetables. The pungent sauces and delicate flavors of fresh foods complement each other beautifully, and the methods of presentation turn even simple meals into beautiful events.



Thai Cuisine

Thailand is located between India and China which has greatly influenced its people, culture, and food, yet Thai people have managed to hold on to their own identity and a distinctive Cuisine. Thai Cuisine, is delicious and varied, presents a large range of dishes and a subtle blend of flavors that will enhance your dining pleasure. Like any typical meal throughout Southeast Asia, a Thai meal is not served in progressive courses. Typically, like most cooking in the region, the Thai meal is built around rice. Fish is a staple of the Thai diet. Fish sauce and shrimp paste appear in nearly every recipe. Other distinct flavors of Thai cooking are the direct result of using indigenous spices and produce, like coconut milk, lemon grass, tamarind, ginger, galangal, cilantro, basil, palm sugar, turmeric, cumin, shallots, and green onions. Last but not least is the chili! It is also an important part of Thai food and because of that Thai food is usually fiery hot.

Middle Eastern Cuisine

Middle Eastern Cuisine is full of regional variations, seasonal cooking and a joy of good food. It encompasses the fresh ingredients and aromatic flavors used in countries such as Syria, Morocco, Lebanon, Turkey and the GCC countries. An abundant mezzes course (mezzes are appetizers) commonly precedes the meal, always full of fresh herbs, warm spices and savory flavors. Throughout the region, the cuisine is varied - but these things remain the same: fresh ingredients, astringent and piquant spices, olive oil, and meat.





Haute Horology & Jewelry Collections

Inspired pieces to unique and exceptional creations, contemporary gem stones to innovative
& revolutionary designs; check out the latest high-end watch and jewelry
collections from around the world.

Hermès- Arceau Marqueterie de Paille

Honoring the ancient art of straw marquetry, a form of expertise that has become extremely rare, Hermès presents Arceau Marqueterie de Paille. With a highly complex miniaturization technique, the success of the extremely meticulous crafting of this watch dials lies in the lengthy preparations with the rye straw. Equipped with mechanical self-winding movement the two models are endowed with a 55-hour power reserve and a matt indigo blue alligator strap that matches the colors of the straw dial.



