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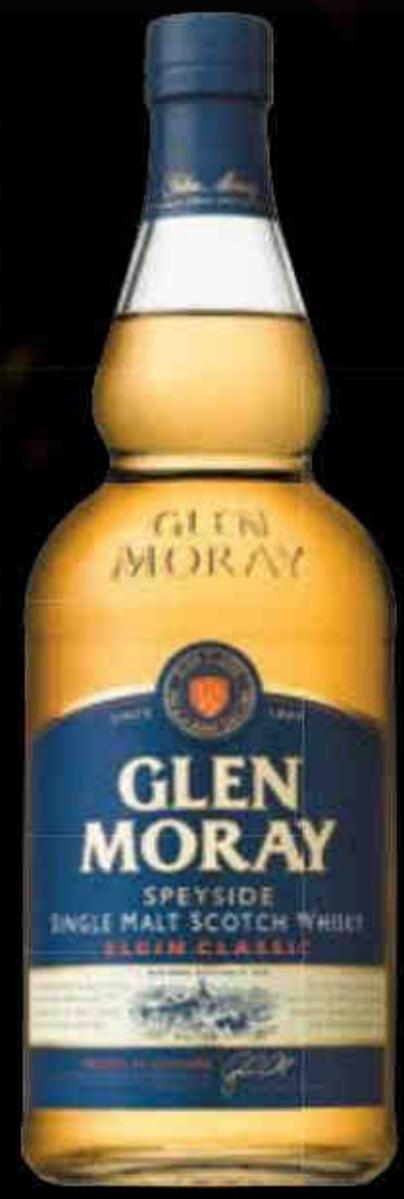
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The team at Preferred is pleased to have rolled out our bi-monthly structure, offering more great content to our readers throughout the year and we're excited to be bringing you all our first remarkable issue of 2018, featuring Prince Harry—a well-known royal and humanitarian, who quite recently brought the spirit and intensity of the Invictus Games to our great city of Toronto. Completely engaged, the royal was right in there at every event cheering on participants and showing support to the war veterans who demonstrate the triumph of the human spirit.

Now into the winter months, it's certainly pleasant to reflect on the games that were held here this past summer, yet winter in Canada also presents thrilling experiences, such as the trip that myself and Preferred's Creative Director, Rony Mikhael, enjoyed to Whistler, where the atmosphere was complemented by a test drive of the 2018 Ford Lincoln Navigator—a sleek and luxurious automobile that can handle the rugged, mountainous terrain while being chic enough for a stylish drive through any metropolis. Read about our review of this fine machine within these pages.

The winter blahs did, however, settle in enough for Preferred's editor and senior writer, Jessica Ashley Merkley, to jump at the opportunity to enjoy a luxurious and blissful escape to Barbados, compliments of Elegant Hotels Group. Her shared experience is among the fantastic content readers will find in this particular issue.

A return to reality and Canadian winter is imminent, but this doesn't have to mean resorting to wearing shapeless clothing that hides your sense of fashion. Designer extraordinaire, Pascal Labelle, shares his current collection to assist in keeping gentlemen and ladies looking their best all year 'round.

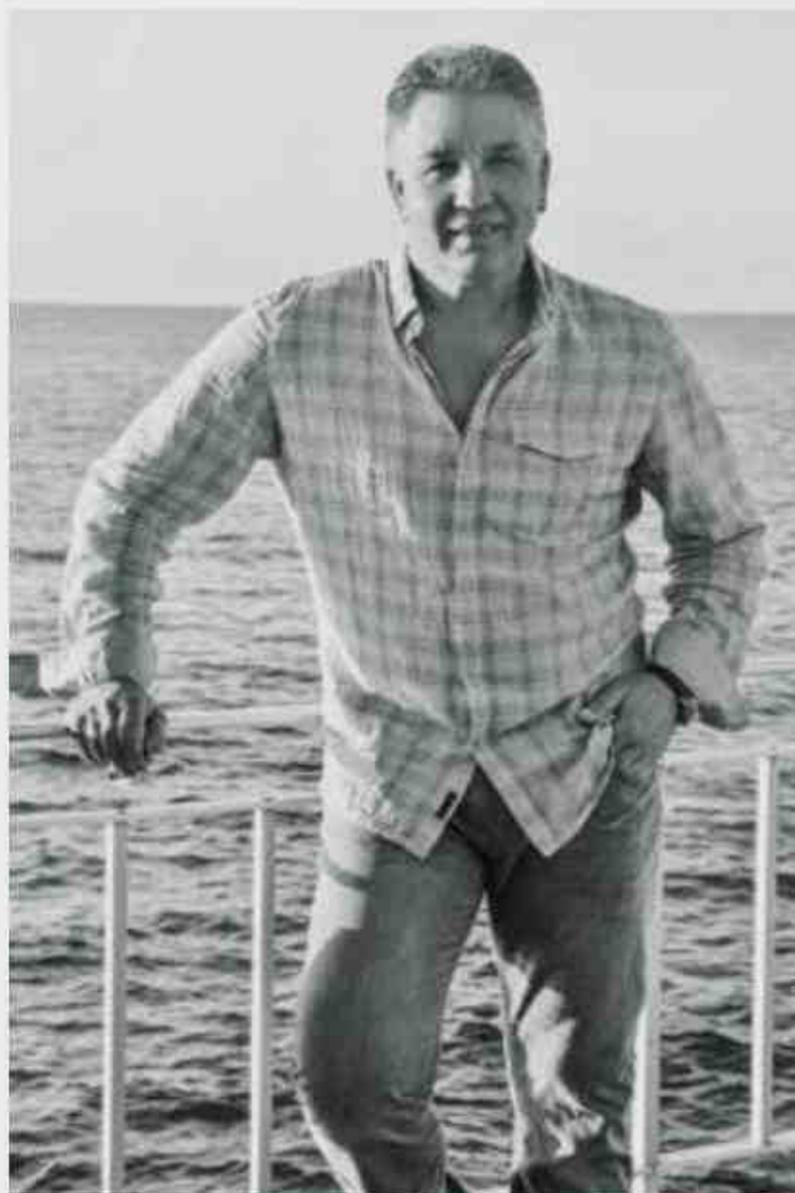
Jay Wells, stylist to the stars, is always on point with his suggestions for keeping your look at its best for every occasion. The perfect pair of glasses can take your attire and look up a notch. So, find out his tips for making the right selections for your own face shape and grooming style in this issue.

And to maintain alertness, while pleasing the palate during these days that remain shorter and a touch more gloomy, Bevs & Burns have you covered, as they specialize in pairing the perfect cup of coffee with the ideal cigar. They share their tasting notes and uncover comments presented during this month's blind cigar tasting.

