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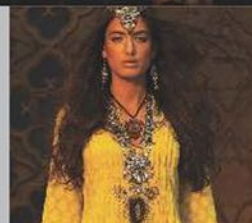
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The festival of lights and splendor is here.

The magnificence of Diwali transcends all boundaries. It allows for the joy of indulgence in splurging, in celebration. Opulence thrives, as lights and gold illuminate smiles and families.

As the city gears up for luxury indulgence and splendor of the festival of lights, Meet the City celebrates with an icon in residential living - Trump Towers Pune.

Heralding the entry of brand Trump in India is the scion of this legacy, Ivanka Trump. Meet the city, meet Ivanka!

Also, discover the spirit of Africa this issue and find some of the cult watches ever produced.

There's more to discover in this Meet the City, especially if you love surrealism.



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When it comes to uber luxury, no one can match the Trump brand in opulence!

Tall and gorgeous. Suave and immaculate.
Ivanka Trump aims to conquer India with Trump Towers Pune!

Meet Ivanka Trump ! Meet the City!



With Ivanka Trump Fine Jewellery, Ivanka Trump Footwear Collection with Marc Fisher and Ivanka Trump Handbags in partnership with Mondani, she brings her love for design and creativity to fashion and lifestyle.

Ivanka's collections include fine jewelry, handbags, shoes, clothing, outerwear and most recently sunglasses.

There is nothing small about the Trump brand. Everything is grand, king-size and overflows with opulence. The hotels, the golf courses, the penthouses-everything!

The name is ubiquitous across skylines- Panama City, Toronto, New York, Istanbul and now Pune.

With the launch of Trump Towers Pune this August by Panchshil Realty in upscale Kalyani Nagar area of Pune, brand Donald Trump - American business magnate, television personality and author and developer par excellence - now gains a firm foothold in India.

However, it is not only the redoubtable Donald Trump who rides in, but also the next generation of this fine pedigree that comes to wow India with poise, elegance and a hard nose for business.

Keeping stride with the Donald Trump on the glamour quotient is Ivanka Trump. Officially, she is the Executive Vice President of Development & Acquisitions of the Trump Organization and charged with the domestic and global expansion of the company's real estate interests. Along with her father, Donald J. Trump and her siblings, Donald Jr. and Eric, she directs all of the company's real estate and hotel management platforms.

With a stellar portfolio of hotels, resorts, condos and golf courses all over the world, Ivanka's roles vary with every Trump project. From deal evaluation, pre-development planning, financing, design, construction, sales and marketing, her job involves ensuring that Trump's world-renowned physical and operational standards are met everywhere. She wears many hats, but more importantly, she's very good at it!

Ivanka has been instrumental in creating the Trump Hotel Collection brand on the global scene. Founded in 2007, the Trump Hotel Collection is today a leading hotel management company and established the Trump family as moguls of luxury real estate.

Outside the Trump Organization, Ivanka Trump is a successful designer and entrepreneur with in her own right. With Ivanka Trump Fine Jewellery, handbags, shoes, apparel, coats, sunglasses, Ivanka Trump Footwear Collection with Marc Fisher and Ivanka Trump Handbags in partnership with Mondani, she brings her love for design and creativity to fashion and lifestyle. She is New York Times best selling author for her book 'The Trump Card : Playing to win in work and life' and in 2007, Harper's Bazaar magazine called her 'The New Queen of Diamonds'

Business is in her genes, but more than anything, entrepreneurship and other projects educate her - giving her a sense of fulfilment. Ivanka started her own jewellery line because she saw the need for traditional, elegant pieces that the modern woman could transition from day to night. Her aim is to bring modern luxury into the lives of today's intelligent, independent women and inspire elegance through design and accessories. Ivanka knows she's tapped a niche market, and the progression of taking her design love to shoes, handbags, apparel and even eyewear was but natural!



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'The New Queen of Diamonds'**



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But while she forays into designs and fashion, in her own admission, 'her primary role remains to be a property developer'. She finds a property worth developing and then immerses herself in developing it from scratch. Here too Ivanka translates her love for design in every stage: from architectural design, to floor plans and all the way to selecting the light fixtures. Her attention to detail is impeccable!

Professionally, she's a entrepreneur, business woman, a designer, a property developer, an entrepreneur, a TV star, an best-selling author and an ambassador for social causes.

In her private life, she's a doting mother, a daughter, a wife and a sister. At the end of the day, it's only about striking the right balance. 'My family and my relationships are number one', stresses Ivanka. Of everything that Ivanka is, being a mother to lovely daughter Arabella Rose and spending time with husband Jared is something she enjoys the most! No wonder then that Ivanka has a camera in Arabella's nursery so that she can keep a close eye on her daughter while still at work!

Unlike some who court celebrity status with frenzy, Ivanka Trump has been no stranger to the media attention and spotlight. She assimilated the importance being a Trump, a teen model sensation with stunning Eastern European looks from mother Ivana, a former model herself - and cultivated a media presence and celebrity status with much élan and grace.

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Everything about Ivanka is perfect, but being born with a silver spoon in her mouth has nothing to do with Ivanka's success. In 2003, Ivanka Trump was featured in the documentary 'Born Rich', about being born and raised in a wealthy family; but her dedication and work ethic also introduces us to Ivanka as someone who climbed up the ladder and started off with a real job working as a project manager for Forest City Enterprises before she joining the family business. Just like everyone else in the family, she always has pushed herself harder. Because being a Trump, there is nothing less demanded than perfection!

After establishing the Trump brand in Asian cities of Makati (Philippines) and Seoul (South Korea), the Trumps looked towards India, now a major global destination for luxurious accommodations and fabulous cultural experiences. With Trump Towers Pune, Ivanka brings this perfection to India. A tie-up with Panchshil Realty only seemed natural since the Trump brand adds great value to ultra-luxury real-estate developments now on the upswing in India.

A pair of sleek ultra-modern towers that measure twenty-two storeys each with forty-four luxurious condominiums, Trump Towers Pune perfectly marries the Trump splendour to Pune's refined culture.



'I find myself humbled by the spirit and beauty of this country...I think Trump Towers Pune will reflect the essence of that', remarks Ivanka on the tie-up with Panchshil and the entry of Trump in India.

Rainy Goswami

Principal Architect - Trump Towers Pune



The deliberate simple form of the twin towers makes way for optimum utilization of the internal spaces created. The glass facade adds to the modern and luxurious trends of the future.

The Trump brand has been a motivation in creating this iconic & unique Building in the skyline of Pune city. The Project has been designed keeping in mind the world-wide brand value it carries and comes true to its long standing reputation for Quality and Luxury.

This landmark edifice is a reflection of Indian simplicity with elegance on one hand, and the American grandeur and opulence on the other.

Matteo & Dinah Nunziati

Interior Designer - Trump Towers, Pune



'We consider the design as a total experience where all the senses are involved. Not only with what you see, but also what you touch, smell, hear and taste. We would like that all the people that visit the Trump Pune would feel comfortable and happy.'

With meticulously planned single-floor condominiums, Trump Towers Pune will carry the touch of award-winning Italian designer Matteo Nunziati. The designer duo of Matteo and wife Dinah at Studio Nunziati create designs that reflect a perfect blend of taste, balance and contemporary functionality.

Matteo and Dinah add their style of melting local traditions with modern design aesthetics perfectly in Trump Towers Pune. Trump Towers Pune is an amalgamation of the best of Italian design, Indian aesthetics and American lavishness

A night-time photograph of two tall, modern skyscrapers with glass facades, illuminated from within. The buildings are set against a dark blue sky with some light clouds. In the foreground, there is a lush green landscape with trees and a low brick wall. In the background, a city skyline is visible under the night sky.

'Exceptional', is how Ivanka describes Trump Towers Pune will be.
Pune's, and indeed India's love affair with the exuberance
and luxuriant lifestyle of
Trumps has only just blossomed.

With the Trump family at the helm of affairs,
Trump Towers Pune will reimagine
timeless luxury for India.

A close-up, artistic portrait of a woman's face. She has light blue eyes, dark eyeliner, and smoky purple eyeshadow. Her lips are painted a vibrant red. She is wearing a blue garment with a dense, shimmering sequin pattern. The lighting is soft, highlighting her skin and the texture of the sequins. The text 'LUXURY SKIN DEEP' is overlaid in a pink, serif font.

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A Home Away from Home

The Oakwood Residence and Oakwood Premier offer its patrons state-of-the-art facilities and amenities, as well as the convenience of a home.

Oakwood Residence and Oakwood Premier, Pune are a division of Oakwood Asia Pacific, based in Singapore. Within a short span of time, the group has made a niche in the hospitality sector and today, it boasts of a multinational client base that includes 80% of the world's largest companies.

What sets the Oakwood Asia Pacific brand apart among its other competitors are its serviced residences. The serviced residences are a discrete sanctuary where luxury unfolds in an intimate collection of well-appointed one-bedroom residences, two-bedroom residences and suites that combine state-of-the-art facilities and amenities as well as conveniences of home in a safe, exclusive and secure setting. One can step into this spectacular abode and repose at the epitome of style even while being away from home on a business trip or on a holiday.

Residing at Oakwood

Offering a serene haven amidst the surrounding bustling city landscape is Oakwood Residence at Naylor Road and its counterpart, the Oakwood Premier at Mundhwa, Koregaon Park Annex.

With a commanding presence on Pune's stunning cityscape, coupled with a signature style and hospitality Oakwood properties have enhanced their profile since its inception in the city and set a new benchmark in the hospitality sector.

Situated at a convenient location of only 7 km from the Pune Airport and a few minutes from the Pune Railway Station, it is a stone's throw away from leading IT parks, various business hubs, multiplexes, malls and various nerve centres of the city.

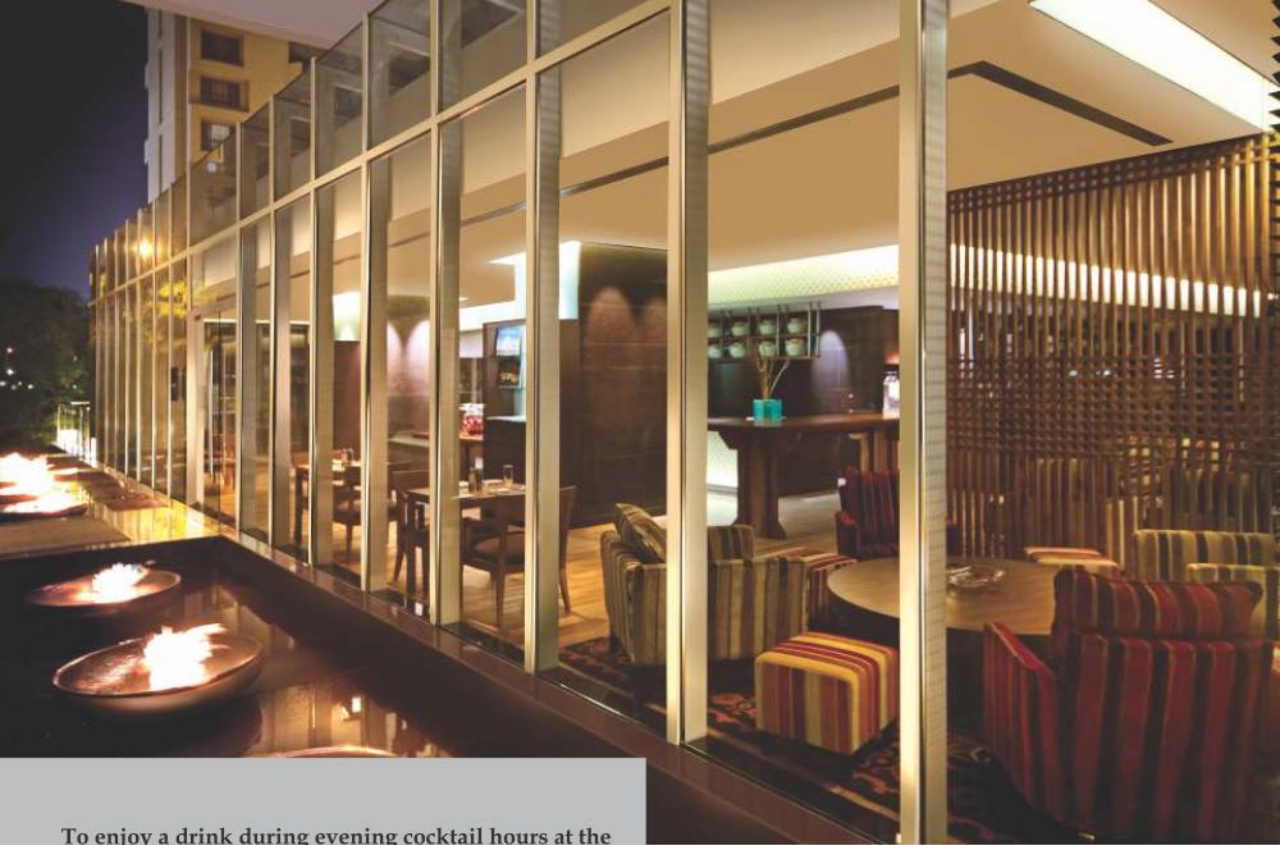
A Room of Requirement indeed!