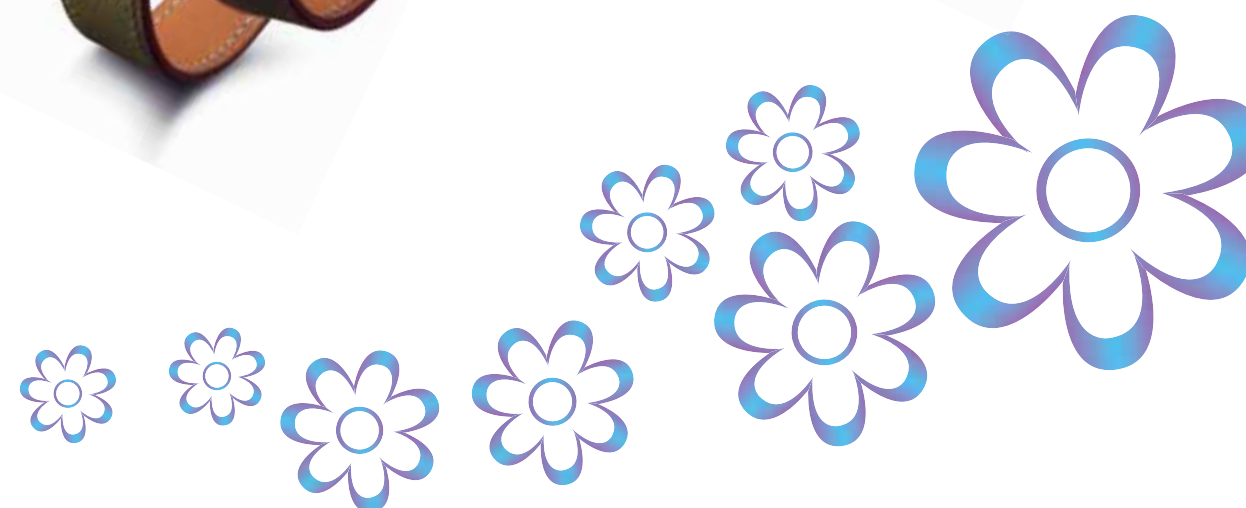
Fabergé Le Palais Du Temps Collection

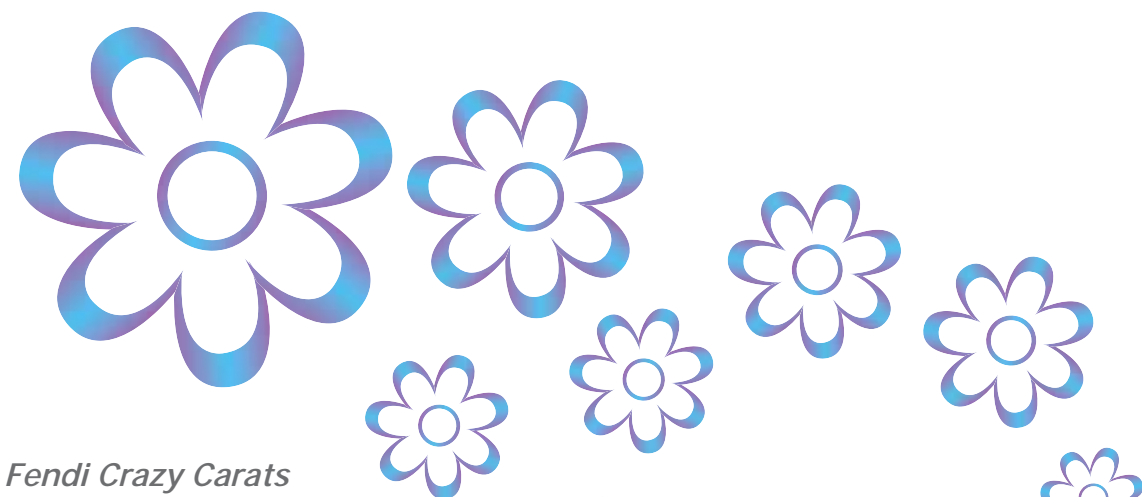
The newest models by Fabergé Horlogerie present enchanting painted art dials, and new, subtly intriguing colors of silky, hand-worked guilloché enamel. The new Palais du Temps watches, with their signature precious details, highlight the artistry and meticulous craftsmanship of Fabergé, fusing modernity and heritage, in distinctive style.



The Cape Cod Watch

The name Cape Cod instantly conjures up an iodine-rich picture-postcard setting exuding ultra-sporty elegance. For Hermès, it is a model pervaded by a maritime spirit inspired by the link of the famous "Anchor chain" bracelet, an iconic piece of jewelry for the House.