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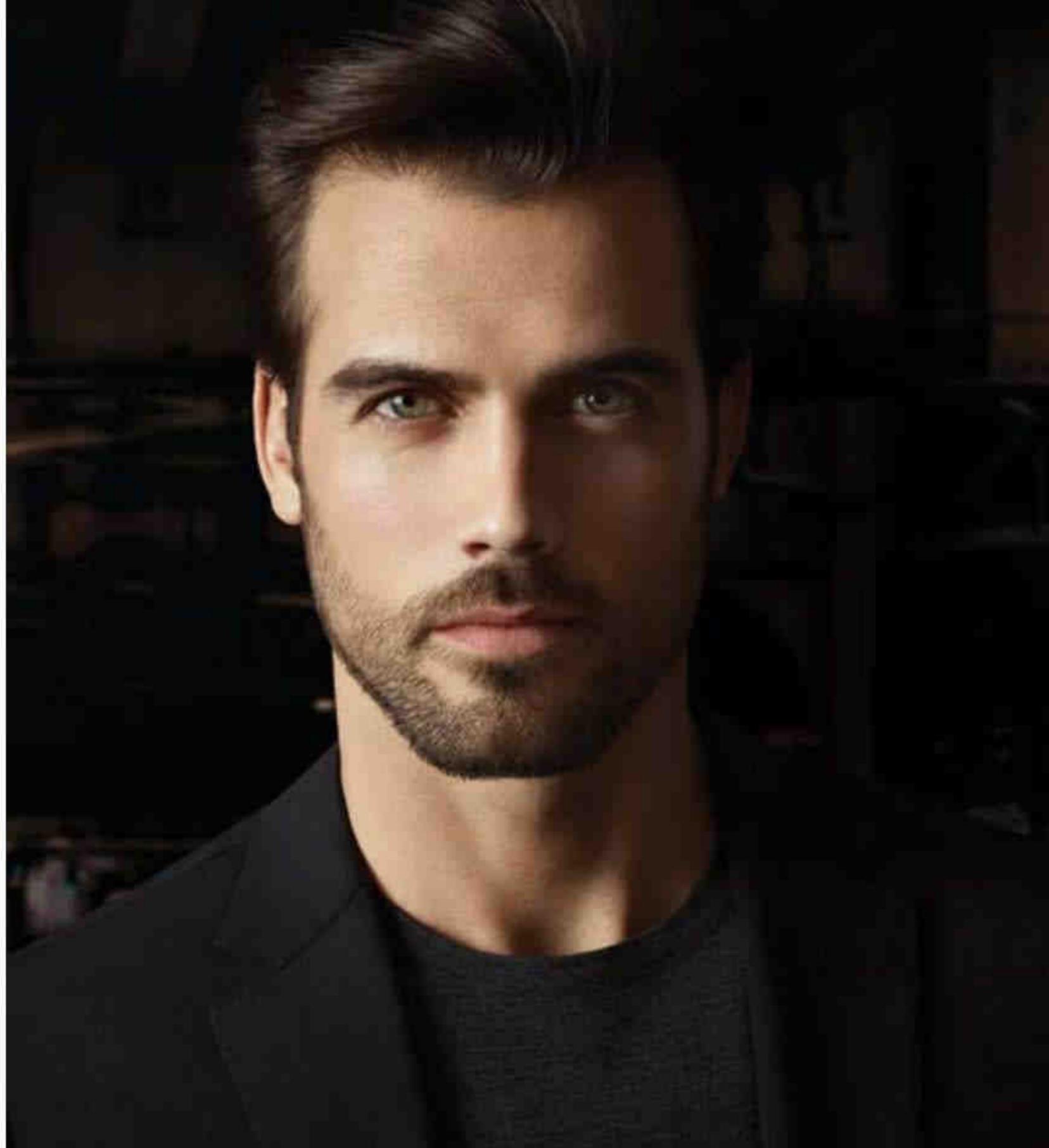
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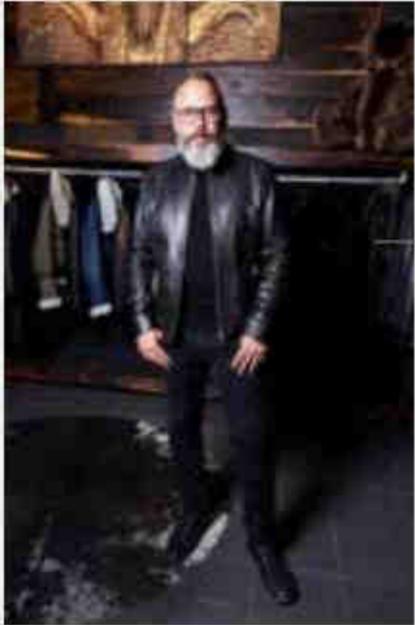
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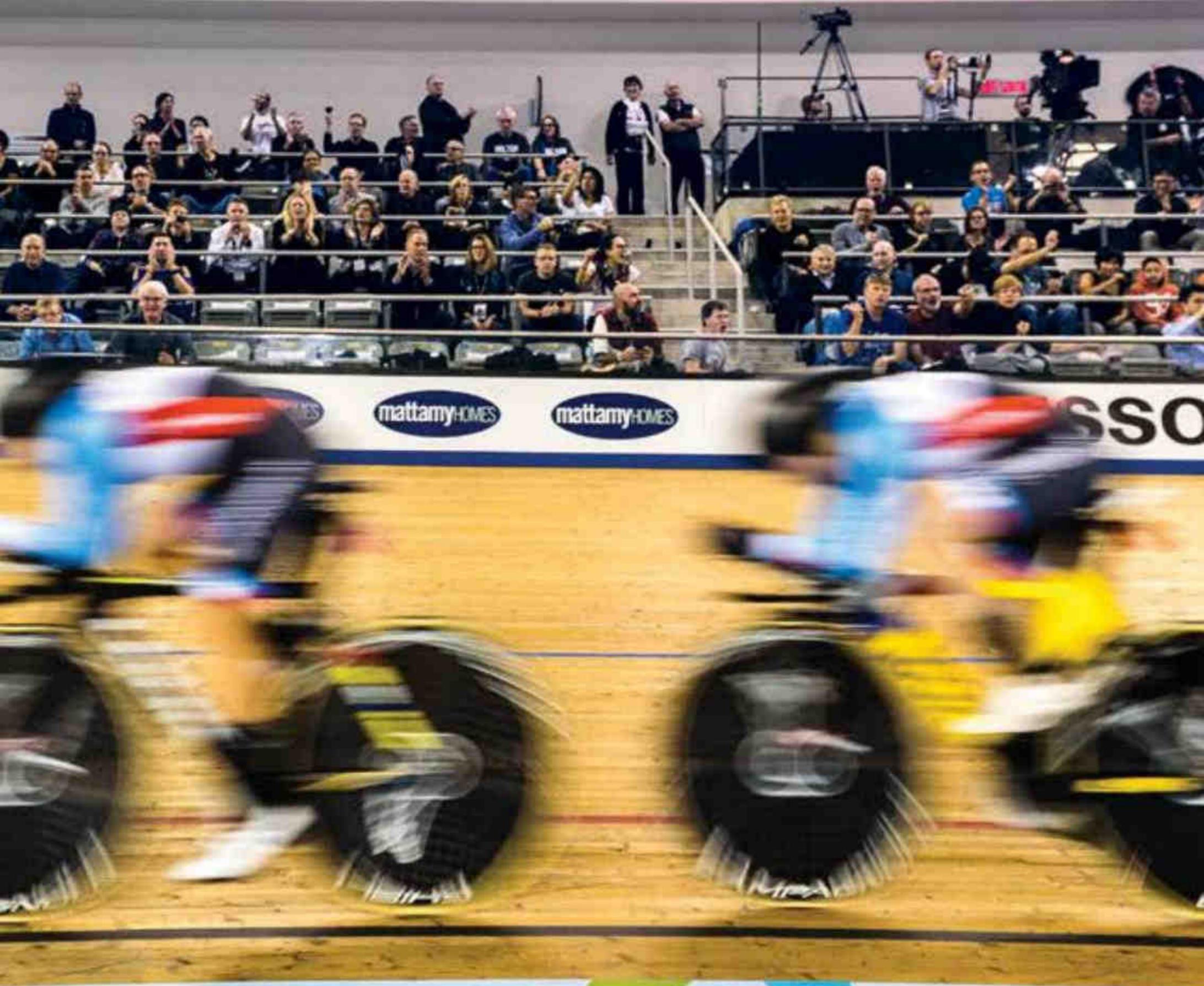


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Racing at the Tissot UCI Track Cycling
World Cup 2017
Mattamy National Cycling Centre,
Milton, Ontario, Canada

Milton is a growing hub for high performance sports in Canada

If you haven't heard of Milton, Ontario, it won't be long before you do. Located in close proximity to Toronto along Ontario's 401 Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor, Milton is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada. With its scenic natural views of the Niagara Escarpment and developing technology, science and advanced manufacturing sectors, it's no surprise Milton was rated Ontario's top place to invest in real estate in 2017 by Canadian Property Investor Magazine.

From the Pan American Games to the Track Cycling World Cup, Milton has begun to build a reputation for attracting elite and prestigious international sporting events to their community. In 2015, a UCI Class 1 indoor velodrome was constructed for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. This indoor cycling facility, called the Mattamy National Cycling Centre, is one of only two of its kind in North America. With its completion, the venue has become a beacon for the cycling community with its stunning architecture and role as the permanent home of the Canadian National Cycling team. Both beginners and cycling enthusiasts are invited to ride, rent, train and become a member of the velodrome. Year-round, visitors and tourists flock to this facility for a taste of what it is like to ride an elite indoor track.

In December 2017, Milton hosted the Tissot UCI Track Cycling World Cup at the velodrome. For the first time since 1998, Canada had a venue that was worthy of attracting the best track cyclists from around the world for this competition, including current world champions and Olympic medalists. The high-profile, three-day long event, attracted over 200 riders from more than 30 countries to the community.

Although Milton is known for being the home of Canadian cycling, this isn't the only high-profile sports organization that sees this community as a place of possibility. In 2017, Golf Canada began looking at Milton as a strong option for the official, permanent home of the Canadian Open. The Canadian Open is the premiere professional men's golf tournament in Canada and the third oldest continuously running tournament on the PGA Tour. Currently, the Canadian Open moves between several golf courses across the country, but through this proposal, RattleSnake Point Golf Club would be redesigned to accommodate spectators and high end development that would be a significant asset to the community. With more than 100,000 spectators, and a worldwide television audience of over 830 million viewers, broadcast to 226

countries in 34 different languages, this would bring a spotlight and international attention to Milton annually.

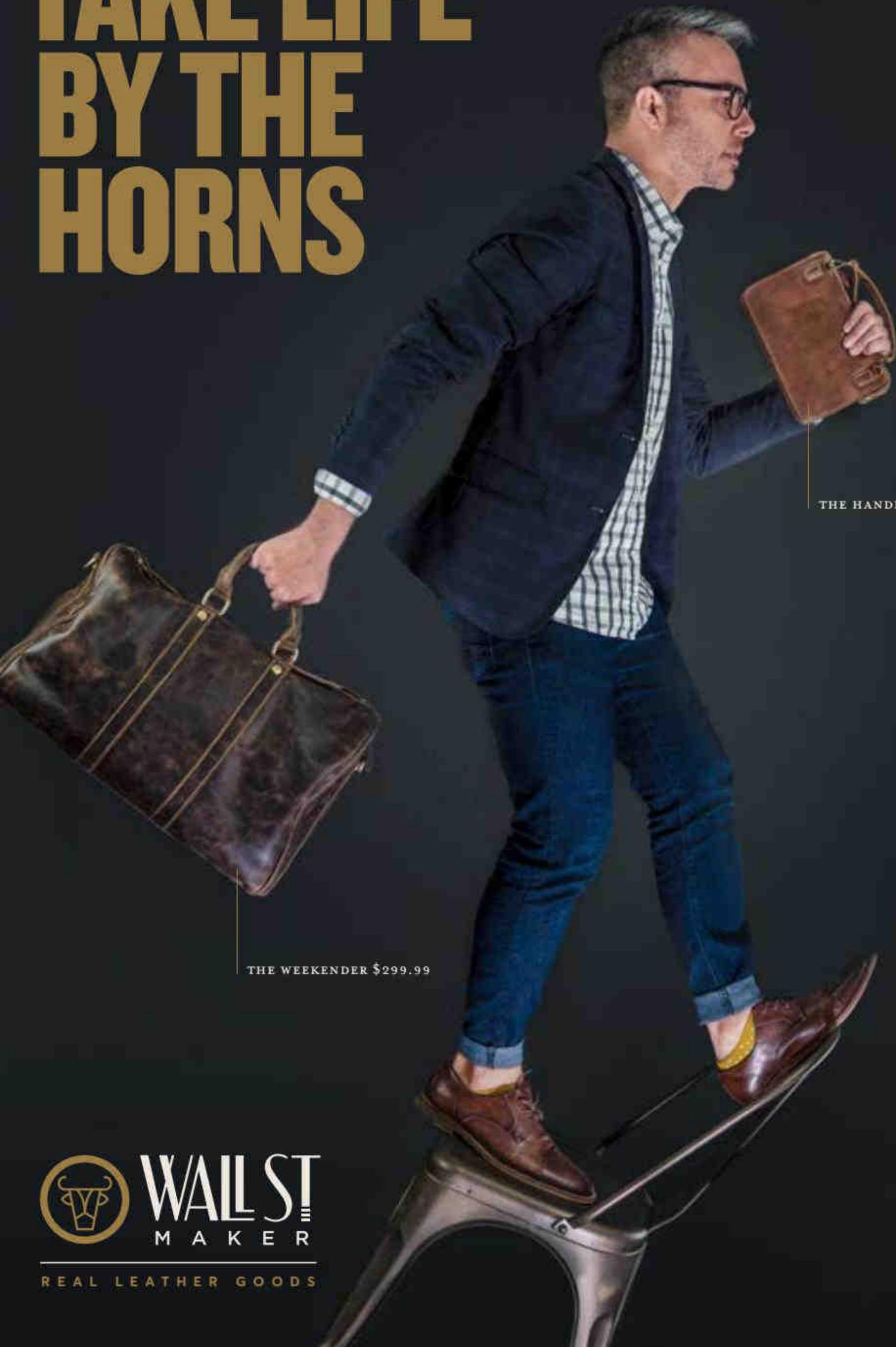
As one of the youngest and most educated communities in Canada, it's clear Milton has its eye on building a bold reputation in high-performance sports.