Business travellers or casual tourists need look no further for a unique personalized stay, for the guests at Oakwood Residence and Premier will be more than impressed with the host of facilities and services available. The key elements here are spaciousness and absolute privacy. The apartments and rooms are carefully designed and thoughtfully divided into two different spaces- a conversation pit and a fine dining area-which flow seamlessly into one another.

The warmly inviting apartments are a juxtaposition of light and space and automatically put guests at ease. Modern custom-designed furniture aesthetically enhances the luxury of space. Carefully chosen light fittings harmonize the colour palette of the walls, and add a dynamic and stylish twist to the space.

Oakwood apartments are a functional combination of design and utility. Each room pampers guests with eco-friendly bathroom amenities and latest in spa bath technology. Each apartment is complete with individually controlled air-conditioning, integral modem points for high-speed broadband Internet, LCD TV with DVD, cable TV, International Direct Dialling with voice mail and 24-hour on-call hall porter. The public areas are Wi-Fi enabled and there is a secure car park and surveillance system on each floor.





To enjoy a drink during evening cocktail hours at the private lounge is an indulgence by itself.

There are other outstanding services like the 24-hours room service and daily housekeeping, laundry and dry cleaning service, high-speed internet access in all apartments and launderette on each floor.

Since they are miniature homes, every Oakwood apartment has a small space devoted to the kitchen area. The well- equipped kitchen has a dishwasher, microwave oven, electric hob and chimney, toaster, electric kettle, refrigerator and rice cooker. For provisions, guests can shop at the Bistro, which stocks imported ingredients and foodstuff. The hotels also have a tie-up with Spar, which offers on-demand delivery.

Since Oakwood residences are about the comfort of homes, other amenities include a fitness centre,

swimming pool, a lounge and a restaurant, thus making Oakwood a home away from home in every way.

Oak Leaf, a multi-cuisine restaurant and Bistro are a must-visit. The interior is done in subtle tones with runner embellishments that add warmth to the ambience. To enjoy a drink during evening cocktail hours at the private lounge is an indulgence by itself.

The culinary pleasures promise to delight the palate with best of Indian and western comfort food. It is an ideal spot for unwinding after a hard day's work, while taking in beautiful views of lush foliage or the soft music playing in the background.

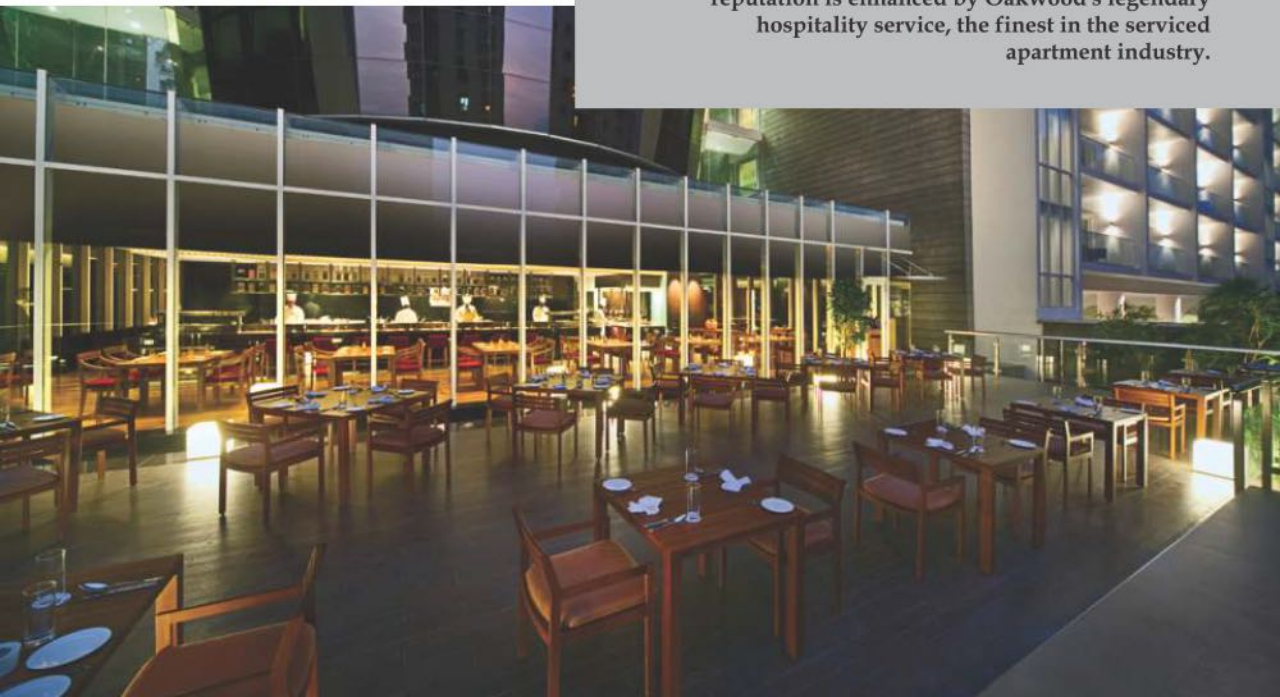
Oakwood also takes up the initiatives for its residents to mingle and socialize by organizing events ever so often. These events include live concerts and performances by international and local artists. An art gallery in the offing at the Oakwood Premier promises to up the art quotient at Oakwood and truly render it a classic feel.

Oakwood is akin to a charming oasis and its reputation is enhanced by Oakwood's legendary hospitality service, the finest in the serviced apartment industry. Guests benefit from the 24-hour check-in and check-out facility. The hotel also provides a complimentary airport pick up and drop at all times. For those with more flamboyance, Oakwood also offers a chauffeur driven limousine on demand.

Oakwood lives up to its claim as a complete value-for-money stay. So the next time you are in the city make sure you experience the luxury, style and essence at an Oakwood residence in the heart of Pune.

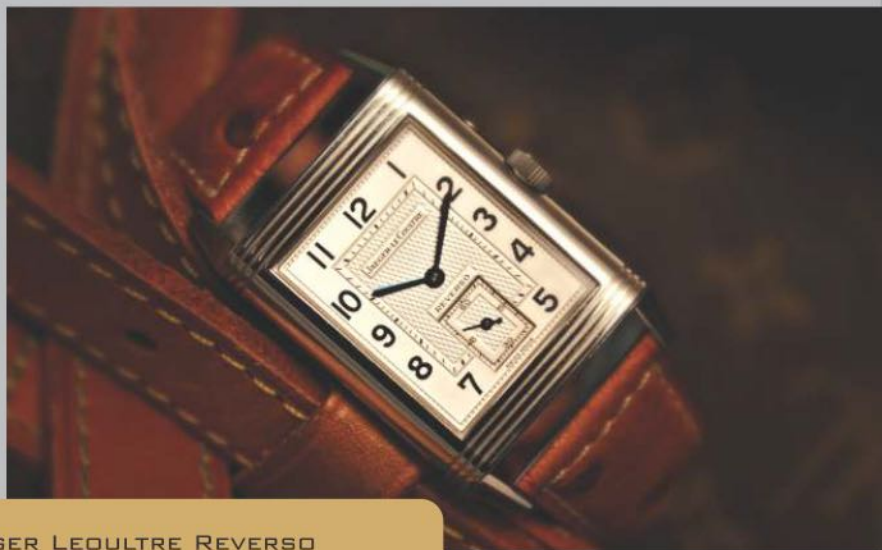


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7 Most Desirable Cult Watches



JAEGER LECOULTRE REVERSO



The history of its birth is interesting. Officers of the British East India Company found it annoying that their wristwatches had to suffer when they played their favorite game of polo.

The problem? The glass dials kept getting smashed up.

Watch importer César de Trey described this peculiar problem to his supplier Jacques-David LeCoultre.

With his partner Edmond Jaeger and engineer René-Alfred Chauvot, LeCoultre developed the Reverso, a watch with the "twist": a case in steel, which slides on a holder and swivels completely.

With this, the delicate glass could disappear inside.

On 4th March 1931 this idea was registered as a patent, and a legendary watch series was born!

Today, the watch with the "two sides" is produced in many variants, mostly customized. From initials to emblems to royal crests, the Reverso throughout its illustrious history has seen it all.

Jaeger LeCoultre has adorned the hands of King of Edward VIII of England (the Emperor of India), the Prince of Denmark, Amelia Earhart and more recently Hollywood heartthrob and The Batman Christian Bale - sported a Jaeger LeCoultre Reverso in the Dark Knight Rises!

This watch, put simply, is a cult in itself.

ROLEX SEA-DWELLER

'Am happy to confirm that even at 11,000 meters your watch is as precise as on the surface. Best regards, Jacques Piccard', cable sent to Rolex HQ in 1960 after the Trieste surfaced from a record dive in the Mariana Trench the deepest-known point in the ocean. The Rolex Sea-Dweller was at the heart of this pioneering expedition at a depth of 35,797 feet.

Then in 2012, the Rolex Oyster Perpetual Date Sea-Dweller DEEPSEA went down the Mariana Trench again with deep-sea explorer and filmmaker James Cameron to a depth of 35,756 ft. Incidentally, the Sea-Dweller is built to withstand pressures at 39,370 feet.



If the deep-sea was not enough, Rolex was also there when Sir John Hunt, Sir Edmund Hillary, and Tenzing Norgay conquered the Mount Everest. And as if record-breaking is in the DNA of this watch, Rolex was there when Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in 1947!

Now think of what a Rolex stands for: achievement, a refusal to compromise and a commitment to quality. The Sea-Dweller is one of the less common Rolex sport models. While there are variants of the Submariner there is only one Sea-Dweller. It is only available in all stainless steel, and only with a black dial and black bezel. Rolex designed the Sea-Dweller purely as a dive tool not a fashion accessory.

Innovations in this masterpiece include: a Helium escape valve, the lack of a "date bubble", and the Triplock, making it the meanest of all watches. Celebrity spotting: David Beckham, Tom Hanks, and stunner Charlize Theron.

Rules are meant to be broken. And in 1972, the rules of horology were smashed when little-known Swiss watchmakers Audemars Piguet introduced the Royal Oak series. Today, AP is one of the "big three" of Swiss watch-making and the Royal Oak is statement in watch making.

Designed by the legendary Gérald Genta, he originally set out to make a luxury sports watch and the Royal Oak was born. A legendary watch, the Royal Oak is distinctly recognizable by its octagonal bezel and eight prominent screw heads like a porthole. Of course, the eight in the watch corresponds to the eight Royal Navy warships that bore the name.

And then the Royal Oak wowed everyone by being the first luxury watch in steel. Where other watches may just crumble when made to stand on their steel bracelet, the Royal Oak will stand up tall and proud.

The enigma of an AP is in its minutely engraved stars and horses, and bridges with edges that have been brushed manually to a satin finish.

Such tapisserie is trademark of Audemars Piguet and highly valued. Audemars Piguet also offers the rare and limited edition watches for those who want to be unique, and they have been endorsed by the crème de la crème of sporting stars and celebrities like Leo Messi, Sachin Tendulkar, Rubens Barrichello, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and basketball Big Man Shaquille O'Neal.



AUDEMARS PIGUET ROYAL OAK

BREITLING NAVITIMER



The Breitling Navitimer is unofficially the "official supplier to world aviation."

And make no mistake on this claim as for over 50 years Breitling has been making watches for pilots and the Navitimer is the all-time favorite time keeper for the aviation industry.

Released in the early '50s, the Navitimer quickly became the official watch of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (whose symbol sits at 12 o'clock), a feature it holds to this day.

The Navitimer is a mishmash of the words 'navigation' and 'timer'.

However, the trademark is Navitimer is the one with a complicated black face, three sub-dials and a variety of different scales to make a pilot's navigating just a little bit easier.

But for all the apparent complications, the Navitimer is distinguished by its extremely practical and easily readable dual time zone system. The case back is engraved with the time zones of the world's major cities.

The Breitling Caliber 01 was the world's best self-winding chronograph changed the face of the Navimeter forever.

Today, the Navitimer collection includes the Cosmonaute, World, Montbrillant, Montbrillant Olympus, Montbrillant Datora and Chrono-Matic.

If you're a high-flier, no pun-intended and want to own a piece of this iconic watch and are ready spend, here's a friendly tip: the easiest way to identify how rare a Navitimer is; if the entire face is black, it is one of the very first ever made.



PATEK PHILIPPE CALATRAVA



Patek is, and by the grace of God always will be, a Patek.

And by God, if there is one thing you would want to be a family heirloom, it is a Patek Philippe.

And if it's a Calatrava, then be assured it's going to be cherished for many a generation!

Introduced in 1932, the Calatrava was the flagship model of Patek Philippe. Inspired by the Calatrava Cross of the Crusades, its perfectly round surface, graceful design, mathematical mechanism, and uncluttered dial makes it as enduring as influential.

The watch in its totality reflects the Bauhaus school of design, where form follows function and the excessive details are spared to render the most sophisticated look without being too much fussy.