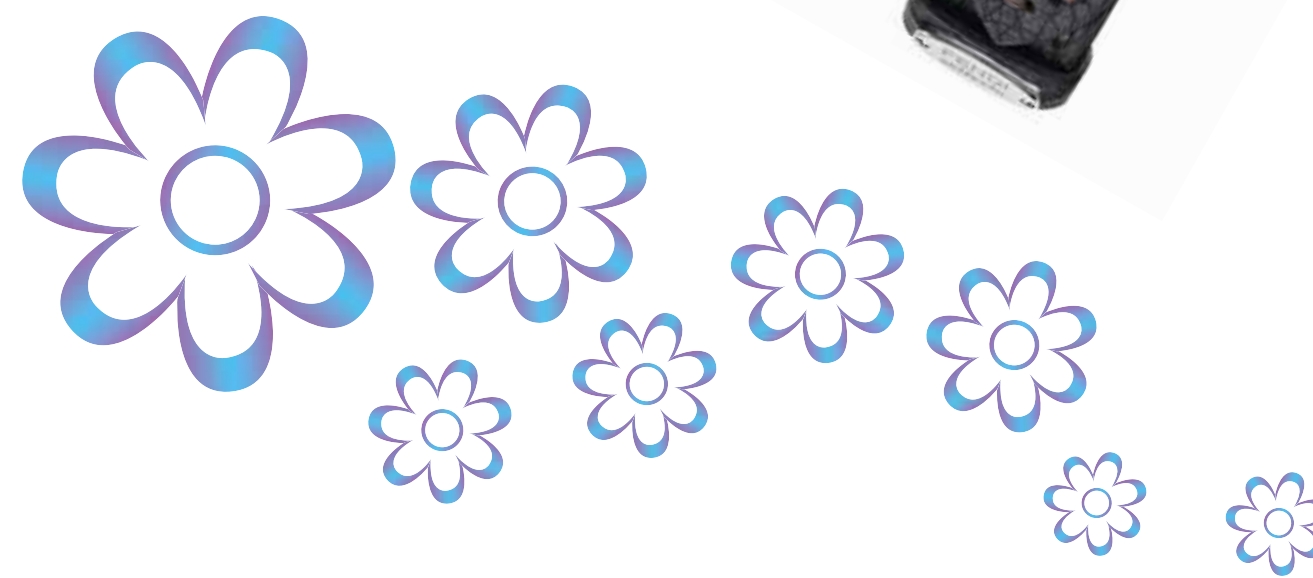
Fendi Crazy Carats

Sophisticated and elegant the unique Fendi Crazy Carats deftly incorporates revolutionary patented mechanical watch technology with fundamental beauty and allure. Four years in the making, the Swiss Made Fendi Crazy Carats line is the brand's bold and inventive translation of a mechanical master piece for women.



Selleria Chronograph by Fendi

Fendi brings luxury and versatility to the forefront for women with its Swiss Made Selleria watches. The time pieces feature amazingly easy-to-change straps available in a painter's palette of colors, as well as a host of superb dial choices in steel or two-tone cases. A true accessory; the Selleria chronograph is available at Paris Gallery across UAE.



Baume & Mercier's New 2012 LINEA models

Since 1987, Baume & Mercier's Linea collection for women has been dedicated to timeless elegance and cutting-edge design with a harmonious blend of style and femininity, personifying individuality and taste. On cue for 2012, Baume & Mercier enhances the 32mm segment with two new automatic and three quartz timepieces.



Perrelet's Award Winning Diamond Flower Prestige Edition Combines Finesse and Harmony

The Diamond Flower collection, thanks to its different versions, was awarded prizes on several occasions and was voted the Watch of the Year by the Swiss public in 2008. This feminine watch combines finesse and harmony to give a rare and vibrant expression of time.



Piaget Altiplano Skeleton Ultra-Thin

The Altiplano collection developed by the Manufacture de Haute Horlogerie Piaget is the ultimate expression of formal purity. The Piaget Altiplano Skeleton Ultra-Thin model boasts a double world record of the world's thinnest self-winding skeleton model (5.34 mm) and the world's thinnest self-winding skeleton movement (2.40 mm).



Les Impératrices Collection- Faberge

This series of precious, intricately crafted and exquisitely gem-set egg pendants and drop earrings is inspired by the splendor of the Empress Alexandra, wife of Nicholas II. The sophisticated, regal, Impératrice egg pendants and earrings are crafted in an openwork design of playful rococo scrolls, enclosing single stones, referencing the 18th century decorative style, extremely fashionable in early 20th century St. Petersburg.



Perlée Collection by Van Cleef & Arpels

With its new Perlée creations, Van Cleef & Arpels invites women to play with an elegant choice of jewelry, which can be mixed and matched. Associating an emblematic technique of the Maison, the round bead setting, with a happy and playful esthetic, the collection offers new refined and luminous pieces. Endless combinations sparkle like precious wishes as white gold pearls mix with pink gold pearls and diamonds play charmingly with the light.