Given the momentum, Milton is poised to continue attracting high profile and prestigious athletic events through on-going investments in venues and partnerships that have international appeal. With the growth and development happening in this community, don't be surprised if your next major sporting event brings you to Milton. ■



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Canadian national track cycling athlete,
Amelia Walsh, training at the Track Cycling World Cup 2017
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Brian DiMarco

Founder of Barterhouse New York

BY MELISSA MCAVOY

Based in New York City, Barterhouse Founder, Brian DiMarco has curated an amazing portfolio that invites an array of restaurant, hotel, retail and private collectors to source unique wines and spirits. With features in Food & Wine, Bottlenotes, Bloomberg News and Time, DiMarco has been deemed a go-to in the wine and spirits industry.

DiMarco has a distinctive background that includes having been awarded the Grand Diploma from the French Culinary Institute, and receiving the coveted Sommelier Certificate from the Sommelier Society of America. In addition, DiMarco has worked as a professional chef alongside luminaries like Emeril Lagasse; held key marketing positions at prominent beverage companies including Anheuser-Busch, Bacardi Rums, Martini & Rossi, Dewar's, and Stella Artois; as well as served as a specialty consultant with Sherry-Lehmann, where he managed the famous New York City wine store's extensive collection of Bordeaux, red Burgundy and large-format rare vintages.



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DiMarco now uses his expertise and vast experience in the industry to supply his extensive clientele with the finest wines and spirits available. He continues to excel and grow the Barterhouse brand, while gaining an exclusive following nationwide. From their headquarters in Manhattan, Barterhouse travels to the finest wine-growing regions in the world to identify and import local wines from any price point that reflect the best traditions of the region. Barterhouse places a high value on the environment, favoring products which use sustainable techniques in their production process.

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BY JESSICA ASHLEY MERKLEY

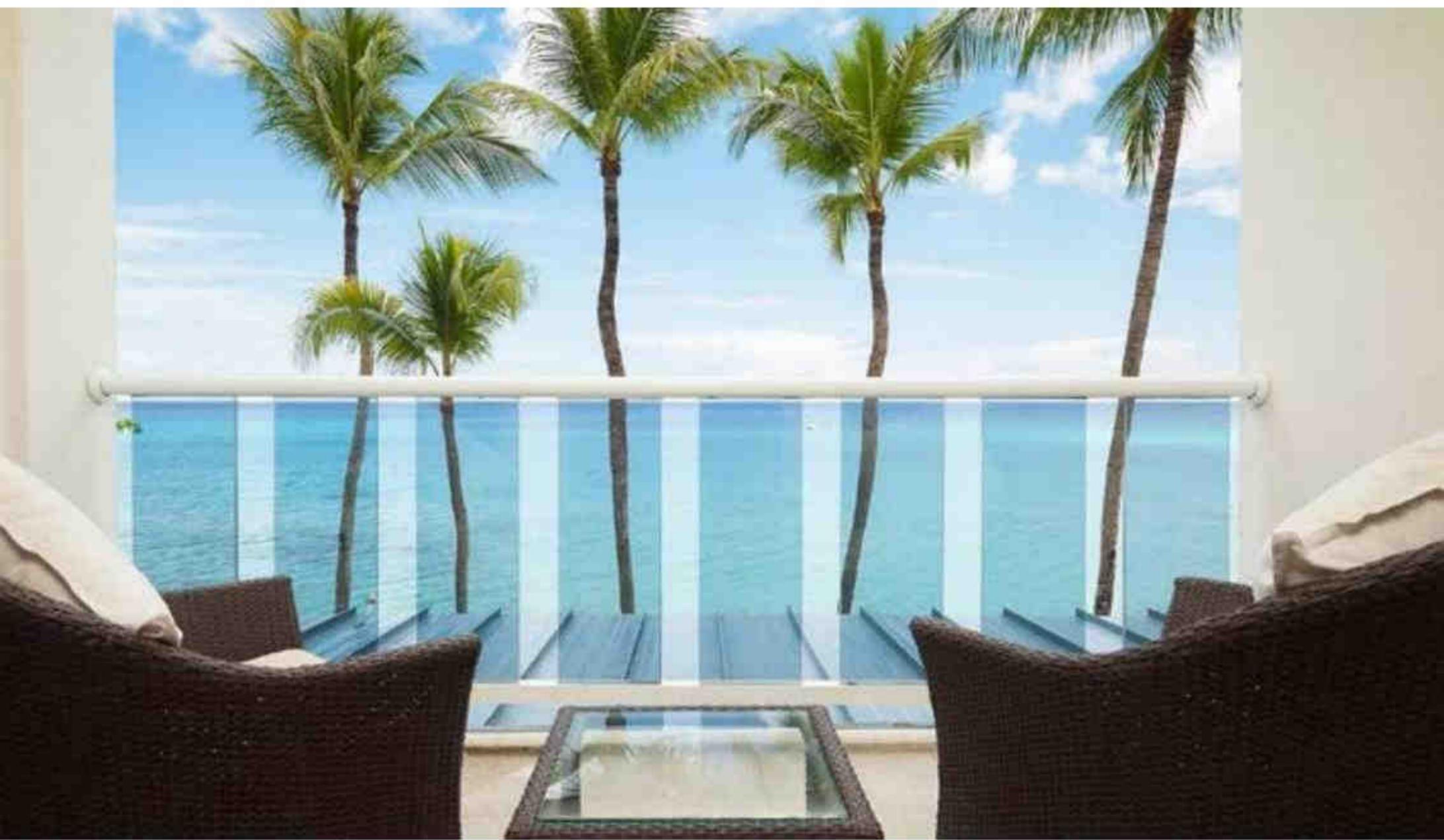
An experience of the ultimate in relaxation and luxurious rejuvenation, melded with adventure, awaits any refined traveller heading to the paradise that is Barbados. A Caribbean destination that has become one of popularity over past decades, due to the crystal-clear waters, the varied landscape, which offers a plethora of endless options as to where each day while on this remarkable island will take visitors, and welcoming locals who understand how to create a sojourn for visitors that becomes the very definition of Barbados bliss, this island easily produces a common sentiment in tourists that results in repeat visits and unexpected extended stays.

At the pinnacle of creating a restorative and enjoyable experience for its visitors, is the Elegant Hotels Group, that offer a variety of luxurious properties which cater to the needs of guests and even curate holidays to suit every type of traveller. With seven opulent resorts set alongside the western and southern shimmering shores of Barbados, Elegant has perfected producing the most memorable of stays for its guests.

“Memorable” is an understatement when it comes to describing the pampered and luxurious experience that awaits guests at The House - a boutique hotel set on the coast of Saint James, Barbados, and only a short distance from the lively atmosphere in Holetown and Bridgetown. Immediately guests are made to feel at home as they are welcomed by attentive staff at this exclusive and intimate resort. It is without doubt that the scenic ocean views and serenity that complement guests once entering through the unique passageway, and the lush garden courtyard will leave the majority breathless and swooning. Yet a glass of champagne in the open-air lobby will awaken visitors and reassure that this place, is, in fact, very real and the perfect selection for a posh and lavish home away from home.

The House is a unique boutique locale that offers privacy and serenity while also making all of the adventurous activities that an individual visiting this remarkable island could want, available. Spend your days poolside or oceanside, taking in the sights of the majestic blue waters. Indulge in a complementary outdoor jet lag full-body massage or a yoga lesson; head out paddle-boarding, followed by a catamaran ride, or zip around on a banana boat. Savour the delicious cuisine each morning at The House complementary champagne breakfast, and indulge in complementary ice cream, served directly to your lounge chair.