The Calatrava 96 is an paradigm of Bauhaus aesthetics.

The purpose of a watch is to tell the time and the Calatrava beautifully keeps the focus on its function with its applied gold numbers and beaded minute track.

A separate subsidiary dial at 6 o'clock separates out the running seconds, allowing the eye to concentrate on one element at a time.

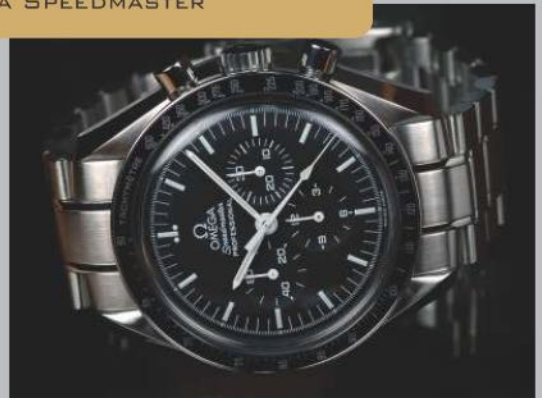


OMEGA SPEEDMASTER

But what's behind the name "Speedmaster"? For that, draw your attention to the outside of the dial which includes a fixed bezel that serves as a Tachymeter. Since it measures the miles per hour, the title "Speedmaster" was given and it joined ranks with the Omega Railmaster and Seamaster brands.

Everything that can be said about the Omega Speedmaster had already been said; but at its core, the basic Speedmaster has remained largely unchanged: a 3-register chronograph with a fixed tachymeter bezel built atop a Lemania-based manually wound movement.

Who wears a Speedmaster? Well, Michael Phelps for one. And Daniel Craig. And George Clooney. Oh and wonder it continues to be lusted after by every guy, young and old, that fancies himself an explorer.



TAG HEUER AQUARACER

There is something about the Aquaracer that draws you to it. It carries a warm old world charm. An analog display, the date display promptly sitting at 3 o'clock and the characteristic sapphire window, the Aquaracer series is a wonderful combination of beauty and functionality.

What draws your eye is the large luminous dial. Be it dim lit theatres or a boardroom, the moment you flick your wrist, heads turn to look at the luminous face of the Aquaracer. But what's best about the Aquaracer is that isn't too serious for its sake: you can wear it easily to a black tie event or even to a regular day out.

The reason behind the spotlight that an Aquaracer puts you in are the special luminescence markers on the hands and indexes and an orange-tipped secondhand make reading easy in dim light or under water. "500 M" appears next to the date window at 9 o'clock, which is magnified.

Technically advanced, masculine and authentic: these are the key words for the Tag Heuer Aquaracer. And from Cameron Diaz to Lewis Hamilton to very own King Khan, Shahrukh Khan, the Aquaracer is a beauty of a watch to own.



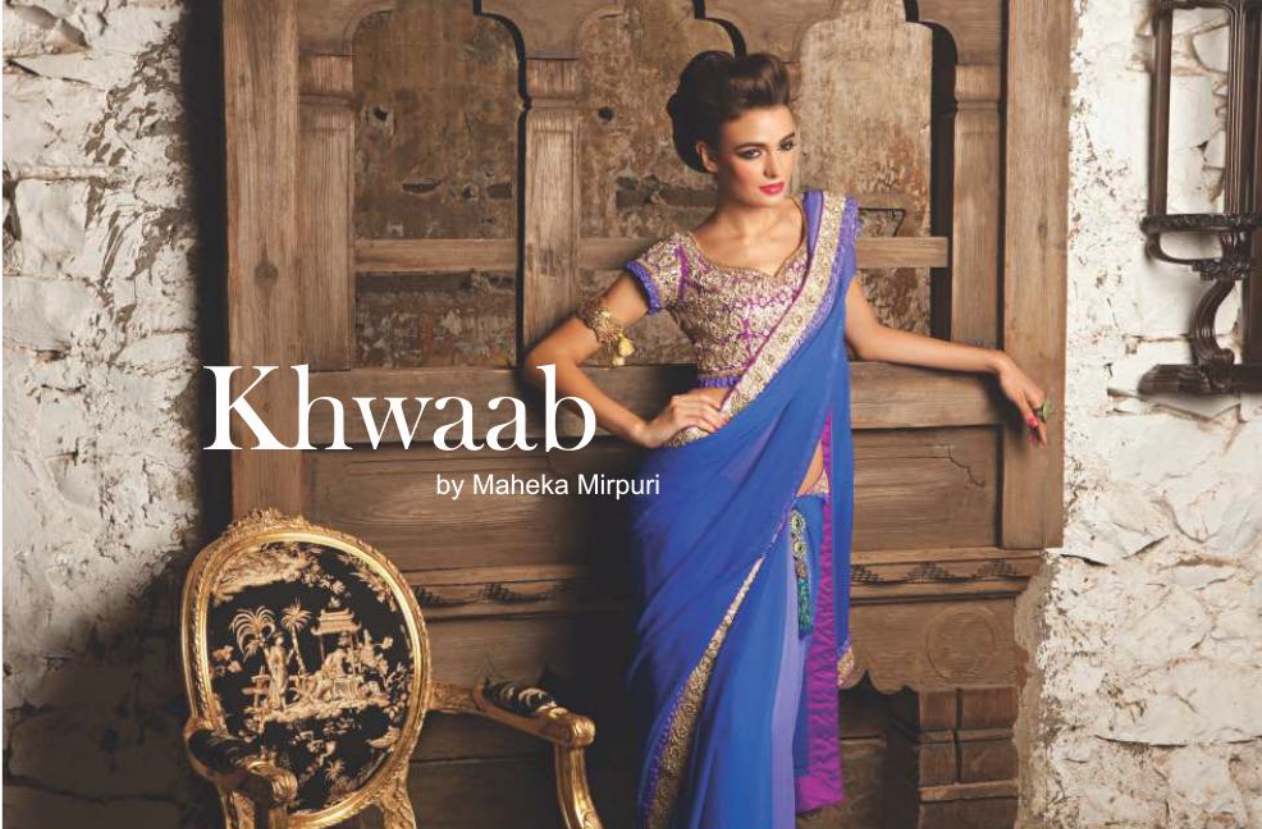
What do say about a watch which has had six lunar landings? Out of this world? Other worldly? Or simply, Omega.

Buzz Aldrin wore his Omega Speedmaster when he stepped on the moon in 1969. It is the official chronograph of all Russian manned space missions. The first American to walk in space wore a Speedmaster during his Gemini 4 spacewalk.

It is a world leader in sports timekeeping. But The Speedmaster has remained NASA's favorite watch for all space-bound astronauts. NASA supplied each of the Apollo astronauts with a standard issue Omega Speedmaster Professional manual-wind wristwatch together with a Velcro strap! The manual winding Speedmaster Professional or "Moonwatch" is the most well-known and longest-produced from the Omega house.

FASHION





Khwaab

by Maheka Mirpuri



Maheka Mirpuri

Celebration of energy with a riot of love and emotion is what designer Maheka Mirpuri's collection Khwaab is all about. Khwaab, Maheka says, exudes a cheerful sense of fantasy, exuberance, dynamism, movement and colour...it is timeless...there is an infusion of emotion & joy...an oscillation between love & attitude...the vintage & contemporary co-exist...a window that connects to your soul...Maheka's collection is all about drama & romance.

A fantasy of colours, Maheka picks her way through a stunning spectrum of colours like Burnt orange, rich midnight blues, lime green, brick red, deep jewel tones, lavender and aubergine and Fuchsia and orange. Ivory & gold are very prominently and constantly used throughout.

The silhouettes have lots of movement and volume. There is sync between the wearer and the mood, very romantic, very soulful and very coy. Shararas make a comeback and so do 3 quarter sleeves. Low back kurtas, sherwanis, lachchas, straight long structured kurtas with detailed side slits, anarkalis with shrugs, saris, kaftans and lehengas comprise the collection from the designer.

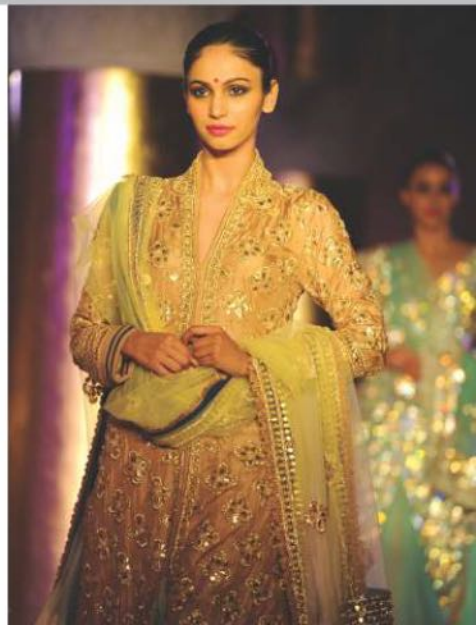


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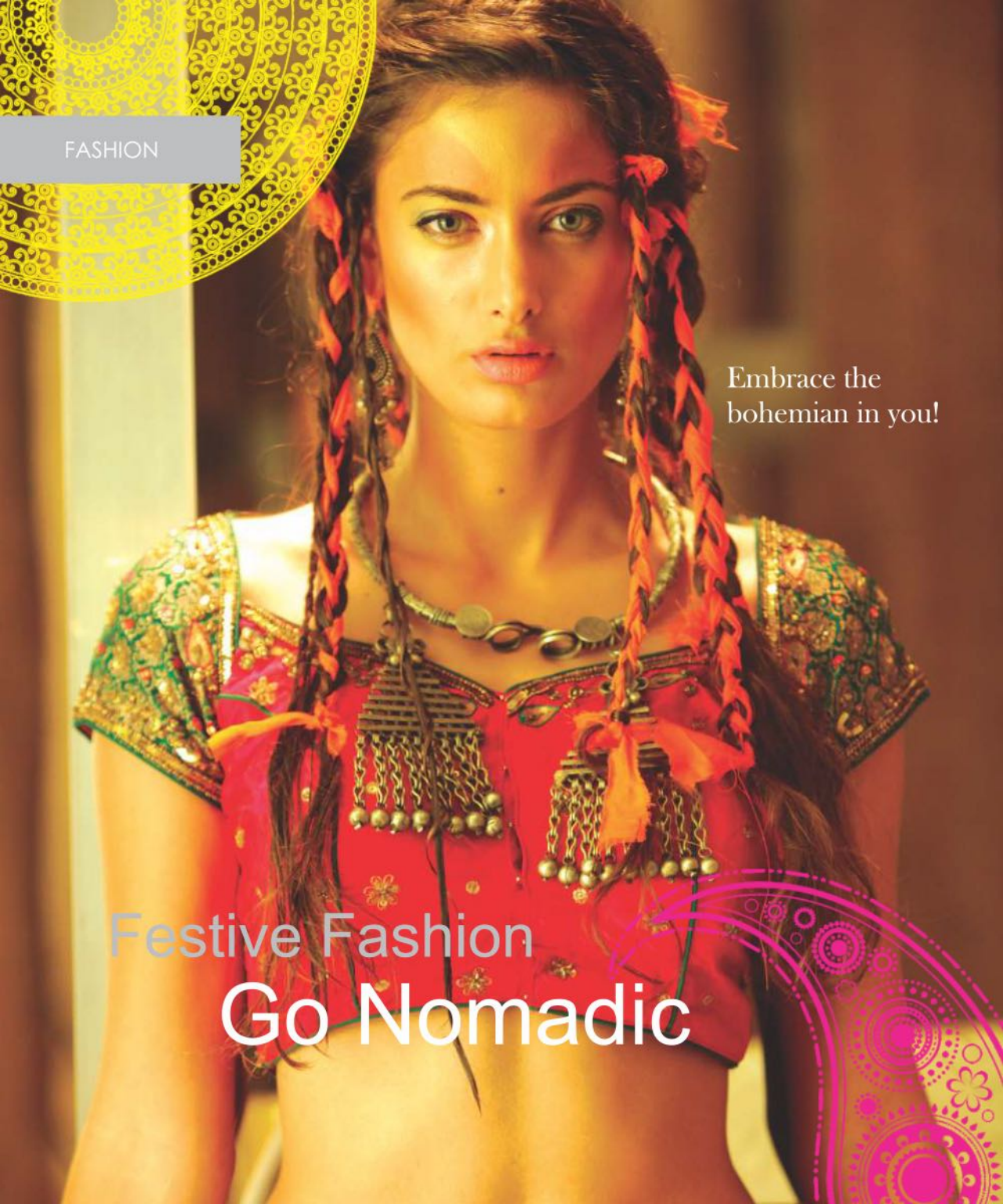




Fine details are of strategic importance with opulence as its leitmotif. Embellishment is luxurious with gota and tilla work. Chikan work, gota, Swarovski crystals, thread work and tulle trimmings make for interesting design elements.

French chiffons, Italian silks, Swiss tulle, benarsi silks, chanderis comprise the fabrics used in the collection.

Describing her collection in a nutshell, Maheka signs off saying, "Khwaab is oozing with the fluidity of lyrical poeticism."