Fashion Report



Fall 2012 RTW



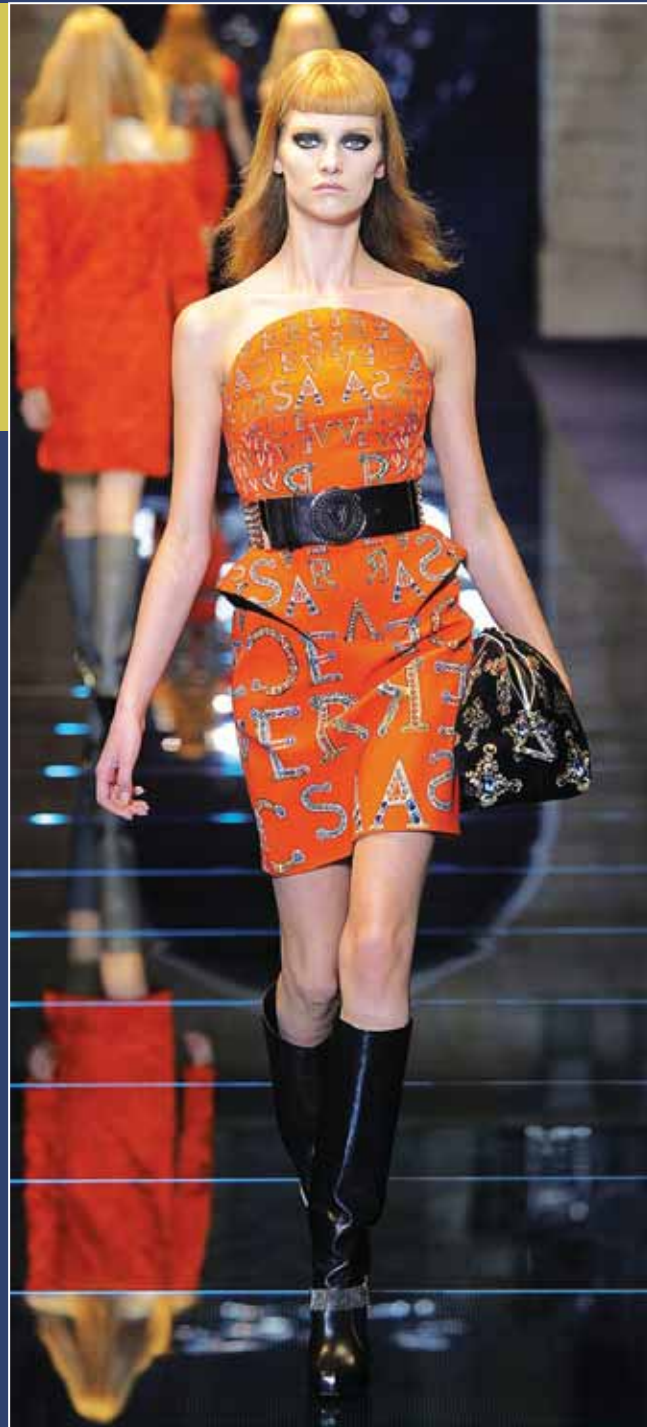
Check out exclusive runway photos of the Fall 2012 Ready-to-Wear Collections,
from top fashion designers of the world.



Futuristic films tinged with melancholy have been the inspiration for the designers Elie Saab. Models with blunt bangs and icy stares, depicting the dark, urban spirit rocked the runway of the Ready-to-Wear Fall 2012 collection. The show unfolded colors, like cement gray and asphalt followed by short capes or bomber jackets in glossy fur, and sexy luncheon dresses inset with cobweb lace or sprouting fluttering sleeves.



Elie Saab RTW Fall 2012



Donatella Versace revisited the idea of arcs of gleaming steel to define a peplum and give greater emphasis to a bust line; the Versace silhouette was all about the hourglass. The mood was absolutely Goth, and bangs wigs gave all the Versace girls a dramatic look. Acid yellow and screaming orange punctuated the predominantly black-and-white palette.





Frida Giannini said she had nineteenth-century decadents on her mind when she was designing fall 2012 collection. The mood was dark with rich tapestry jacquards, plush velvets, a hothouse floral printed on a ground of black, and a palette that revolved around plum, bottle green, espresso, and jet.



Gucci



Easy Chic was the title for the Giorgio Armani RTW Fall 2012 collection. A much chicer proposition, more formal in neatly creased black organza, was the highlight of the runway. Armani took a masculine approach for the collection and cut lean trousers from traditional menswear fabrics like Prince of Wales check and paired them with tops ranging from dandyish, double-breasted blazers to vibrant pink and tangerine shells in organza.





The Donna Karan RTW Fall 2012 collection masterfully evoked strength and authority with well-tailored pieces like a scarlet, stretch-wool riding jacket or a crisp, white stretch silk and taffeta shirt. She also played a lot with a film noir vibe, inserting a sense of seduction into the masculinity, most conspicuously in a gray strapless dress with a sheer side trimmed in sequins.

Infiniti Fashion DUBAI



GLAMOUR COMES TO SHEIKH ZAYED ROAD

Arabian Automobiles showcases top Arabic fashion designers at its new Infiniti Centre in Dubai.

Style and sophistication came together as Arabian Automobiles Infiniti brand brought fashion to its new Dubai address on Sheikh Zayed Road. In a unique concept which was a first for an automotive dealer in the UAE, Arabian Automobiles staged a fashion show at

its Infiniti Centre showcasing the latest collections from international designer Akl Fakh and prominent Emarati designer Fatima Al Kaabi.