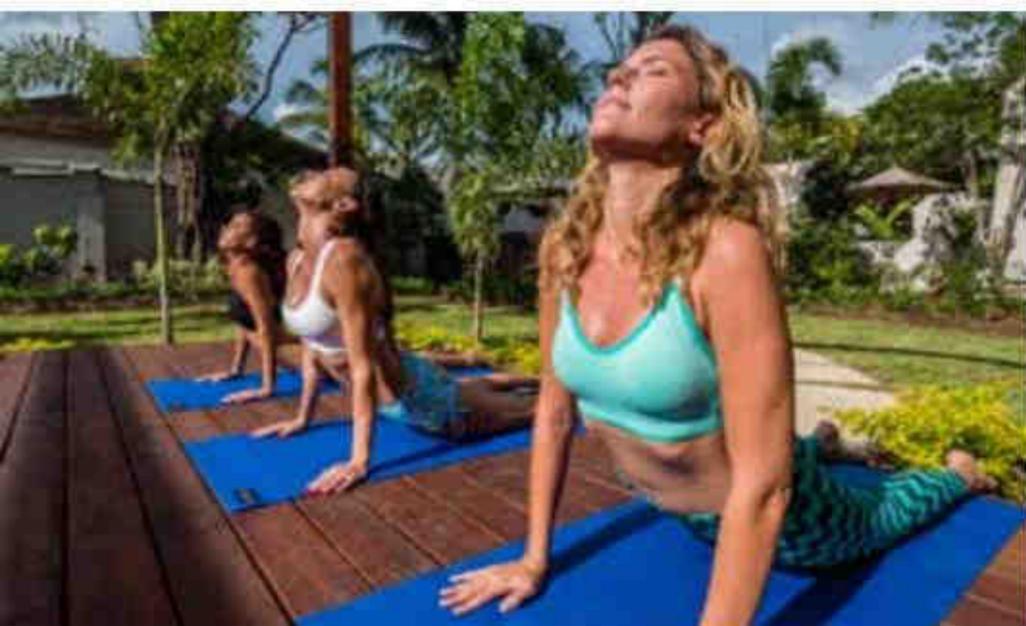


Each suite at The House is of refined and classic décor, accented with plush accessories and a homey appeal that offers immediate comfort to guests. Marble washrooms with spa-like features, ample closet space, in addition to nightly turn down service and 24-hour room service capitalize on this magnificent retreat that melds classic comforts of home with the indulgent luxuries of a much-needed getaway.

If venturing off property, to partake in day activities inland, is of interest, a truly enjoyable day can be made even more exciting and adventurous by signing up for a private polo lesson at Apes Hill Club. A short drive from The House, instructors are at the ready to coach guests on the basics of this refined sport, and to perfect techniques for those who are veterans of the game.

Whether an intimate evening on the property is on the list of to-dos, or a dining experience in a different, yet equally as appealing locale is the plan, there is no shortage of fine restaurants to keep your palate amused while visiting Barbados. The House sits alongside Daphne's - one of the island's most notable fine dining spots- and provides The House with all of the delectable eats that are served throughout the day. The restaurant is situated in an open-air setting overlooking the rolling waves. The menu at Daphne's is well-varied with unique fusions of flavors regardless of the dish selected.





For an off-property experience, in a vibrant setting, guests are encouraged to venture down to St. Lawrence Gap - a strip along the southern shore in Christ Church, Barbados- which comes alive with activity in the evening. Enjoy the ultimate in delicious foods from the sea at Primo- an exquisite culinary experience, which will begin your evening off perfectly- then find your way to any one or two of the lounges and clubs further down the bustling strip to dance the night away.

For a truly unique and luxurious experience, guests who are visiting any of the Elegant Hotels properties, are encouraged to seek out the services of Seaduced Luxury Charters' VIP catamarans. Perfect for small groups, Seaduced will provide guests with a one-of-a-kind open-water experience, paired with cocktails, fine wine, a delicious multi-course meal and a tour of Saint James' coastline.

In addition to the stunning settings and impeccable service which Elegant Hotels offers at each of their Barbados properties, the hotel group raises the bar by opening each location to any guest staying at any one of their resorts.



“Memorable” is an understatement when it comes to describing the pampered and luxurious experience that awaits guests at The House

Take a quick water taxi ride to several of the additional resorts for a change in setting, while making The House your home-base in Barbados. Waves Resort & Spa is the perfect destination for a wonderful day spa experience. From facials to massages, a spa day is certainly not to be missed while on a blissful getaway to the island of Barbados.

Follow a treatment or two at Waves up with a fabulous onsite Asian-infused meal at Shiso, situated adjacent to the resort’s calming oasis, or at Seascapes, a Mediterranean experience overlooking the ocean. Stick around to take in some lively entertainment in the main floor lounge, before heading back to the opulence that The House provides.

Visiting Barbados is wondrous all its own, yet for the utmost in luxurious accommodations, services and settings, Elegant Hotels’ properties such as The House and Waves Resort & Spa are the perfect choices for your much-needed escape and just the cure for those dreaded winter blues. For more in regards to packages and special offers, head to www.elegant-hotels.com. •



The Cove

A Ritz-Carlton Reserve Residence

BY LIBBY AUSTIN

The name Ritz-Carlton is synonymous with comfort and luxury and now you can own a little piece of Ritz-Carlton luxury. Welcome to the Cove, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve Residence in Caroline Bay, Bermuda; cultivating an air of "approachable luxury" for families who crave moments both rare and unforgettable. At Caroline Bay, Bermuda, one of the world's most exclusive resort communities, these ultra-luxurious homes are surrounded by pink sand beaches and serene, turquoise waters. Caroline Bay offers 182 acres of escape and excitement, found in water sports ranging from yachting to flyboarding and legendary golf at nearby Port Royal Golf Club, as well as world-class shopping and dining. All of which can now be yours to enjoy.



As a resident of The Cove, you will also enjoy privileged access to every amenity of the upcoming Ritz-Carlton Reserve resort. From children's activities to fine dining and couples' massages, the resort promises the best aspects of home and getaway.

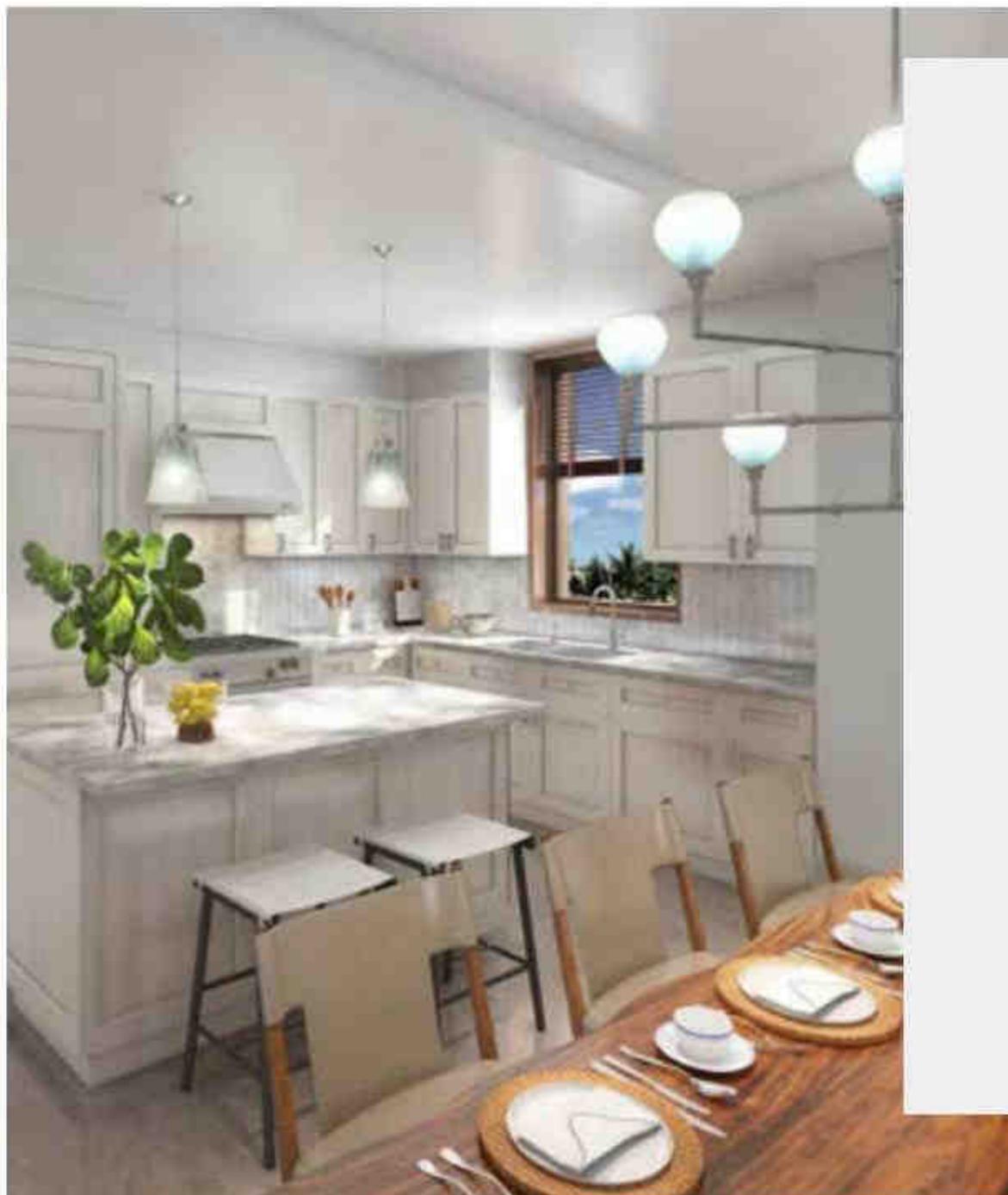
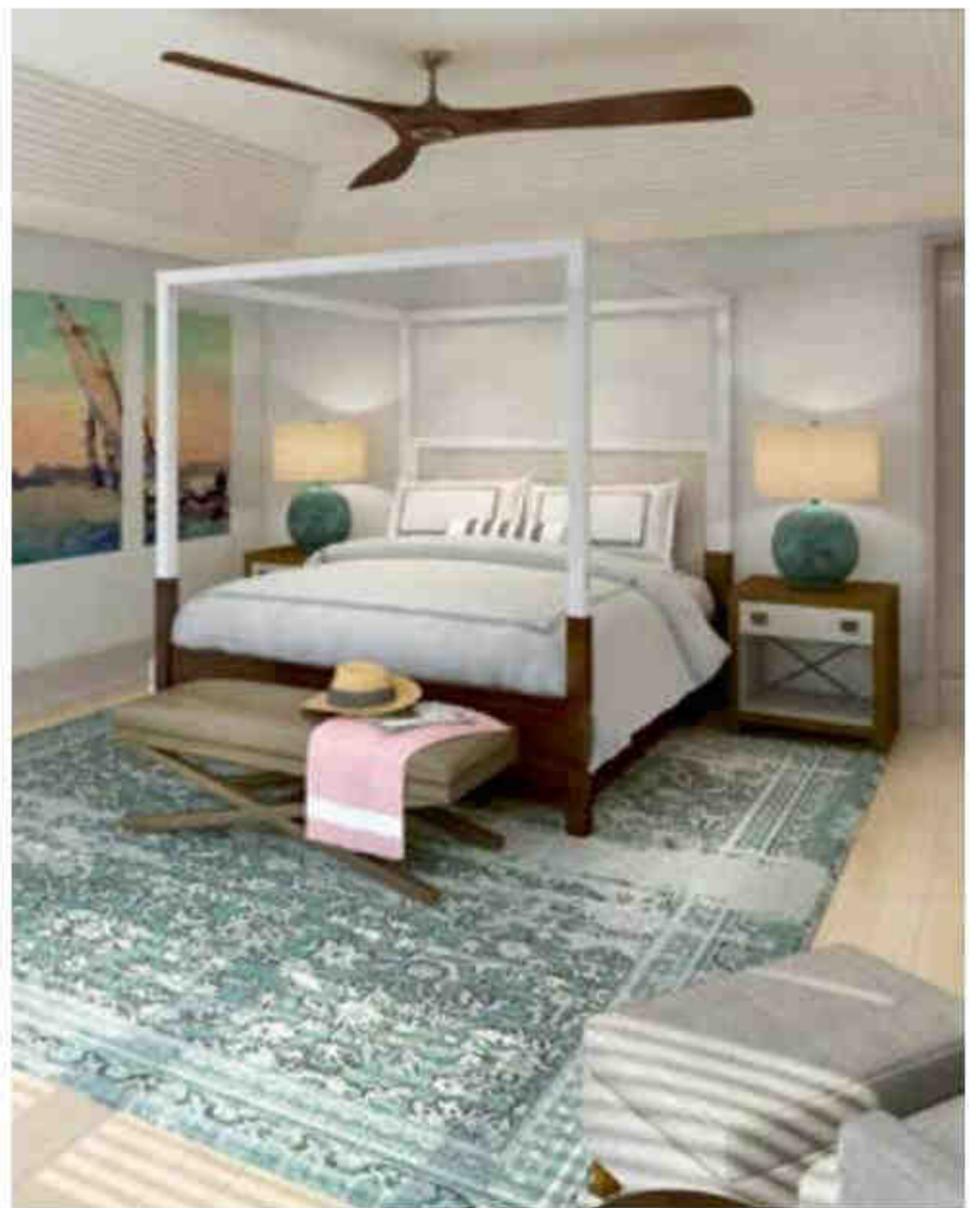
Bermuda's captivating mix of British and West Indian influences makes for a truly unforgettable experience. It's a culture that carefully preserves its past while living joyously in the moment. Residences at The Cove honor the island's British Colonial heritage, but with relaxed, contemporary feel. Crisp white exteriors, traditional stepped roofs and natural wood balconies complement interiors designed with the modern family in mind. Open floor plans flow from kitchen to dining, from indoors to out, creating a seamless setting from which to take in the salt-kissed air, calm waters and pristine beaches.