FASHION

Embrace the
bohemian in you!

Festive Fashion Go Nomadic



Forget the urban trend; pick
up the rural and the rustic.
Return to the basics: embrace
the bohemian!



Festivals are cheerful, fun and vibrant; and fashion goes hand in hand with the festive season.

This festive season, dare to return to the basics. Forget the urban trend; pick up the rural and the rustic. Return to the basics: embrace the bohemian!

The nomadic, gypsy style is the hottest trend for 2012. With a classic vintage feel, try tribal prints that are easy to carry. Mix-and match from mini-dresses, kaftan tops, kurtis and long skirts to make your own fashion statement. For a dress, try shift dresses, maxis or tunics in flowing fabrics. The beauty of these clothes is in the subtle beading, delicate embroidery, raffia and fringing details.

Colors light up festivals and you can experiment with deep desert hues or earthy colors. Brighter hues such as orange, yellow and red are also hot this season.

Accessorize, but don't overdo it. Ethnic jewelry should reflect your personal identity and style. Brooches, necklaces, belts, bangles go well with beaded flats or feather earrings. Better yet, find things in bone, wood or ivory. Necklaces and armlets in oxidized metal break the clutter of regular traditional jewelry.



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yoopune is a stunning residential development from global design brand yoo, combining world-class yoo inspired by Starck design with a prestigious range of amenities.

The yoo brand is synonymous with luxury property across the globes. From Hong Kong to Toronto and Buenos Aires to Melbourne, Cairo and even Moscow, the yoo brand by duo Philippe Starck and John Hitchcox is a collaboration of ideas to make extraordinary spaces.

Set within an expanse of 17 acres including a 5-acre historic rainforest, yoopune gives you access to a plethora of exclusive services on its premises. Developed by Panchshil in conjunction with yoo and Philippe Starck, yoopune is a sanctuary in the heart of the multi-faceted city of Pune. Located just 9 km from Pune's commercial centre, yoopune features 228 luxurious homes in six towers.



Design guru Philippe Starck has let his creative juices flow and styled yoopune with his zest and energy. With two styles available Nature and Classic, yoopune interiors carry the quintessential international yoo touch.

With the Nature style, organic, feel-good materials surround you. It carries no hard edges; just comfortable, soft and textured finishes accentuating sun-filled spaces. Naturally, green is the colour of choice, and the dream is that of the outdoors. In the Classic style, yoopune doesn't need to shout too loud to be heard. Being surrounded by the finest materials, it is a form of urban sophistication which demands traditional character and craftsmanship.

The Classic style of interiors at yoopune stops you in your tracks. A kaleidoscopic array of cigar, jaguar, labrador, English club, tailored, tweed, silk, marble, library, vespa, Italian villa and Robert Adam sets the mood for this style.



With Nature however, green rules. A rainbow of raw leather, stone, wood, linen, sailboat, driftwood, free, wild, sky, hippy, Alps, fjords and leaf adds the subtle feminine touch to this tone.

From the patriarchal leather chairs by Poltrona Frau that you can coyly stretch on and feel regal, to the African-inspired Bamileke wooden carved stools, the Nature Living room breathes the outdoor freshness inside. The dainty Miss Lacy chair designed by Starck adds to the mood.

yoopune interiors are an extension of the individuals using the space. The space and light play is clean, with a chic look and vastness that strangely puts you to comfort. Lighting in yoopune plays an important part here.



The nature palette also brings in the European spark in yoopune. The red La Murrina chandelier adds the Venetian touch with its flowing graceful arms and intricate glass embellishments. The modern and the abstract meet with aplomb in yoopune, the parabolic pristine white Fortuny floor plans not only save space but also illuminate the space.

However, the Mediterranean flame burns brightest. There's a Mediterranean wallpaper and a delightful table lamp inspired by the coastal skyline of the Mediterranean: all from the house of Fornasetti. The fiendishly creative Fornasetti artefacts spice up the interiors in yoopune to add an international context to an Indian concept.



Wallpapers in yoopune are an essential ingredient of the interiors. They bring out the living space in the walls with the visual delight.

With international wallpaper design companies like Graham & Brown in yoopune, the space comes alive with pop culture icons, stunning graphics and appealing visuals: from floors to ceiling.

The elegant chair with yesteryear Italian soprano Lina Cavilieri's motif on it against a Mediterranean themed wallpaper vista speaks volumes of the design thought behind yoopune.



In the bedrooms, the conjunction of modern and traditional comes forth pleasingly. Delicate silver candleholders with gloriously comfortable sofas with white shabby chic look complete the urban touch.

yoopune interiors are a design diary of sorts. Multiple permutations and combinations give you multiple options in recreating your dream interiors, in styles that suit yoo!



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Walt Whitman

Giving rejuvenation a new meaning The Heavenly Spa by Westin® brings to Pune a fresh and original urban retreat. The spa launched in 2009, provides best quality spa experience through exceptional quality products and services.

The Heavenly Spa provides state-of-the-art treatments and facilities that cater to all aspects of wellness needs. Designed by Andy Fisher Workshop and Design Cell, the 900 sq ft spa has six treatment rooms with dedicated steam and shower amenities, jet tubs and warm waterbeds.

The spa is open for both men and women. Guests at the hotel or walk-in clients can opt for the treatment that is well suited for their body and mind. Dr Girish Baria, the Spa and Recreation Manager provides free consultation and suggestions based on medical, occupational and other criteria. On offer here at the spa are individual treatments and packaged deals at a per-minute rate also. Convenience is a bonus at Heavenly Spa as guests have the opportunity to enjoy shorter massage treatments for less, or opt for the full-service package deal for an ultimate spa satisfaction.

Once a client zeroes down on the required treatment package, qualified therapists take care of the treatment process and ensure a restoring and rejuvenating experience with their expertise.

The product line on offer here is world-class! The range of anointing oils and incense sticks from Heavenly Oils and skin care products from Pevonia used are 98 % natural products that help to take care of the skin and maintain natural oil balance. The seasoned therapists begin every session with a signature welcome elixir, a ritual that helps release toxins from the body and calms the mind.

Heavenly Spa has on offer various treatment packages like massages, scrubs, body wraps and baths. Couples can check the special heavenly package and benefit from the multiple treatments.



Massage therapies like Rollerssage, Heavenly Massage, Jetlag Reliever, Hot stone Massage, Thai massage and a special back massage are highly demanded at the spa.

The Rollerssage massage gives a new spin to hot stone treatments: heated crystalline spheres selected for their energy enhancing qualities are rolled over the body, melting away tension and relaxing tight muscles.

On the other hand, in the Heavenly Massage, a warm heat pack is applied to the back to release strain and stress. A powerful aromatherapy remedy to release any tension held in the body then follows. The Heavenly Massage boosts one's energy, improves blood circulation, soothes muscles, invigorates, clears blockages and relieves back pain. This signature Westin® massage is a must-try!

The spa also has a selection of body scrubs which help reveal inner radiance and brighten dull skin. One of the most popular body scrub treatment is the Silk Body. This scrub helps exfoliate dead skin and moisturizes it simultaneously. Some other scrubs like the lavender scrub, the cocoa scrub, tropical oasis and the fresh fruit scrub also aid exfoliation and rejuvenate the skin making it bright and fresh.

Yet another highly recommended treatment is the Body Wrap. Especially after a massage and scrub the Body Wrap treatment is special in the way it gently exfoliates and moisturizes the skin. The various wraps help release impurities from the body; hydrate the skin, thus re-vitalizing the body to give it a healthy glow. Besides that, these wraps also help in reducing aches, pain and soreness in the body. Popular body wraps are the Moroccan body wrap, aromatic mud wrap, seaweed wrap, and the slender body wrap to name a few.

The Heavenly Spa also offers extended services like facials, hand massage etc. For instance, Radiate is an excellent enhancement for fatigued eyes, while Revive is a specific treatment to moisturize and rehydrate lips. Reflexology the ancient Chinese massage of the feet that restore the flow of energy to organs is also offered at the Heavenly Spa.

The spa is open from 8 am until 9 pm and last booking time is 8 pm.



Golfer's Delight!

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Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness, said William Wordsworth. And if he would have seen the Oxford Golf & Country Club, he probably would have replaced 'day' with 'weekend'.

But that's Wordsworth, and this is Pune, the Queen of Deccan. And in Pirangut, a weekend of golf and bunkers and sand and chalets is a well-earned comfort.





"It is my strong passion for the game that created 'Oxford Golf and Country Club', a landmark award winning project which makes this city proud."

Anil Seolekar

Managing Director - Oxford Properties

Oxford Golf and Country Club

Designed by Phil Ryan of Australia's Pacific Coast Design, the 18-hole, 7,020 yard, 72-par championship links course was voted No. 2 course in India at the Asian Golf awards in 2011.

The beauty of the place hits you even before you reach the Oxford Golf & Country Club. Simply follow the long winding road up the hill that cuts off the Bombay-Pune highway before Chandni Chowk. Rock faces climb up on each side for the briefest of moments, and then the expanse of the hill and the valley hits you.

A viewing gallery invites you by the roadside. And stop here, you must. This is Oxford's own sunrise and sunset point. "3.5" it is called; and from here, the three and half kilometre serpentine road to the course offers a breathtaking view worth more than a thousand pictures. The wind howls here as you cruise downhill and the green around is infectious. If the approach is fabulous, can the real thing be far behind?

The golf course in itself is a wonderful place to be. Shaped like a horse-shoe, it spreads over 140 acres of green environs; the pristine setting is amplified by magnificent trees and hills and artificial lakes. Designed by Phil Ryan of Australia's Pacific Coast Design, the 18-hole, 7,020 yard, 72-par championship links course was voted No. 2 course in India at the Asian Golf awards in 2011.

Golf, some say is poetry, art, music and even divine. And no matter if you are a pro or a greenhorn; the guys at the Oxford Golf club make sure your golfing experience is divine, even if your putt isn't.

Recommended here, particularly for the first-timers, the curious and for those who believe that golf is just about how hard you swing the club, is the 3-tier Driving Range. Step in, walk in to the Pro Shop and select your gear. Don't worry, if you don't know your iron from your chipper or your cart bag from your marker; just ask the staff to help and you'll be set to take those drives over the greens before you can yell "Fore!"

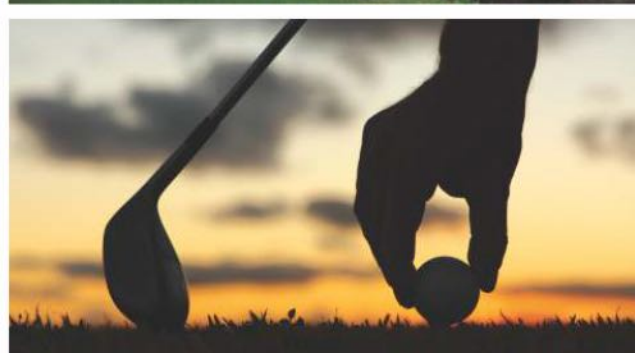
After hitting a bucketful of golf balls over the range, if it makes you feel that there is a golfing drive in you, then there's an academy that will teach you more than just golfing etiquettes and enormous swings.

While driving static balls from the range may qualify as golf for the naive; undoubtedly, the best golf at Oxford is on the greens. No amount of swinging and driving and grunts beats the experience of playing an actual game. The landscaped golf course is a treat for golfers. Sparkling bunkers with gleaming white sand twist and turn their way across fairways & alongside greens. Breeze is a big factor here & so are changes in elevation across the course. That coupled with the multitude of hazards & bunkers make this a challenging opportunity for most golfers. With some mature rough & hazards, it is a good idea for the first time golfer to carry a few extra balls just in case.

Unarguably, the longest and the toughest hole here is the dogleg No. 4, and in fact, the most signature of Oxford. With the tees at a height of over 35 meters from the landing spot, aiming to the left of centre is the trick to conquer it. Make sure that the slope aids your shot with the ball bouncing right towards the centre; play for a par. The drive is the key here. No. 14 however brings out the best in even the most inexperienced golfers. It's a delightful hole to beat, but club selection could play a role on this hole.



The sunset amidst three surrounding hills and the pure mountain air pegs you to the resort.





Whatever you do golf or just tag along clicking pictures on this course one does not simply stop for the day and ask the caddy to drive you back. The O Golf resort doesn't allow that. The sunset amidst three surrounding hills and the pure mountain air pegs you to the resort.

The treat for a weekend stay here is not just hours of green and golf, but quiet evenings at the O Golf Resort. The resort belongs to the 'New hotels of the world'- chic, stylish, young and adventurous! It is a true resort property offering comfort and indulgence in luxury as well as a rugged experience of adventure.