Akl Fakh presented his latest collection of 25 dresses and introduced a men's collection for the first time at the Infiniti Fashion show. Emarati designer Fatima Al Kaabi presented 22 Abayas which were part of her latest collection.

This collaboration between Arabian Automobiles and the world of fashion marks the start of several events which will take place at the Infiniti Centre this year.



Chopard Red Carpet 2012 collection

Chopard Dubai Exhibition took place at the grand Dubai Mall. The exhibition showcased Chopard pieces including High Jewellery creations from the Red Carpet Collection and High Horology timepieces from the L.U.C Collection.

Chopard, officially partnering with the Cannes International Film Festival for the 15th consecutive year is preparing the full range of 65 models for its new Red Carpet collection. Each year, since 2007, Chopard has created a new and exclusive Haute Joaillerie collection, composed of exceptional and unique models: the Red Carpet collection, which systematically comprises the same number of models as the editions of the world's largest movie festival, to date. It draws inspiration from the actresses who partake in the famous "mounting the steps" ritual, while gracing red carpets the world over.



1915 by Seddiqi

Ahmed Seddiqi & Sons launched a new concept store: 1915 by Seddiqi Ahmed Seddiqi & Sons.

Providing a 360-degree shopping experience through mood, colors, trends, and technology, the first branch of 1915 by Seddiqi opened at Deira City Centre, offers a selection of timepieces and accessories for the young and young-at-heart.

1915 by Seddiqi is a go-to destination for the latest watch styles and a buzzing, edgy retail environment for a young, connected, fashion-loving community. The retail outlet has been specifically designed to ensure a fun and engaging experience both in-store and online through the use of vibrant atmosphere, friendly and informed staff, and on-site social media sharing of the latest styles and trends.



Longines, official timekeeper of the Dubai World Cup 2012

In light of the exclusive partnership between Longines and the renowned Meydan Group, the Swiss watchmaker was the official timekeeper for the Dubai World Cup, titled the World's Richest Race. The last race before the official world cup race, the Sheema Classic presented by Longines, boasts

a grand prize of US\$ 5 million and is among the richest races run on turf. Lending the event an even greater touch of glamour and charm, Longines' Ambassador of Elegance *Aishwarya Rai Bachchan* awarded the "Most Elegant Lady" with a Longines Saint-Imier Collection timepiece.



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Visits the tourism section at Arabian Tavel Market



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, with Abdin Nasralla, Vice President of the Meydan Hotels during presentation of meydan expansion.



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, receives a souvenir from Abdin Nasralla during his visit to the Meydan Stand

FABERGÉ'S NEW ONLINE BOUTIQUE

Fabergé, iconic master jeweler, brings its legacy into the 21st century with a new state-of-the-art online boutique. Clients are invited to discover the fascinating world of Fabergé online, exploring its rich history and browsing Fabergé's contemporary high and fine jewelry collections. To complement Fabergé's existing network of retail stores, the online boutique has been given a new look with a signature blend of refined sophistication and modernity. Each of the collections – Les Saisons Russes, Les Fabuleuses, Les Fameux, Le Carnet de Bal, Solyanka and Les Favorites - is represented by a hand-painted vibrant illustration capturing the artistry, romance and legend of Fabergé. The illustrations set an elaborate backdrop to the jewels and pictorially tell the story behind each collection. The site also features an interactive area where clients can engage further with the world of Fabergé, experiencing special projects such as the Mir Fabergé art initiative, available also as an iPad application. The boutique enables clients to purchase selected items in multiple currencies.



Versace Yellow Diamond

Voted The Best Female Fragrance made in Italy for 2011, Yellow Diamond by Versace is a luminous transparent fragrance. The fresh and vividly floral perfume exudes true femininity, and the unmistakable glamour of Versace.



Organic Spa Range from Anantara Spa

The Anantara Spa at Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort offers lavish healthful spa experience with its organic range, *Shiffa Dubai*. Inspired by Ancient Arabia, each ingredient is carefully sourced from its country of origin and incorporated within each product, creating luxurious, pure oil blends and formulas. Iranian rose, Egyptian jasmine and Lebanese orange blossom are just some of the many unique ingredients used in the Shiffa range. For bookings and further information check out qasralsarab.anantara.com



Harry Winston Celebrates the Opening of Its Newest Salon in The Dubai Mall

Harry Winston celebrated the opening of its second salon in Dubai along with Ahmed Seddiqi and Sons, the Swiss Watch and Jewelry retailer. Located in the Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest shopping malls, the impressive 110 square meter salon features Harry Winston's most iconic jewelry and timepiece collections.