The residences include four-story buildings with two to four-bedroom plans, ranging from 1,939 to 3,174 square feet. Expansive sliding glass doors and abundant natural light and private outdoor living spaces featuring plunge pools or outdoor kitchens set the stage for unforgettable family memories.

The penthouse residence offers even more freedom for larger families or those that prefer more space. It features a grand entry hall with sightlines to the terrace, a four-person kitchen island, generous living room and a terrace that spans the entire length of the home. Two master suites and a third bedroom ensure everyone's comfort, while abundant storage and a large fourth room can serve as an office or fourth bedroom to accommodate every family's needs.

At The Cove, the easy, relaxed lifestyle of Bermuda has been translated into a design scheme of simple functionality and elegance. Meticulously curated elements celebrate the best of Bermuda — historically, regionally and stylistically — while providing highly livable gathering spaces. Deep woods, subtle textures and fine detailing create an atmosphere of calm and sophistication. Jewel-like splashes of color echo the sea and sky outside and clean architectural gestures frame dramatic ocean views.

In classic Bermuda style, the residences feature louvered shutter doors and windows, decorative glass light fixtures, luxurious custom furnishings, stone tile and solid-wood planked floors, and your choice of two interior design schemes from world-renowned interior design firm, Hersh Bedner & Associates.



The kitchen is a place to connect – whether preparing a family meal or entertaining guests. And with chef-worthy appliances, generous islands and beautiful finishes, this kitchen is sure to become the heart of your home life. Luxe features like dual-temperature wine storage and custom cabinetry and pull-down kitchen faucets are the perfect finishing touches to these sophisticated yet functional kitchens.

Thoughtfully appointed bathrooms give you the privacy and spa-quality indulgences. Oversized and outfitted with comforts like deep soaking tubs, heated towel bars, and walk-in closets, bathrooms become a much-anticipated retreat. Retractable glass doors lead to a private balcony for coveted “me time.”

The master bedroom is a true retreat, with large bathroom, walk-in closet and expansive sliding glass doors opening to the patio — and to refreshing sea breezes. Separated by spacious living and dining areas, the second bedroom offers equal escape with its own sitting area and terrace. The bedrooms offer privacy and togetherness in perfect balance.



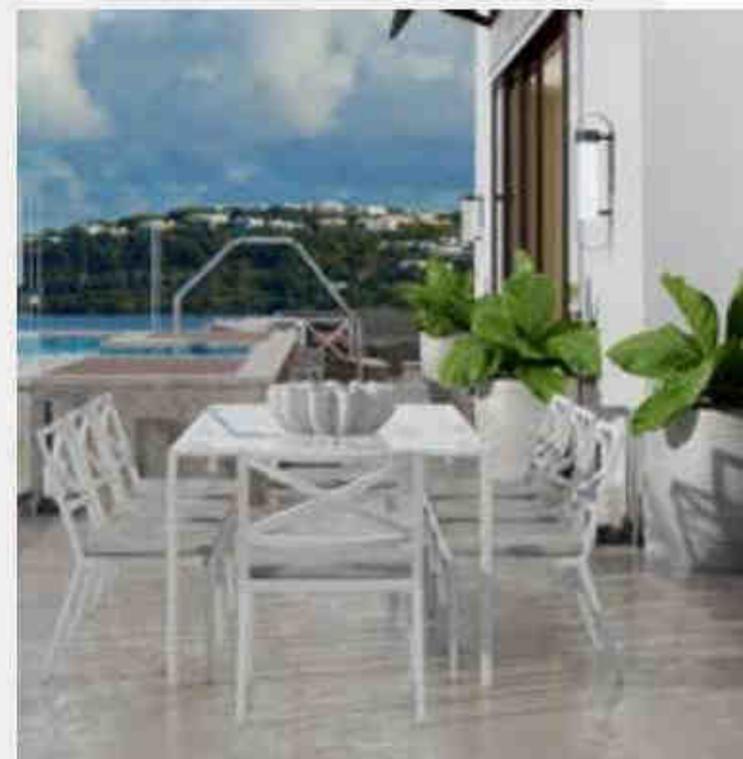
With the Bermuda shoreline as the backdrop, terraces are sure to become every family's favorite gathering place. Let your outdoor space reflect your entertaining style. For the gourmand, choose a gleaming, professional-quality outdoor kitchen. Or opt for a plunge pool for cooling dips and more active, family fun. Terraces are also equipped with inviting daybeds or lounge chairs.

Ritz-Carlton Reserve Residences are found in only a handful of the world's most extraordinary destinations. But now, families can soak up the island's unique culture and beauty in this wholly new way—with residences unrivaled in luxury and comfort, surrounded by opportunities for adventure, and supported with the ultimate, personalized service and resort amenities that only Ritz-Carlton Reserve can bring. Be among the first to call The Cove, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve Residence, home. And let the memories begin.

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Aglianico

A New Royal Reign

BY MONIQUE SIMPSON

Whether you are looking for the perfect wine for the table, a special gift or a bottle to toast at home this season, look no further than one of Italy's most historic and noble grapes, Aglianico.

Aglianico, pronounced ahl-YAH-nee-koh, is one of Italy's many native red grape varieties. Dubbed "The King of the Southern red wine varieties", its finest expressions rival Italy's star red wine players: Barolo, Barbaresco and Brunello. Aglianico is a thick skinned, early budding, late ripening grape, which thrives in warm, Mediterranean climates. The grape reaches its epitomy in high altitude sites, allowing the grapes to slowly ripen whilst maximizing flavor complexity, and volcanic rich soils which help to create wines rich in minerality and personality.

When it comes to style, generally Aglianico wines are deep in color, full bodied with fresh, elegant acidity, dense, powerful tannins and packed with flavor – rich, dark fruit, tobacco, leather, baking spices, and coffee interwoven with striking minerality. Whilst its true the Aglianico grape can achieve more steely, structured Nebbiolo-esk wines, the grape can also produce more lush, decadent styles. Regardless, the quality examples show a beautiful balance between tannin, acid and dark, expressive, plush fruit, and are capable of aging for decades.