The O Golf Resort is situated at a height of nearly 2,200 feet on one of India's most magnificent and breathtaking golf

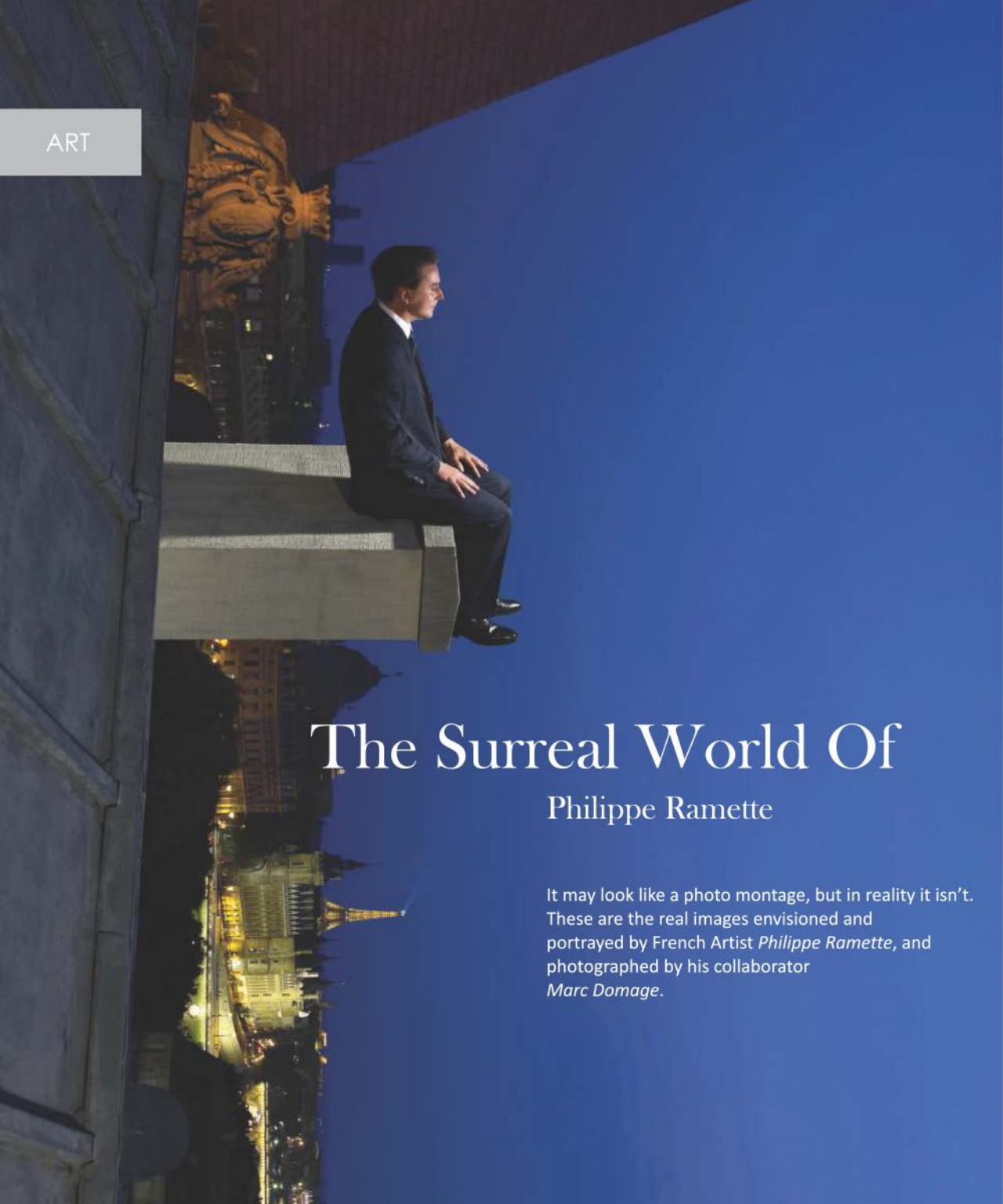
courses with a 180 degree view of the green golf landscapes, panoramic sun set views to romance upon and wonderfully clear night skies to gaze the stars.

The chalets in themselves are wooden beauties and that's excluding the view of the verdant course. Six one-bedroom and four two-bedroom log houses make up the resort. If you wish to sit back & relax with a book looking over a calm orange sun, this is the perfect accommodation option.

Personalities like Amitabh Bachchan, Jacques Kallis, M S Dhoni frequently visit the course for a game or two and have added the glamour quotient. Not only has that, regular golf tournaments been held under the aegis of Professional Golf Tournament India and the Indian Golf Union.



The Oxford Golf & Country Club is
a hole-in-one by itself: golf for golfers, and a
natural relaxing experience
away from the cacophony of the city!



ART

The Surreal World Of

Philippe Ramette

It may look like a photo montage, but in reality it isn't. These are the real images envisioned and portrayed by French Artist *Philippe Ramette*, and photographed by his collaborator *Marc Damage*.

We know of the miracle of Jesus walking on

water. Of course Jesus could do that, but what if we told you that Frenchman Philippe Ramette has been photographed doing the same?

Remember Adam West in the 'Batman' series of the 1960s? The indelible image of Batman and Robin rope-climbing up their way a building was a television phenomenon. But Philippe Ramette has scaled not just walls but cliffs and balconies and even trees. He's laid himself hanging in the air from a table parallel to the ground.

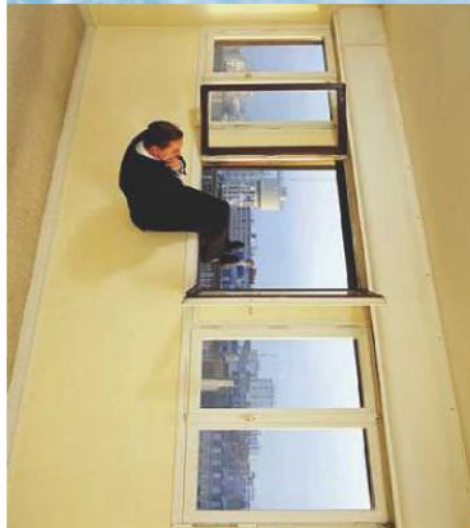
Philippe Ramette has defied gravity. He has challenged the perspectives of photography and in his sweeping landscapes, he has made many a head tilt in deep analysis. And once he's got you tilting and scratching your head, the simplicity of his genius hits you.

As a sculptor, Ramette rose to fame in the 1990s as part of the French contemporary art scene, creating strange wooden and metal instruments and objects. He's always been a sculptor at heart, he says. He has always been a dreamer, he says.

Photography by logical extension was the next step. He is inspired by dreams of improbable and sometimes impossible landscapes. He is always at the centre of them, hanging upside-down or challenging physics of all things natural, always in contemplation or attempting to rationalize.

And then he proceeds to recreate his dreams in images: creating an odd, neo-romantic universe, using a carefully planned, rational approach to create totally irrational situations.

His collection, *'Rational Exploration of the Undersea'* (2006) sees him submerged and creating an elegant and meditative character reminiscent of a romantic hero. Like a deep-sea diver he is enveloped by the blue of the ocean and invaded by a feeling of loneliness, longing for the infinite. *'Arrival'* from the *'Rational Exploration of the Undersea'* is the miracle walking-on-water photograph.



L'arrivee ('The Arrival')



'The Arrival' is a part of the series symbolically titled 'Rational Exploration of the Undersea'. Philippe Ramette's exploration of the surreal and the blue of the sea kicks off with 'The Arrival'.

The image speaks in itself; Philippe has 'arrived' literally and figuratively for his exploration. He is walking on water, with a mountain in the backdrop.

The watery expanse sets the precedent for his arrival. There is a sense of expectation in this image, and perhaps a sense of man's supremacy over the vastness of the ocean. Almost like a miracle, Philippe defies the laws of Nature, and expectedly stoops to conquer the ocean.

Or take for example, *The Map*, and you will see the world this man walking on the sea floor with a map in his hands has created. And then there is the *Rational Pedestal* (*Homage to the Mafia*) where a cement block a la Mafia style holds Philippe while the buoyant forces raise him up. The rationality in this comes across as the hundreds of bubbles that rise up.

Philippe Ramette's art is surreal. It transports you to his position, makes you think and then marvel. His concepts are simple, his execution impeccable and his photography thought-provoking.

But like all great artists, there's a trick up his sleeve. There's a secret to these gravity defying poses. What looks irrational is a carefully planned and meticulously engineered.

He's the Houdini of (ir)rational photography; but all said and done, Philippe goes to extraordinary lengths to create his set-ups, building hidden metal supports that he calls 'sculptural structures'. Metal rings tether him by the ankles as he hangs motionless, his trousers and tie strapped down and his hair gelled flat to give the impression of being upright.

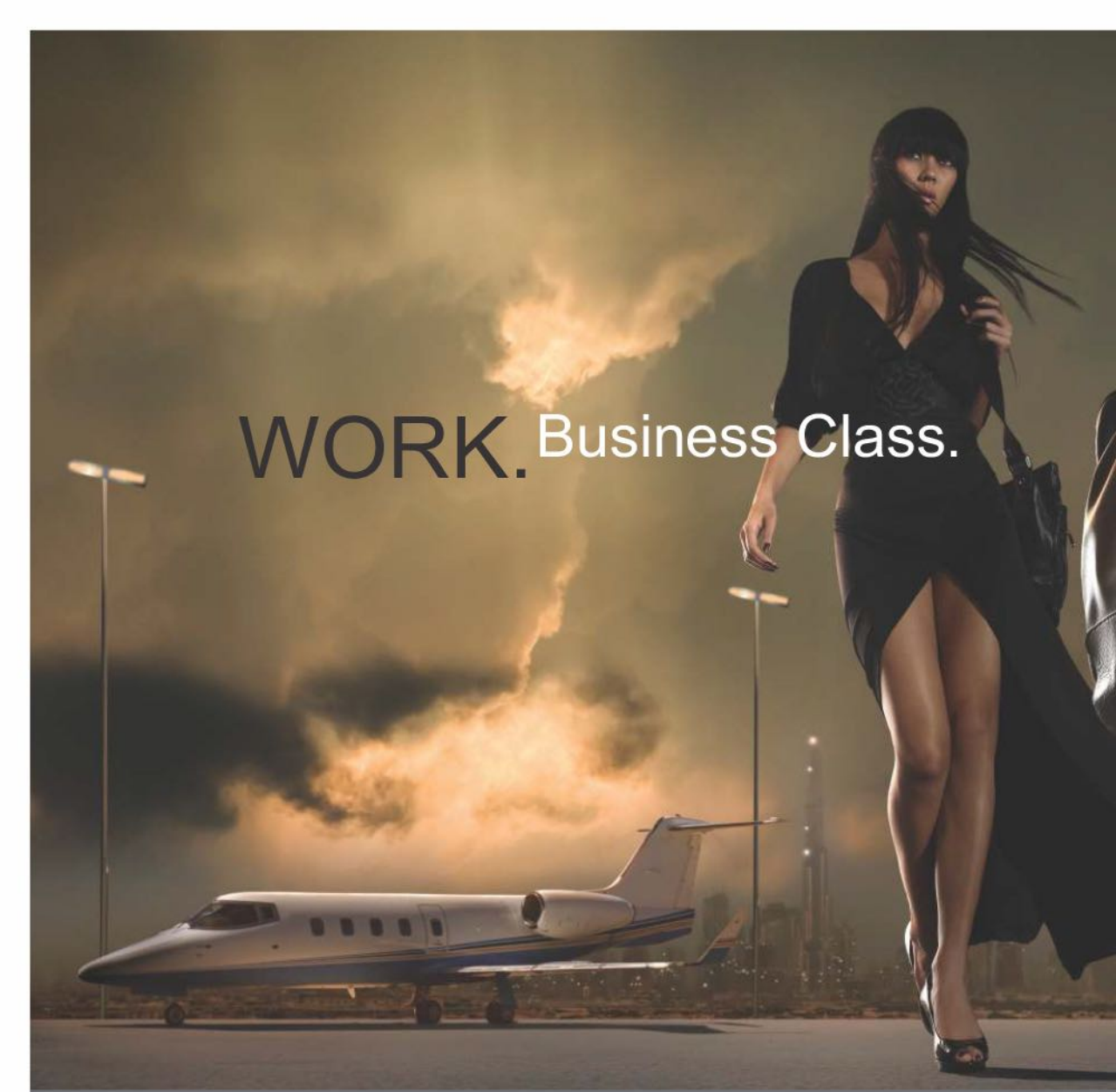


Philippe's art is a statement about gravity,
weightlessness and man's relationship to the
landscape.



Philippe Ramette Photo Exhibition Hyatt Regency, Pune

*Visitors at the Hyatt Regency marvelling the works of Philippe Ramette.
Titled 'The Upside Down World of Philippe Ramette', the exhibition was
brought by Alliance Francaise in collaboration with Hyatt.*

A woman in a black dress is walking towards the right, carrying a black bag. In the background, a private jet is parked on a tarmac. The sky is filled with dramatic, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Two tall light poles are visible on the left side of the tarmac.