As part of the opening events, the Harry Winston Midnight collection was also on display. Each timepiece bears the engraved signature of leading talents who participated in the *Bokra* Charity Song Project last November. All proceeds raised from the sale of these models will be donated to the Bokra Project.



Nissan Micra

Nissan Middle East announces the GCC launch of the all-new Nissan Micra, the zippy and smart compact hatchback in tune with today's urban lifestyle. With stand-out looks, class-leading driving dynamics and an interior design offering both comfort and convenience, the Nissan Micra goes beyond the regular compact hatchback offering.

Mark Fahy Memorial Golf Day 2012 Sponsored by Dubai Duty Free

On a typical glorious April day a diverse mixture of 65 golfers took to the pristine fairways of Al Badia Golf Club. The annual fixture of the Mark Fahy Memorial Golf Day, organized by captain of Dubai Irish Golf Society Paul Byrne, was sponsored by Dubai Duty Free for the 8th consecutive year.

Traditionally the event format is individual Stableford, and this year's encounter was even closer than ever before – this was to be seen in the following categories; Overall winner, men's and ladies division.



Ahmad Kurdi-Diamond Ball

An Enchanting Night To Remember

Ahmad Kurdi Fine Jewellery organized a Diamond Ball last 28th Of March 2012. With MPremiere coordination, the exclusive event took place in Al Falak ballroom of the World's Most Luxurious Hotel Burj Al Arab in the presence of celebrities and jewellery designers from the region, loyal clientele, connoisseurs of jewellery art in addition to representatives from local and regional media. Chic cocktail reception under the Romantic melodies of Johann Strauss performed by Morozov quartet started

and set the mood for the evening that was attended by guests in bow tie and sumptuous ball gowns.

Guests were transformed back in time to the glamorous era of Empresses and Emperors. Celebrating a theme inspired by the life and beauty of the Golden Age, guests were invited to partake in an evening of elegance and romance. The ballroom transformed into a stunning fairytale chamber, complementing the beauty of guests under the dazzling light of the priceless diamonds.

All honored guests had the unique opportunity to witness and appreciate the exclusive jewellery pieces from the latest collection of Ahmad Kurdi Fine Jewellery. Jewellery masterpieces left long lasting impression and gave the invitees an opportunity to familiarize with the latest trends in the world of jewellery.

The highlight of the Diamond Ball was spellbinding fashion jewelry show, performance of the special guests of the evening double World Dance Champions and Latin American Dance Champions Olessia Getsko and Oleksandr Kravchuk. The dear invitees stepped on the dance floor and joined the champions.

All guests got a great pleasure of attending the Diamond ball and some of the lucky ones purchased unique masterpieces from Ahmad Kurdi's latest collection. This Diamond Ball will be a memory which they will cherish for the rest of their lives.



Jamal Al Hai, Senior Vice President, Strategy & Development, Dubai Airports, Anita Mehra, Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Communications, Dubai Airports, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, George Horan, President, Dubai Duty Free and Salah Tahlak, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications, Dubai Duty Free.

**Business Traveller
M.E. Award for Dubai
Duty Free**

For the 11th consecutive year, Dubai Duty Free has received the award for ‘Best Duty Free Shopping’ at the Business Traveller Middle East awards ceremony held at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers on the eve of the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2012. Dubai Duty Free, which achieved record sales of US\$1.46 billion last year, came out tops in the reader’s

survey conducted by the magazine within the category ‘Best Airport in the Middle East for Duty Free Shopping’. The awards ceremony attracted over 350 senior executives from the travel and tourism industry and featured Michelin star chef and restaurateur, Georgio Locatelli as guest speaker. Commenting on the award, Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman of Dubai Duty Free said: “It is a great honour to receive the Business Traveller Middle East Award once more and our thanks to all of the readers who have consistently voted for Dubai Duty Free. Every award that

we receive is a reflection on the hard work undertaken by all of our team and I join H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Duty Free, in congratulating all of our 4,000 employees.” The Business Traveller Middle East award comes just weeks after the Duty Free News International (DFNI) awards ceremony held in London where Colm McLoughlin was presented with a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ in recognition of his invaluable contribution towards the travel retail industry.

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