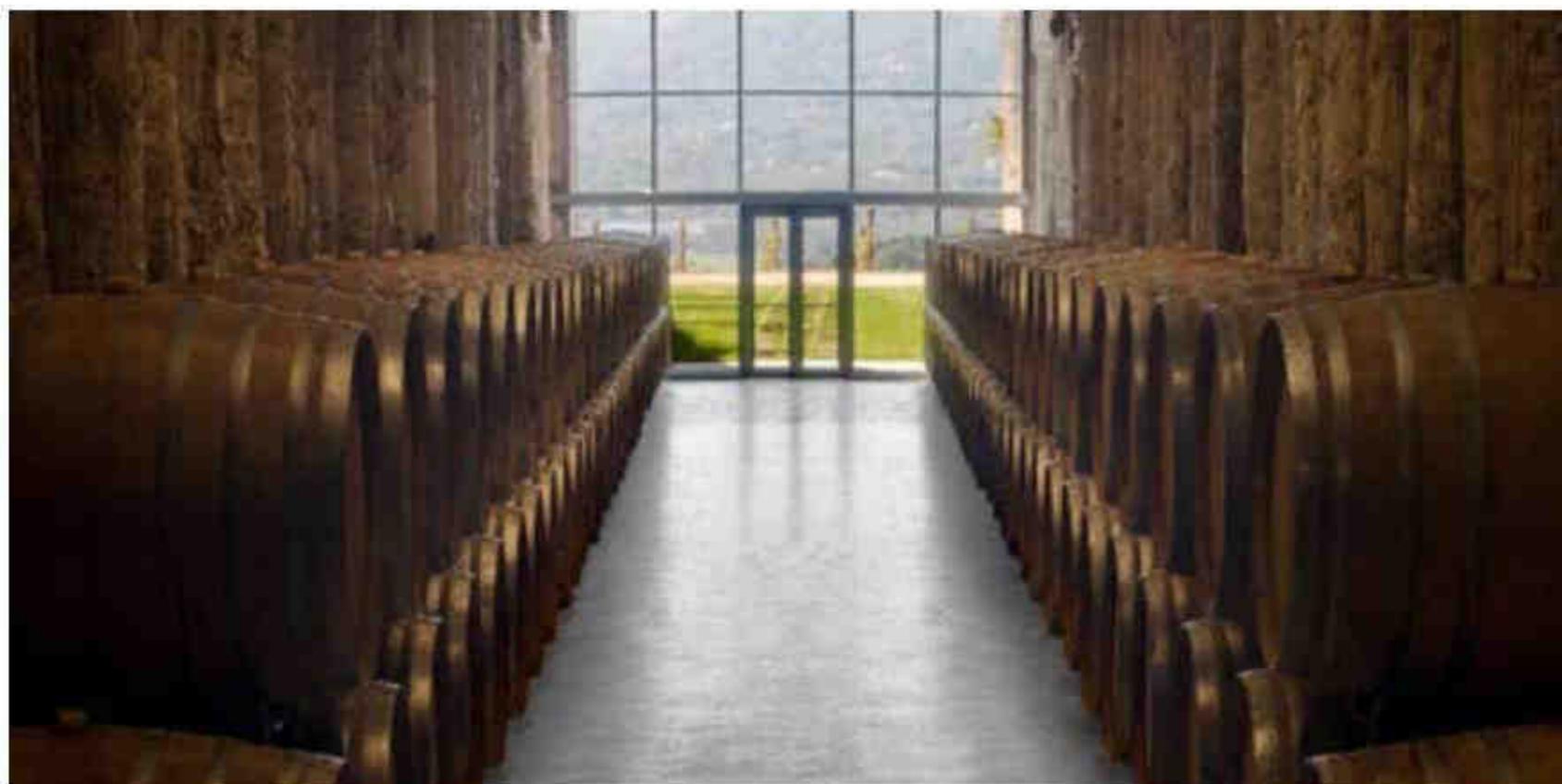
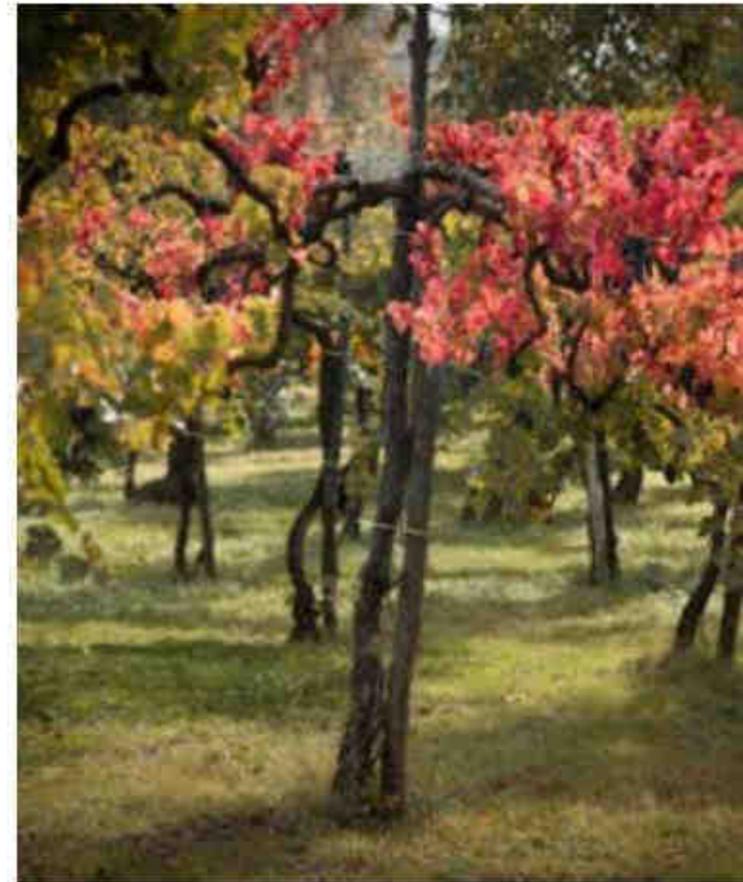


Although it's not totally untenable to enjoy Aglianico without food, the wines' enormous power doesn't make them ideal aperitif wines. Aglianico's intensity is best paired with really structured food pairings including, for example, rich, robust meat dishes such as ragu, casseroles, game, grilled lamb and beef, traditional bean and lentil soups and hard cheeses such as Pecorino.

While Aglianico is grown throughout Southern Italy, the grape finds its greatest expression in three DOCG areas (Italy's highest wine classification tier) in Campania and Basilicata. Indeed, Aglianico is often referred to as the 'Barolo of the South' at least from its two most important sites - Aglianico del Vulture DOCG in the Basilicata and Taurasi DOCG in Campania, especially around the hilltop village of Taurasi in the Irpinia region.

Today, Feudi di San Gregorio winery is one of Campania's leading producers of Aglianico wines. The family business, founded in 1986 in the tiny village of Sorbo Serpica in the Irpinia province of Campania, is run by the majority owners' son, Antonio Capaldo whom continues to take the business from strength to strength. From their iconic, sleek labels, barrique aged wines delivering more finesse and well-balanced oak, to the stunning modern wine cellar and Michelin Star restaurant, it is Feudi di San Gregorio's stroke of modernity and focus on native grape varieties that sets it apart from its rivals.

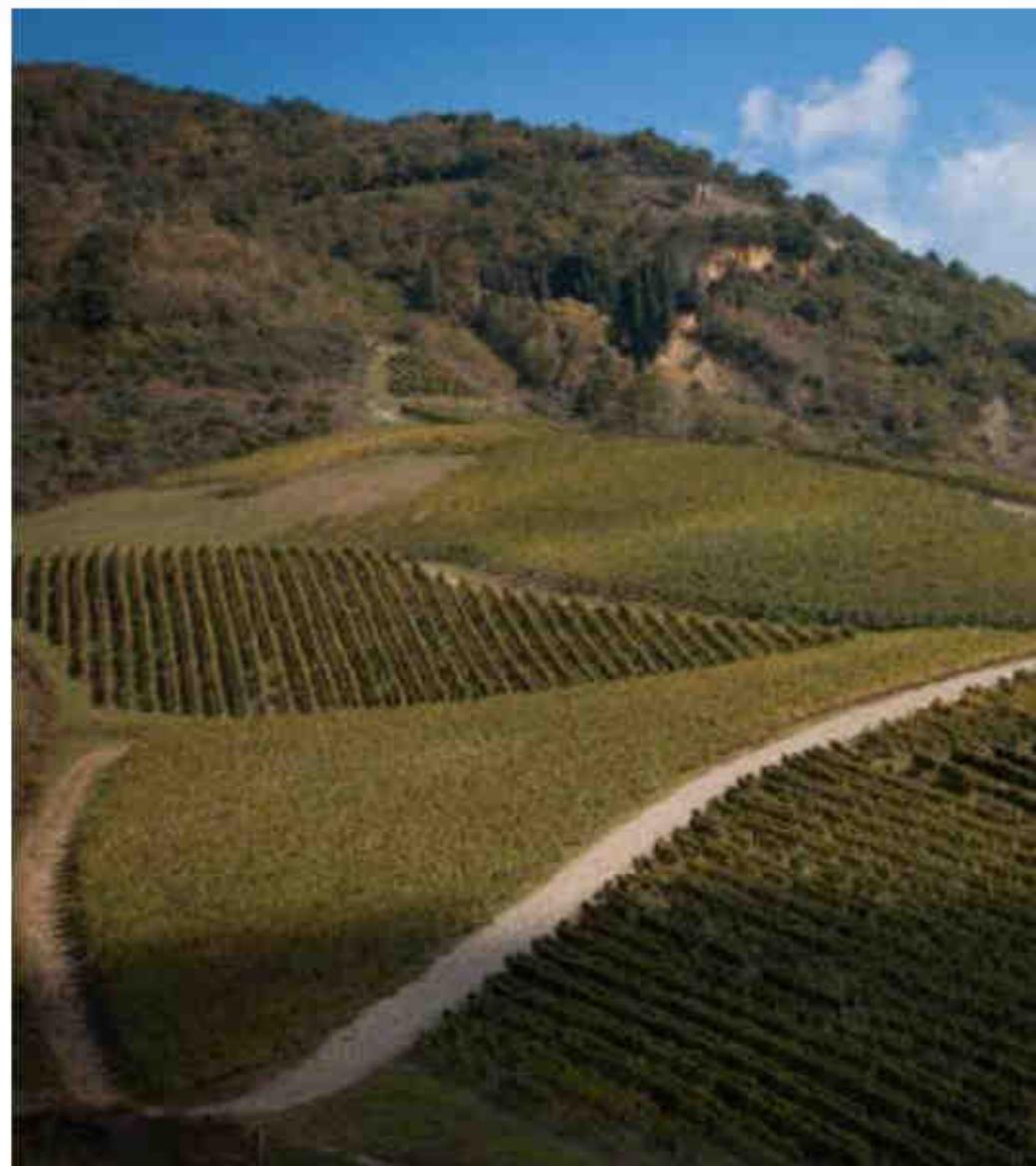
Despite its classy status, however, Aglianico remains one of Italy's greatly underrated and lesser known noble red grapes varieties where outside of Southern Italy the grape is scarcely known. Indeed, if you're wondering why you have never heard of it, you are not alone.