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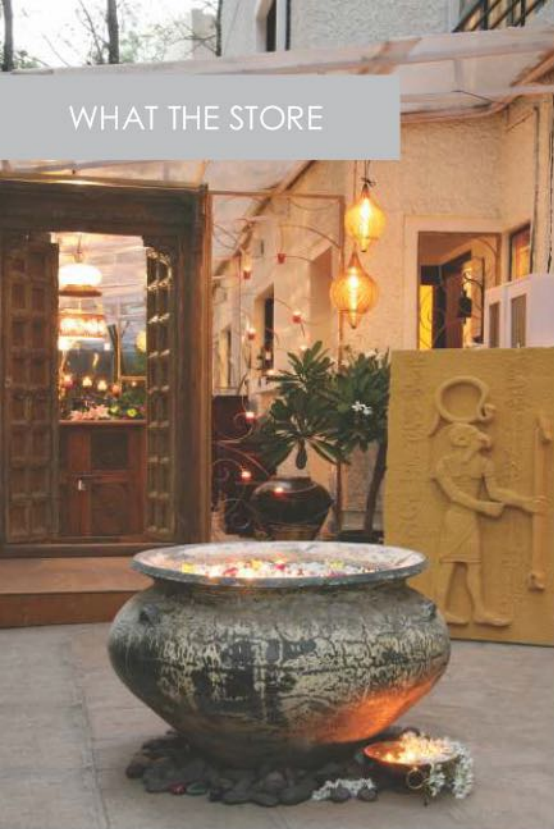
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WHAT THE STORE



Experience is subjective. Art is subjective, and so is lifestyle.

No bracket can fit the three, and yet in Kalyani Nagar, there's Ra the Lifestyle Store that is a fusion of art, lifestyle and creating a new definition of "experience".

It all started when the father-son duo Shekhar and Mihir Shah were looking to setup their new home. In their quest for the ultimate interiors - the one that would take their breath away - took them to the Sunri Lifestyle store in Bangalore.

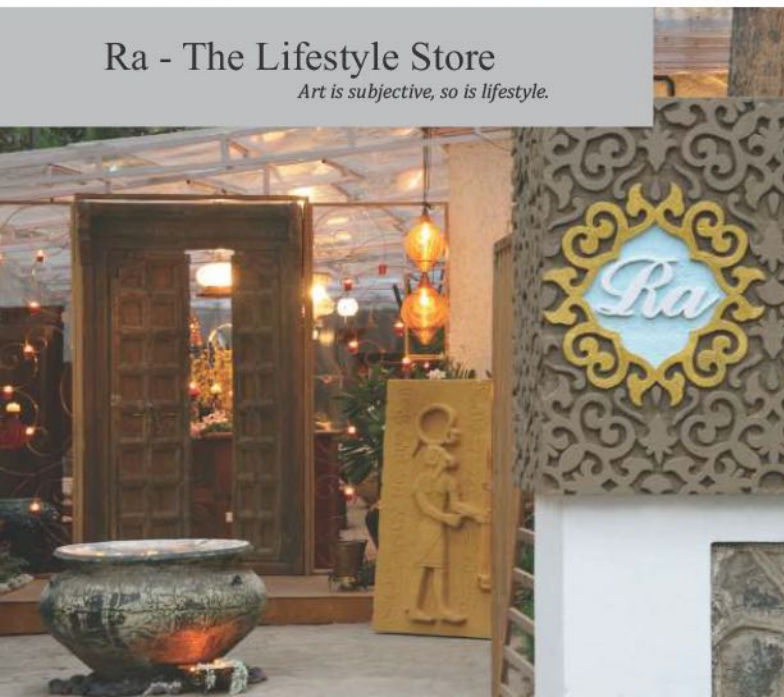
Once inside, lightning struck them. The richness of Sunri's art deco collection inspired them to bring this experience to Pune. Thus Ra was born.

Mihir is probably one of the youngest entrepreneurs to usher in the concept of single-edition furniture and accessories. Shekhar with his experience and wisdom and brings along a seasoned charm, and together they make Ra - a mammoth space of 7000 sq ft into a delightful place to walk through, browse and visualize the effect of furniture, fabrics and accents in your own home.

Ra brings to Pune an array of exquisite furniture and home accessories. The USP of Ra is the exclusivity that it brings to its products and innovations. The duo works hard to infuse the place with a sense of vibrancy and fun that borders to being infectious.

Ra - The Lifestyle Store

Art is subjective, so is lifestyle.





Ra has delightfully blended the classic styles of old with modern-day tastes and liveliness in their offerings to highlight a distinct Indian flavour in home and furniture items. From contemporary to ethnic to modern to the abstract and even from wood to steel to brass and bamboo- find what you want for your home at Ra.

Ra carries an assortment of home decor articles. From clocks, ceramics, glassware, mirrors, wrought iron and terracotta accessories, lamps, to linen in various permutations and combinations. Quirker still are lamps of milk cans, chandeliers made from the warrior helmets, and a computer table converted from an old sewing machine table!

Then there is the Ambari (the elephant's seat) which is rather like a modern-day lazy chair, and Mihir's favourite corner! If you happen to chance upon Shekhar, he's bound take you to his favourite place in Ra-the terrace, and what's better than a Mario Miranda illustration to up the happiness quotient!

Being a Pune-centric store, we dug a little deeper into Ra's philosophy and found that the historic Agakhan Palace is also an inspiration for them. The Mastani Mahal and its fairy tale atmosphere is also a muse for Ra. From its intricately carved wooden pillars, charming murals and rich furnishing- undoubtedly its piece de resistance, Ra and its design offerings are almost an ode to the beauty of architecture in Pune.

Ra has carved a niche. Their patrons range from everyone who understands art and antique to those who want to experiment. Expats, local barons, the artsy-types and those who splurge- the Pune crowd remains passionate about art, which is quite evident in our culture.

Ra, like its namesake Egyptian god, has assimilated the Pune culture and indeed, Pune itself in their pursuit of bringing fine home decors.

EXOTIC GETAWAYS

*"Reminds me of my safari in Africa.
Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days
we had to live on nothing but
food and water." - W.C. Fields, American comedian and writer*

Absolute Africa

Picture Courtesy
The Bilila Lodge, Tanzania National Park, Tanzania



East Africa is the Africa of many travellers' dreams, with places like Masai-Mara, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar, and Ngorongoro heavy with the intoxicating allure of sprawling savannahs, teeming wildlife and exotic cultures.

It is in this region that the notion of safari meaning "to journey" in Swahili was born. East Africa today, has polished and perfected the safari experience, with romantic camps, outstanding wildlife experiences, vast open landscapes and knowledgeable friendly guides.

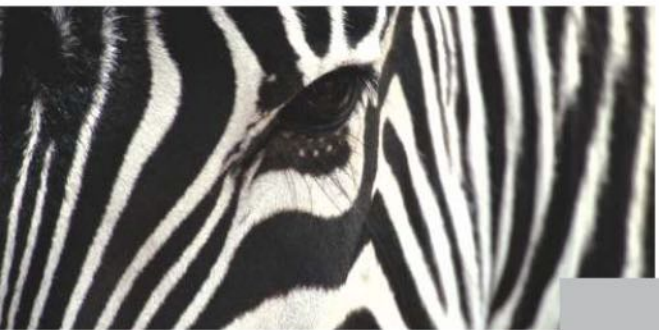
As a traveller to East Africa you can explore the dramatic Rift Valley with its soda lakes, climb snow-capped mountains on the Equator, visit the gigantic Lake Victoria, discover magical beaches and islands, explore the customs of the Masai people and peer into the history of human evolution at Olduvai Gorge.



Kenya was immortalised as the home of the safari by legendary personalities such as Ernest Hemingway and Karen Blixen. The classic movie, *Out of Africa*, was filmed in Kenya and it perfectly portrayed the romance, thrill and excitement of the country.

Kenya boasts spectacular natural beauty and bountiful herds of wildlife, and is renowned for the annual Great Migration of millions of herbivores across the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. The Masai Mara National Reserve is arguably Kenya's premier wilderness highspot, home to the famous Big Five and much more. Kenya is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with over 1 000 species recorded.

- & BEYOND AFRICA



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The legendary Masai Mara stretches across 700 square miles of rolling grasslands in south-western Kenya and is bordered by the Olololo Escarpment to the west and the Loita Hills to the east. A scenic tapestry of open savannah, thorn trees, low hills and riverine forest, the Mara draws the largest lion population in Kenya as well as vast herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra and hippo. Sightings of cheetah and leopard are also common.

One of Africa's most breathtaking wildlife spectacles, the Great Migration, takes place from July to October when millions of wildebeest journey in a time-honoured clockwise route through the Serengeti towards fresher pastures and water in the Masai Mara. Thomson's gazelle, zebra and eland join the wildebeest amidst the rumbling of hooves and rise of dust clouds as they expose themselves to crocodile infested waters and daunting currents in the Mara River as well as hungry lions and hyenas lying in wait. Called the greatest wildlife show on earth, the Great Migration is one of the planet's most spectacular sights and an awesome experience for safari-goers in East Africa.



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KENYA



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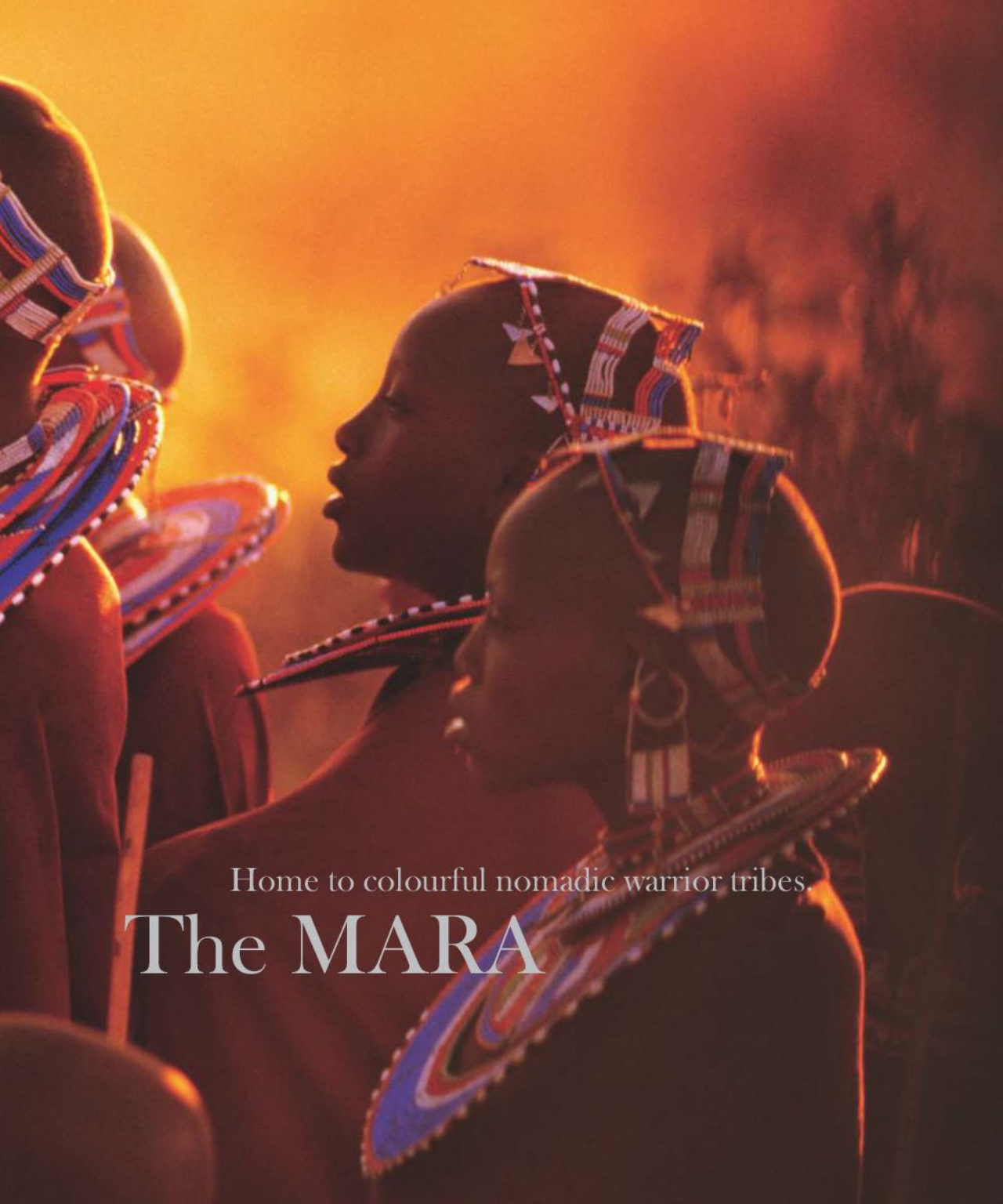
Would you prefer camping under the forest canopy, relaxing in a luxury mobile camp or enjoying the view from your private veranda in the middle of the African wilderness, catering everyone from the adventurer to the luxury traveller, wherever possible. In all cases you can expect a unique experience and a high standard of service, with fantastic access to wildlife at the top of the agenda.