As Capaldo explains, “in Italy Campania wines are very popular” and hold “the same level of recognition as Tuscan wine or Piedmont wine”, which begs the question why this is not the case internationally?

Firstly, as Capaldo explains, there are “very few grapes” thus it is hard to create a “mass product”. This seems quite logical when you compare the size of DOC and DOCG areas for Aglianico versus, for example, Sangiovese, which are much smaller. Furthermore, land ownership is largely a fragmented, patchwork of tiny properties, often only a few hectares in size, owned by farmers whom continue to live off the land - eating everything they grow and making wine for home consumption.

As a result, there isn't the same intense viticulture as you may witness in other quality wine growing areas throughout Italy with vines sharing the land with fruit trees, olive trees and vegetables. As Capaldo describes “you don't see vines after vines in every type of area and every type of exposure, but this was our luck...the vine belongs exactly where it should belong”.



The second reason is largely historic. In the late 20th Century, there were only a handful of producers, whom Capaldo explains, could sell “everything” in Italy so they weren't “forced” to seek international markets for their wine. Indeed, up until the late 20th Century two producers dominated sales abroad – volume producer D'Angelo in Aglianico del Vulture and Avellino-based Mastroberardino who deserves much credit for the grapes' international success. Aglianico's commercial success of course encouraged other producers to try a similar path, however, the number of producers still remains small in relative terms. Thus, despite Aglianico's stature as one of Italy's' finest red wines, it remains a rare, wildly undervalued find in North America with only a small handful of brands available on retail shelves which you will not ordinarily stumble across unless you are in the know.

So, to royally impress and be impressed, be sure to keep Italian Aglianico in mind this season, and indeed for seasons to come. With the great potential of the grape (and the regions) only just beginning to be untapped we can certainly expect even higher levels of greatness to come in the future. ●



RECOMMENDED WINES

Re Manfredi Aglianico del Vulture 2012

Sourced from estate vineyards located on an extinct volcano, Monte Vulture, in Basilicata. Pretty floral, violet, dark berry aromas on the nose. On the palate, wine is full bodied showing a richness of minerality and concentrated dark fruit flavors with hints of spearmint and licorice. Firm, structured tannins yet approachable wine in its youth with some of that classic rustic charm. Perfect crowd pleaser.

Feudi di San Gregorio 'Taurasi' 2011

Sourced from Taurasi – regarded as the home of the flagship Aglianico style – this wine certainly doesn't disappoint. Elegant and well balanced with intense perfumed floral and dark fruit aromas, rich complexity of blackberry, dark cherry, cinnamon, tobacco, scrub flavors on the palate with striking minerality, zesty acidity and structured, supple tannins. Ample length and spicy, savory finish. Enjoy now or pop away in the cellar for another 5-10 years.

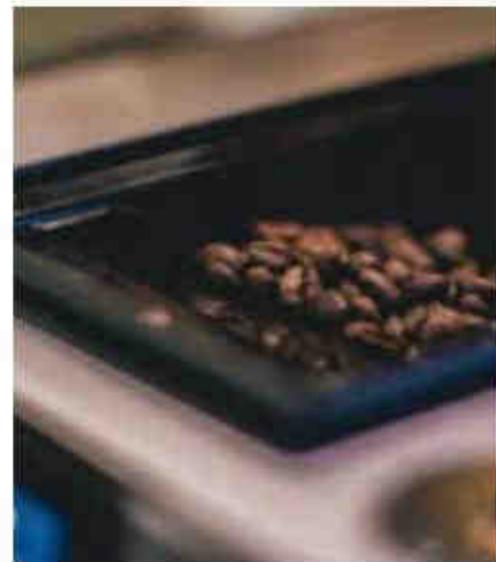
Feudi di San Gregorio 'Serpico' 2011

Undoubtedly one of the richest and most dynamic reds coming out of Italy, Aglianico grapes sourced for this wine are from centuries old vines from Feudi di San Gregorio's historic "Dal Ra" vineyard. On the nose, the wine shows a rich complexity of aromas of dried dark cherry, espresso, smoke, cocoa nibs. The palate is still coming into its own with gigantic, forceful tannins, bright acidity and remarkable concentration of dark, toasty oak, baking spice, black pepper and olive leaf. Long, generous length. A perfect gift for the wine connoisseur to cellar with terrific development potential.

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Cigar Review

A Blind Tasting, Paired with
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FUENTE OPUS X 20 YEARS CELEBRATION

Aside from a couple wrapper blemishes, this cigar is exquisite to the eye with the blue bands and a very interesting vitola. It looks, feels, and smells like quality at this point and our group was getting excited even though this was a blind tasting.

An interesting note, Cigar Aficionado says this about the blue colour choice: "According to company president Carlos Fuente Jr., this shift to blue has symbolic significance: the box's wavy blue design represents the river that runs alongside Chateau de la Fuente, where OpusX wrappers are grown. Fuente chose to render the bands and boxes in blue because he said that this was the original colour of the earliest Fuente labels."

The wrapper smells like soft cedar with hints of dried fruit while the foot smells like rum-soaked raisins. The group had a consensus of a cold draw with rum, raisins, and salted chocolate notes - We're in heaven, this cigar is a must have!

PERDOMO RESERVE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPAGNE

Perdomo's mellow work of art. Don't worry folks, the top-selling gentle-bodied masterpiece known as Champagne has not changed. It's just been repackaged to join Tabacalera Perdomo's 10 Year Anniversary of the Reserve family. Nick Perdomo is one of the best in the business when it comes to generating rich, hearty flavours backed by a truckload of strength. That's why the Champagne cigar is so special...it delivers the rich layers of complex flavours but offers a subtle, mellow-bodied profile. A supremely flavorful handmade built for anytime enjoyment that can satisfy every palate on the planet. Comprised of a fine, Cuban-seed Nicaraguan blend of extensively aged tobaccos, the Champagne is hugged by a stunning, triple-fermented Connecticut shade wrapper. The group considers the cigar superior on all fronts, boasting various nuances including rich tobacco flavours, hints of coffee, creamy undertones, and a subtle sweetness, almost like honey.

COHIBA BEHIKE BHK 54(CUBAN)

The Cohiba Behike has embodied the very definition of cigar hype since it was announced in February 2010 and hit international retailers in May of that year. Cigar Aficionado named one of the Behike sizes the top smoke of 2010—awarding it a whopping 97 points. To say this cigar has earned its fair share of press and accolades would be a massive understatement. Our group agrees this year's Behike will be yet another highly rated cigar.

The BHK 54 certainly has the aesthetic of luxury and exclusivity. The cigar comes dressed in a beautiful reddish wrapper and a hologram-faced band. Beneath are tightly packed filler tobaccos, at least a portion of which is medio tiempo, a type of sun-grown leaf that's found at the top of some tobacco plants. Clipping away a small portion of the pigtail cap reveals an easy draw despite the crowded cross-section of interior tobaccos. Here you'll find a gentle aroma of hay and honey. Once lit, the BHK 54 starts medium-bodied with subtle notes of cedar, coffee, earth, cream, and a bit of truffle. We also find powdery cinnamon on the finish, especially after the midway point.

At the end of the day, We can't help but factor price into the equation when deriving a final rating for the Behike BHK 54. But if you had a special occasion coming up, this is the cigar to get. •



B&B BLIND RATING 92

Wrapper	Factory	Vitola
Dominican Republic	Tabacalera A. Fuente y Cia	Gods Whisper (6 1/2 x 56)
Binder	Undisclosed	Price Point
		\$20-\$24
Filler	Undisclosed	Availability
		Limited
Brand		
Arturo Fuente		

PAIRING

We started with a Ron Zacapa Rum, very smooth and sweet, this did not take away from the cigar but rather added a nicer sweet finish. A pair we recommend if you have the dollars.



B&B BLIND RATING 90

Wrapper	Factory	Vitola
Connecticut	Nicaragua	Robusto
Binder	Nicaragua	Price Point
		\$20-\$24
Filler	Nicaragua	Availability
		Mostly Everywhere
Brand		
Perdomo		

PAIRING

We paired this cigar with a beautiful rich coffee from Fiema (add the coffee machine) made on the new machine...the coffee was bold but the cigar was mellow, we thought it would be a great pair and we were right!



B&B BLIND RATING 97

Wrapper	Factory	Vitola
Cuba	Cuba	BHK 54 (5.7 x 54)
Binder	Cuba	Price Point
		\$45-\$120
Filler	Cuba	Availability
		Everywhere
Brand		
Cohiba		

PAIRING

We didn't pair anything but, based on our past experience, a nice Glenfiddich 18 neat would be our recommendation.



Visiting Dublin and the Guinness Storehouse

BY GERALD GLAVOTA

With Saint Patrick's Day coming upon us a visit to Dublin and The Guinness Storehouse is not far out of the question if you plan it out. I was fortunate to fly out to visit last year for a special press trip but many of the history rich experiences are available to you.

Enter the Guinness Storehouse, the quintessential museum for travellers to Dublin, and for some their first Guinness Pint is tasted here. In the Centre of the main floor, you'll see encased, a copy of the 9,000-year lease that Arthur Guinness (1725-1803) signed on the four-acre brewery at St James's Gate. Look up and you'll see various glass panels staggered all the way up. You, ladies and gentlemen, are standing in the middle of the largest Guinness pint glass and it's pretty cool.