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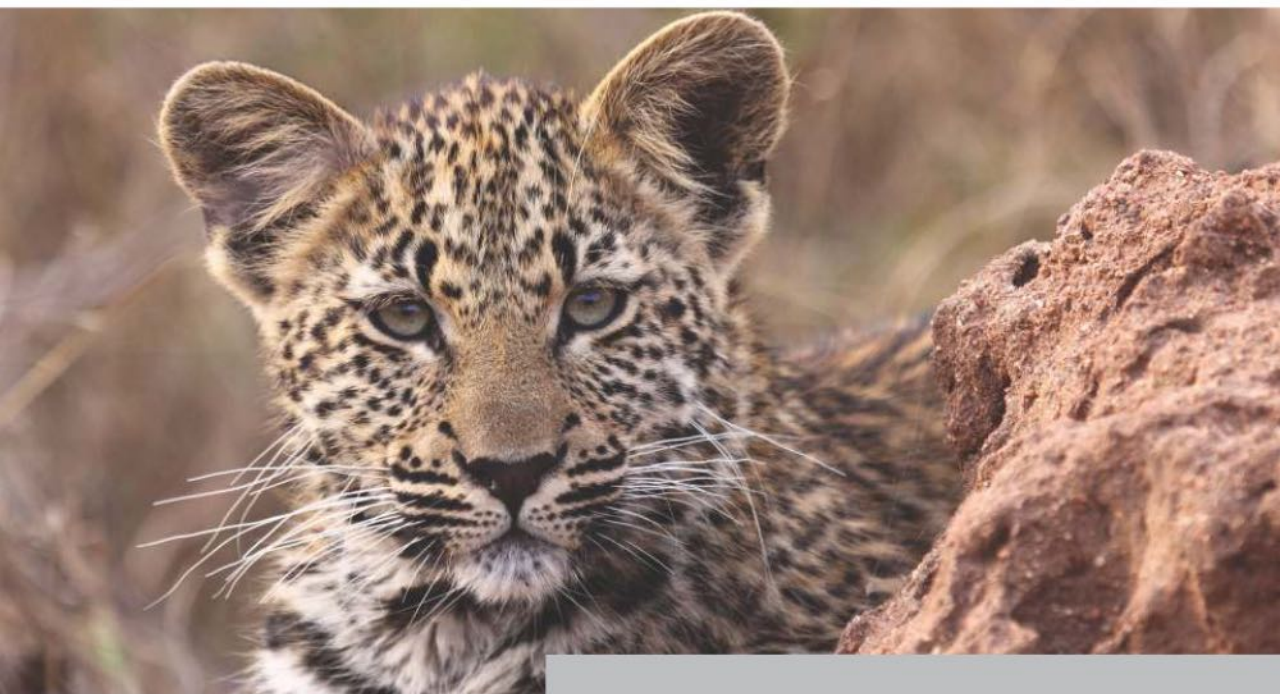




Home to colourful nomadic warrior tribes.

The MARA

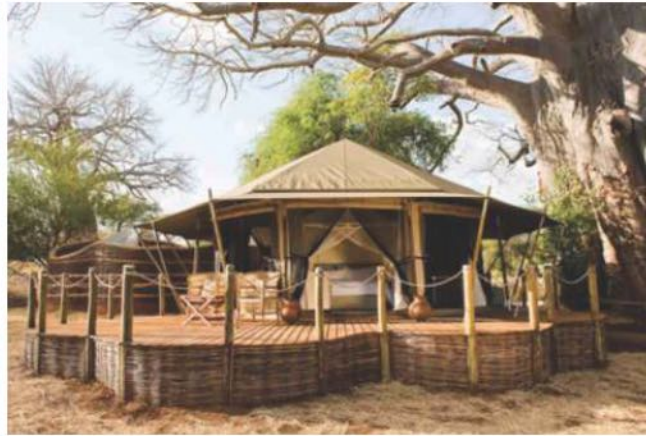
As East Africa's principal wildlife safari destination, Tanzania offers a truly remarkable experience.



A grassland of astounding size and beauty, the Serengeti National Park is host to the annual migration of more than a million wildebeest and zebra one of the most awesome wildlife spectacles on earth, the Serengeti covers nearly 9 500 square miles, supporting a multitude of animals, including lion, cheetah, elephant and herds of gazelle.

Ngorongoro Crater: To the east of the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater rise up to over 2,300 meters above sea level, with its caldera one of the most beautiful natural wildlife preserves on earth. A World Heritage Site, Ngorongoro offers soda lakes, verdant grasslands and fever and fig forests, with fantastic viewing of the endangered black rhino, elephant and lion, as well as a plethora of other animals. Surrounding the crater, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area sees nomadic Masai herders grazing their cattle alongside the wildlife, whilst at nearby Olduvai Gorge, visitors can marvel at the site where ancient man roamed four million years ago.

TANZANIA



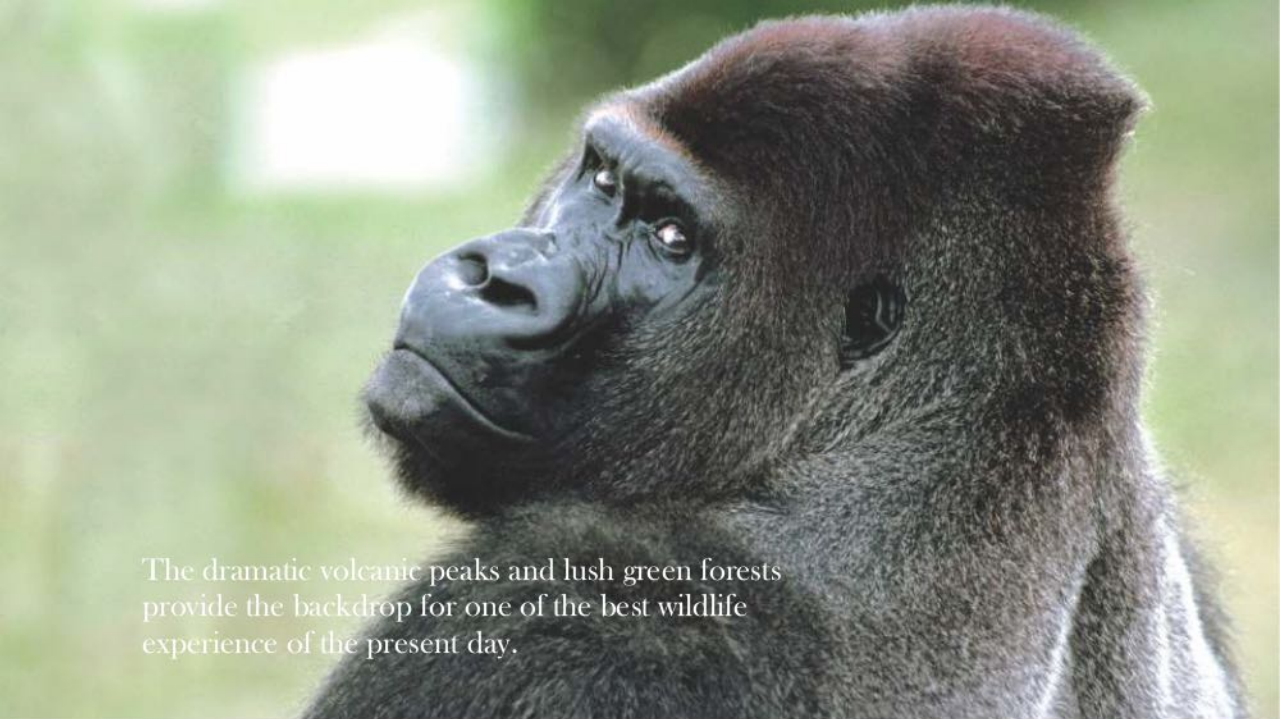
Lake Manyara National Park: Set against the dramatic Great Rift Valley is Lake Manyara National Park, famous for its remarkable tree-climbing lions. Fever tree forests flank Lake Manyara's shores, whilst thousands of pelicans and flamingos congregate in its tranquil waters.

Selous Game Reserve: Southern Tanzania is dominated by the Selous, the largest protected wildlife reserve covering more than 5% of the country's total area. This vast area is still wild and untamed, with one of the largest elephant populations in the world, as well as numerous buffalo, crocodile, hippo and wild dog. Due to its remote location, and because it is accessible only really by small aircraft, the Selous has remained one of the untouched gems of Tanzania. The reserve's few safari camps are located in the northern sector of the reserve, mainly along the banks of the impressive Rufiji River.

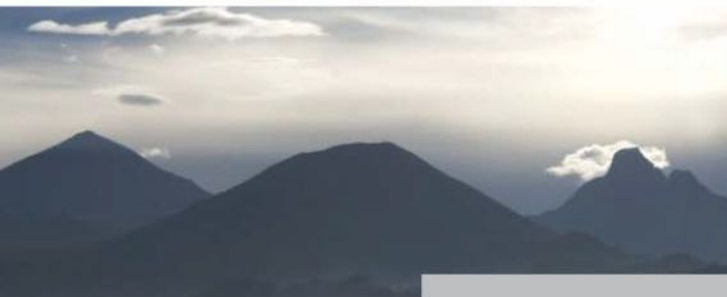
Recommended Camps & Lodges

Lake Manyara Tree Lodge
Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp

Klein's Camp
Sanctuary Swala



The dramatic volcanic peaks and lush green forests provide the backdrop for one of the best wildlife experience of the present day.



Park National Des Volcans, Rwanda

Rwanda is a small country in the great lakes region of central Africa, surrounded by Uganda, Burundi, the DRC and Tanzania. Known as the Land of a Thousand Hills, this is the most densely populated country on the continent, with its fertile, hilly terrain intensively cultivated. Bordering Uganda is Rwanda's premier tourist attraction, the Parc National des Volcans, with its dense forests offers the finest viewing of mountain gorillas in the world. Apart from the attraction of its gorillas, Rwanda is sadly most well known for the 1994 genocide that tore this beautiful country apart. Fortunately Rwanda has cast off the shackles of this horrific episode and its modern capital, Kigali, is well worth a stopover with its lively markets as well as the moving Kigali Genocide Museum.

Located on the border of Rwanda, Congo and Uganda, this is one of the most stunning national parks in East Africa with its impressive chain of seven volcanoes blanketed in rainforest. Much of the Virunga Mountain massif is protected here, as are more than half of the world's last mountain gorillas - and this is probably the best place in Africa to view them. An encounter with these giant and gentle apes is a magical, many say life-changing, experience.

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Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

Hikes to see the gorillas last from 30 minutes to a few hours, and are well-structured with numbers limited to eight people per group. You will be taken to a group of gorillas which are used to human visitors and have the opportunity to observe them feeding and interacting at close quarters. Looking into the eyes of a large silverback male gorilla is sure to transcend any wildlife experience you have ever had.

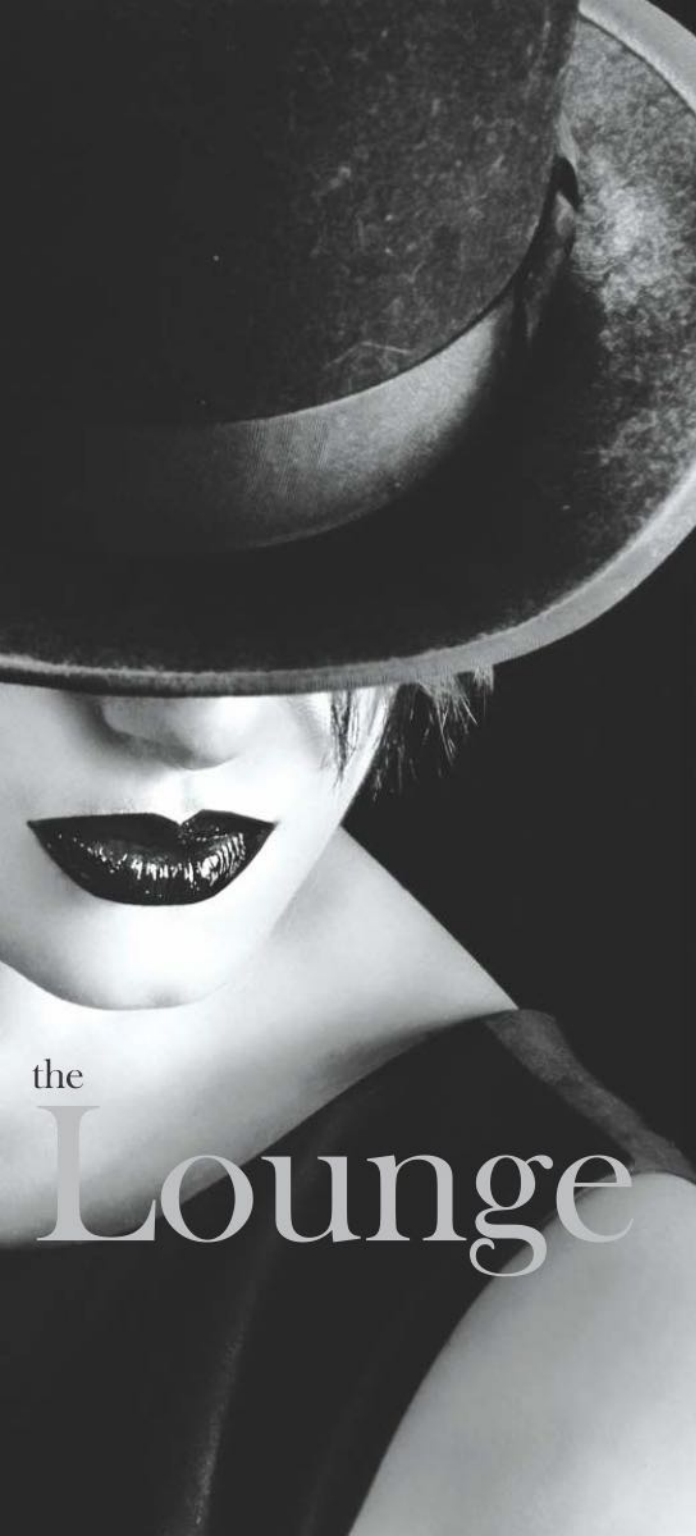
Even without the gorillas, the Parc National des Volcans is fascinating, with its extensive bamboo and afro-montane forests. Many other primates, such as endemic golden monkeys, can be sighted here, as well as forest elephants, buffalo, giant forest hogs, small antelope and buck.

Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is located at the foot of the Sabyinyo Volcano adjacent to the Parc National des Volcans, a 30 minute drive to the park offices. Built in partnership with the local gorilla conservation programme, this is the ideal base for mountain gorilla trekking. Mountain Gorillas Nest is located minutes away from the park offices, with its simple thatched rooms in traditional Rwandan style looking out to Eucalyptus forests and farms beyond. From here daily morning treks are undertaken in search of gorillas.

A close-up photograph of a person's torso and hands. The person is wearing a white dress shirt and a dark suit jacket. Their left hand holds a snifter glass filled with a golden liquid, likely cognac. Their right hand holds a thick, unlit cigar. In the foreground, a clear, faceted glass ashtray sits on a dark surface. The background is dark and out of focus. A vertical white line runs down the right side of the image, separating the main scene from a grayscale inset of a person's face.

NIGHT LIFE

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Oak Lounge

Classy is the word to sum up one of Pune's best lounges, the Oak Lounge at Oakwood Premier in Koregaon Park. In Koregaon Park, which is the heart of nightlife and party scene of Pune, Oak Lounge stands in a class of its own.

Oak Lounge is a versatile retreat not too much of a club, not too much of a lounge either! There is something gloriously indolent about the ambience and the lighting here. Walk in here and the sense of calm and recline envelopes you.

The wood and yellow lights have a soothing effect and the décor is just right for an idle evening of chats, dinner and a drink or two. The paisley furniture and the wooden décor matches perfectly to the retro music setting the mood for many a fine evening.

The plush oversized lounge sofas are a characteristic of Oak Lounge and little candles and the glass showcase with little trinkets set the mood of every table and enjoyable chat.



Oak Lounge

Open from 7.30 pm in the evening to late 1.30 am, Oak Lounge is more than just famous for its music. From jazz, to blues to retro and international music, in house DJ Yusuf Kapasi and DJ Cavas have the guests swinging involuntarily to the beats off their console. As the evenings age into cheerful nights, Oak Lounge transforms to a nightclub with the DJ's raising the bar and hitting the tempo to hip-hop and house music after 11 pm.

The bar at Oak Lounge is something that draws guests like moths to fire. The bartenders are quick, efficient and know the potency of the drinks they conjure. Oak Lounge has a well-stocked bar with swanky cognac, single malts and an impressive wine display.

The bar is also a favourite for connoisseurs who have the taste for classical and new world wines served by bottle as well as by glass. The in-house signature beverages are classics and unique with a range of dinner cocktails, mocktails, as well as international



Cigar Lounge



spirits.

If that's not enough the plush lounge sofas provide a cosy feel while smokers find a mini haven in the solitude of the exclusive Cigar Bar at Oak Lounge.

As relaxing and chilled out Oak Lounge is it hosts a variety of events and fun-filled evenings round-the-year. From the reverberation of Latin Evenings to regular Happy Hours and the ever-so-often Ladies Nights, Oak Lounge caters to the young of the city and the expats who haunt this place for a good time.

With the Oakwood brand of hospitality at its heart, and a remarkable restaurant in Bistro right beside it, Oak Lounge is a regular hangout for after-office hours and evening meet-ups. And with the retro flavour and laidback ambience it offers, Oak Lounge truly spells class in the clutter of nightclubs and lounges.



Diary of an Arctic Adventure

Arthur Conan Doyle, University of Chicago Press

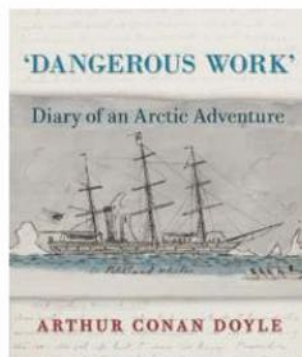
The Arctic, its cold waters and its ice have always been an enigma. The icy vastness of the Arctic was a frontier explored for its coldness and hard nature and challenge to the human spirit. There are many stories and legends of the icy explorations by brave men.

This October presents an opportunity to peer into the letters and private documents of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the man behind the brilliance of Sherlock Holmes.

'*Dangerous Work: Diary of an Arctic Adventure*' (University of Chicago Press) out on October 1st, is the author-adventurer's account of his time spent aboard a whaler as a medical student in 1880.

As the "first real outstanding adventure" of his life, Sir Doyle joined the crew of the Arctic whaler '*The Hope*' as a surgeon. And in the frostiness of the Arctic and the frigid adventure, he weathered the hardships and emerged a different person. In his own admission, Conan Doyle "came of age at 80 degrees North latitude."

The winds of the Arctic fuelled the fire in Conan Doyle to become a writer something he always wanted to be. What followed was a horror story set in the Arctic wastelands, and a magazine article on navigating the Arctic won him many fans. This voyage also served him with settings for Sherlock's adventures in years to follow.



The accounts of Conan Doyle's life-changing voyage remained forgotten for nearly a century until this beautiful facsimile edition by the University Chicago Press; thus reproducing Conan Doyle's notebook pages in his own elegant hand, accompanied by his numerous drawings made during the journey. Along with vivid photographic plates of the ship, the crew and captain the diary also contains two non-fiction pieces by Arthur Conan Doyle about his experiences: 'The Glamour of the Arctic' (The Idler, July 1892) and 'Life on a Greenland Whaler' (The Strand Magazine, January 1897).

Also included are fiction stories 'The Captain of the Pole Star' (Temple Bar, 1883), 'J. Habakuk Jephson's Statement' (The Cornhill, 1884) and 'The Adventure of Black Peter', a Sherlock Holmes story of 1904.

Silent House

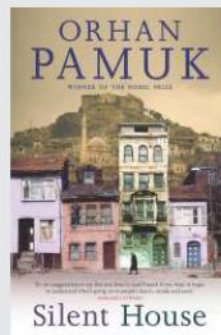
Orhan Pamuk

"Silent House" by Turkish author and Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk is a puzzle of sorts. Five alternating narrators interlace the story in 32 engaging chapters, and Pamuk has you flipping back and forth to until you stumble upon the larger complexity and fabric of the plot.

Set in the turbulent 1980's of Turkey; the politically charged time was bound to imprint itself on the lives of the young and the old alike. This is where "Silent House" drives itself; it is a reflection of the chaos and upheaval of the days: inside and outside.

The five characters, 90-year-old woman Fatma, her grandchildren Faruk, Nilgun and Metin, and her housekeeper Recep, a middle-aged dwarf, bring layer upon layer to the complications inside and outside the walls of their little sea-town near Istanbul.

Written almost 30 years ago when Pamuk was a young man in turbulent Turkey, "Silent House" is a fascinating story that demands its own attention from readers and is one of his earlier known works; before he became the world-renowned author that he is now.



Character-defining details recreate the puzzle in "Silent House", and it is almost a self-reflective examination of the individual: the stories we have, the secrets we keep and the castles of lies we build to keep others out.

Translated Robert Finn, this book has thematic complexity, raw skill and verve and it serves as a fitting stepping-stone to the later, more matured works of Pamuk now entrenched as fine literature.



Sagar & Atul Chordia with Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla

Events & Happenings

Panchshil Million - 2012

RWITC Pune Race Course

On a warm sunny September Sunday, the crack of whips and fashion statements screamed loud! Pune's who's-who turned out in their sartorial best and tuned to the fabulous races and finest refreshments. The day belonged to Smart Strider, ridden by P Trevor, who landed the spoils in the Panchshil Juvenile Million over six furlongs, the feature event of the races.



Jackie Shroff



Michelle Poonawalla



Maral with Lily



Monika & Sribala Chordia



Abhay, Sagar, Atul & Shribala Chordia



Sagar Chordia with Vivek Jain



Vivek Rachh, Praveen Mutha with Zaheer Bandukwala



Yohan Poonawalla



Tarun Shama with Wife



Adar Poonawalla



Priyanka Alluwalla, Imrum Sethi, Bindya Thakkar



Nivedita & Badal Saboo



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sullivan



Guests at Panchshil Million



Marilyn Vera



Chetan Wakalkar



Milad Yazarloo, Reza & Lily

Enrique Iglesias Live

Grammy Award-winning global pop phenomenon Enrique Iglesias performed live in Pune on October 17 at Amanora Park Town. With chart-topping hits like *Hero*, *Bailamos*, *Escape*, *Rhythm Divine*, *Love To See You Cry*, *I Like It* and *Tonight (I'm Loving You)*, Enrique's fans in Pune were bowled over.



Saina Nehwal Felicitation by ABIL Foundation

Amit & Avinash Bhosle hand over the keys to a flat in honor of Saina Nehwal's Olympic success.

Saina Nehwal in a thoughtful pose at the ceremony.

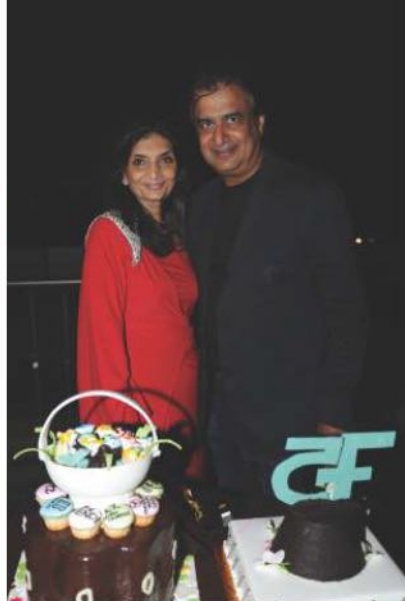
Jewellery Exhibiton By Nirav Modi

Pune Marriott Convention & Hotel





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Neelam Seolekar's Birthday Bash



Meera & Suresh Kalmadi



Atul Chordia, Jackie Shroff
with Neelam & Anil Seolekar



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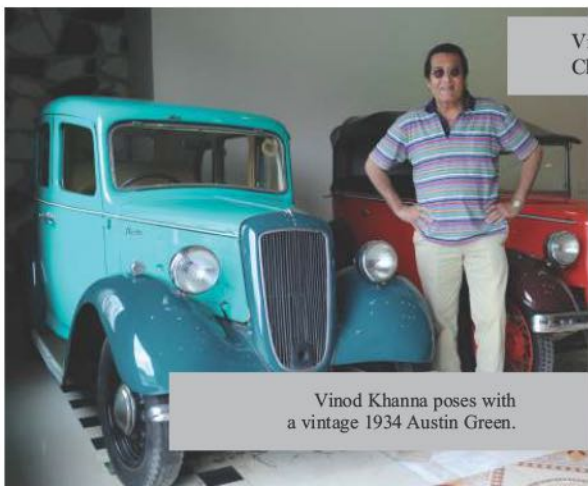
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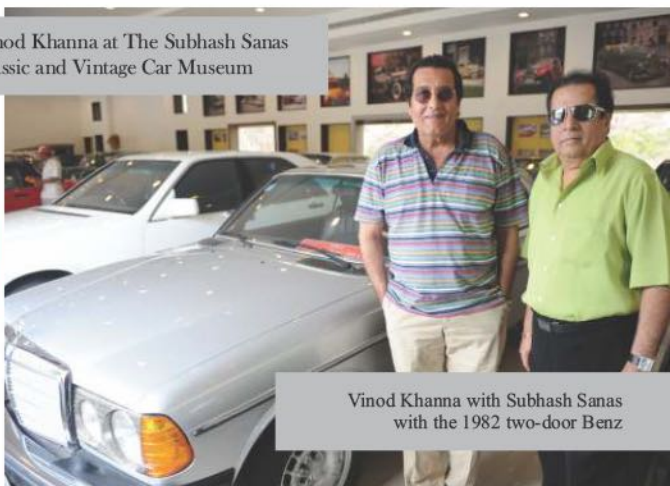


Honaji Sanas & Amit Palve



Vinod Khanna poses with
a vintage 1934 Austin Green.

Vinod Khanna at The Subhash Sanas
Classic and Vintage Car Museum



Vinod Khanna with Subhash Sanas
with the 1982 two-door Benz

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