Travel up to the Gravity Bar on the 7th Floor and you are essentially on the "head" of the pint. The 360-degree panoramic view is spectacular, whether at night or during the day, you now are looking out from the second highest building - no skyscrapers here. I was lucky to experience both views during my trip to the Guinness Storehouse and as you can see, it was indeed spectacular. Encompassed within this view is the now approximately 60-acre Guinness premises.

It all began in 1759 with the lease on St. James's Gate, three years after starting brewing with his brother, the brewery also had the benefits of two fresh water sources that in addition to providing water to the brewery also provided a means of transportation that Arthur Guinness had been able to envision. He had begun brewing ale and in the 1770s started brewing Porters and by 1799 he was only brewing Porter which developed into the Guinness we know today. Stout is a form of Porter and a darker form of beer.

A trip to the archives presented me the opportunity to view a small part of the collection that houses everything from employee files, early notebooks which includes the Brewers Guild book from 1750, the Brewers Notebook which has various recipes - particularly experimental - including many that are in use (those pages were not shown to us), labels, bottles, advertising, various artifacts and Guinness related creations. It is truly amazing what has been preserved, I was fortunate to be able to meet and talk with both Evelyn and Fergus, archivists at the Storehouse.

New label inspirations are taken from the archives label books that go back The first prototype trademark label, shown on a single page, shows the three main aspects of a Guinness label which are trademarked: the Guinness word itself; the Harp which is left leaning (note the Euro coin has a right leaning Harp); and the Arthur Guinness signature.

Arthur Shand, from about 1899 to 1920, was employed as the Guinness World traveller who ventured across the various world markets and reported back on Guinness-How was Guinness selling? What markets was it selling in? Who was drinking the beverage? What price was it retailing for?

He also reported back on the cities he visited. An extract from the Shands Report ... "Toronto, Dated Visited - 19/22 May, 1913"

You will remember when I visited this city last year I expressed surprise over the growth of the City since I visited it last. The increase since then seems incredible, as the population is now 475,000. The skyscraper buildings which have been erected in the last few years would do credit to any City, and still they are being built.

The consumption of Canadian Ale and Porter, also American Lager continues to be very high. I fancy the O’Keeffe Brewery Co. but all the Brewery Co.’s within the reach of the City are represented, such as the Berlin Lion Brewery Co. of Berlin; Carling Brewing Co., of London, also Labatt’s of the same City; Hamilton Brewing Association of Hamilton, and many others. The price charged for all Canadian Ales and Stouts is the same – quarts, \$1.20 per doz.; pints, 90 cents, and the Hotels and Bars charge 25 cents per quart and 15 cents per pint.

I was able to take a look back at our great city through Mr Shands Report, further illustrating the vast amount of information contained within the Guinness Storehouse archives. He was one of the first market researchers and brand ambassadors to collect so much data and insight on the brand and consumers worldwide.

Lunch was a special treat in the 1837 Bar & Brasserie, most of the dishes are prepared with Guinness as an ingredient. If you are looking for some recipes, let me see what I can do – please send me your request at gerald@gzwhisky.com. As good as lunch was, the Guinness Connoisseur Experience was next. The grand private bar where we tasted three Guinness—Original Extra Stout, Foreign Extra, and Dublin Porter – culminating with a Guinness stout which we poured ourselves. Generally, there are up to 16 people taking part in the experience three times a day (a fourth is added during busier times) and there were five of us there. Occasionally, we’ve had numbers appear in our journey of whisky, spirits, and beer. This time the magic number is 119.5, much too high to represent the Universe! Are we looking at multiple dimensions? Quite possibly: tilt; pull; settle; top-up. The dimensions come together in 119.5 seconds to give you the Perfect Pour, fascinating? Delicious!

But how? Four simple ingredients make all beer: Barley; Hops; Water; and Yeast. Not so fast. The Barley is a mix of malted, unmalted and roasted barley. Hops are used in a higher proportion to make Guinness compared to ales and lagers. Water comes from springs in the Wicklow Mountains, about 10 miles south of Dublin. Finally, yeast is used to start the fermentation process as it does in the whiskey making – if you recall from last year, it is a “beer” mixture that is distilled to make whiskey. Unfortunately, there was no mention of a successful attempt at Guinness Whiskey. Are they hiding something? Probably not but it’s always good to think outside the norm, that’s how discoveries happen.

A special evening was ahead since a number of us were given a preview of the collaboration between the Guinness Storehouse and Air BnB to offer a “Night at the Storehouse.”

Renowned interior designer Graham O’Donnell, transformed the space at the Gravity Bar that allowed for play, rest and the variations in between. He incorporated artifacts from the brewery, its archive, and Irish artisans.

It has been suggested that you can survive by only drinking Guinness, unfortunately, this is not the truth. The food was created by Guinness Storehouse Executive Chef Justin O’Connor using local ingredients.

The special experience “Night at the Storehouse” together with the day we had is much vaster than this and something that you should experience. I would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and making this journey memorable. There is so much within the Guinness Storehouse, there is also so much around Dublin that has been the result of the generosity of the Guinness family. Their workers were, from what I understand, some of the first to receive health care. The reputation of the company transcends time to today. I was fortunate to visit the Storehouse and a number of other sights around Dublin. All much more memorable than I had imagined, I’m not sure how soon it will be before I return but if you’re there before me let me know—gzwhisky on social media.

Can I leave Dublin without mentioning Whiskey? Off course not, especially since Diageo has recently resurrected the George Roe & Co. brand and started making its whiskey again. There are two pictures that have made it to this story, the first is the windmill which is the only structure that remains from the original building and the second has my old phone with that picture on the only remaining picture from the time the distillery was around. There are great stories about the competition between Misters Guinness and Roe but hopefully we’ll visit them at a future date. ●



RITZ CARLTON CAFÉ

In the 1800's it was common to have only 2 meals a day, breakfast and then dinner around 8pm. Around 1840, the 7th Duchess of Bedford found herself hungry between meals and desired to have a light snack of tea and sandwiches between breakfast and dinner. She soon started to invite her friends to have 'Tea' with her and enjoy a leisurely stroll through her garden afterward. It soon became a popular social event among the elite to host Afternoon Tea in their drawing rooms.

The Afternoon Tea experience at Ritz Café honors the tradition from 19th Century England, with a selection sweet and savory delights and a choice of classic and themed teas from created by the hotel's certified tea sommeliers and Sloane Fine Tea Merchants. •



Ritz Café Afternoon Tea

Outlet: Ritz Café

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 12pm–4pm

Price: \$ 28 + HST per person

Reservation: No prior reservation required. However, reservations can be made by calling 416-585-2500 or online at www.ritzcarlton.com.



Menu

Ritz Café Afternoon Tea

12pm–4pm

Tea Sandwiches

(please choose 3 types)

Cucumber & Herbed Cream Cheese
Salmon Gravlax & Dill Crème
Roast Beef & Creamy Horseradish
Smoked Ham & Tomato Jam
Egg Salad & Watercress

Sweets

The Ritz Carlton Signature Cake
Classic Cheese Cake
Fruit Tart

Fresh Baked Scones

Devonshire Cream & Preserves

Selection of Sloane Leaf Tea

Signature Black,
Heavenly Cream
Earl Grey
Celebration Medley
Citron Camomile
Classic Green



Tradition Pushing Boundaries

Prince Harry Inspires the Invictus

BY JESSICA ASHLEY MERKLEY

Formerly known as the rebellious and boundary-pushing youngest of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, Prince Harry has since reinvented himself and has earned the respect of the masses for his continuous humanitarian efforts and ongoing focus advocating and supporting the mental, emotional and physical health of military veterans while doing his part to help eradicate the stigma often attached when individuals suffer from mental health issues.

The royal, who is now 5th in line for the British throne, behind his father, Prince Charles, his eldest brother, Prince William, and William's two youngsters (soon to be three), has not casually stepped aside from using his prominent status for good. Despite likely never becoming a monarch, himself, Harry keeps the spirit of his benevolent mother alive, by doing good.

Harry has spearheaded the Heads Together Campaign with his older brother, and the future king, Prince William, along with William's wife, the Duchess of Cambridge. The brothers suffered a devastating loss 20 years ago when their beloved mother, "The People's Princess" died tragically in a car accident and have since explained how this life-changing event affected them both deeply.

Harry spoke openly about his devastation after learning of the tragedy that had befallen their mother, in addition to noting how he and William intended to keep her memory alive from the time of Diana's death, during a recent BBC interview.

"Now all I want to do is try and fill the holes that my mother has left, and that's what it's about for us — is trying to make a difference and in making a difference, making her proud. She was the Princess of Wales, and she stood for so many things, but deep down inside for us, she was a mother. And we will miss our mother, and I wonder every single day what it would be like having her around."

Prince William and Prince Harry now continue to do their part to make a difference, much like their mother had so many years ago, and the young royals undoubtedly make the Princess of Wales proud, daily.

One prominent avenue for doing just this includes how the rusty-haired royal has independently initiated the Invictus Games, which is an annual event that recognizes those who have served for their countries and experienced physical or mental impacts.





Photos by Chris Jackson



Prince Harry first began his journey to bring these annual games to fruition when attending the Warrior Games back in 2013. The young royal saw how sport could assist in a number of manners, such as physically, psychologically and socially. The fire was lit which led to Harry naming the games Invictus- meaning “unconquered,” then the plan for the inaugural games in London was set and the international sporting event for sick, injured and wounded Service men and women came to be.

Prince Harry has since remarked on what these games mean and how they succeed in recognizing the brave men and women who have served.

“These Games have shone a spotlight on the ‘unconquerable’ character of service men and women and their families and their ‘Invictus’ spirit. These Games have been about seeing guys sprinting for the finish line and then turning ‘round to clap the last man in. They have been about teammates choosing to cross the line together, not wanting to come second, but not wanting the other guys to either. These Games have shown the very best of the human spirit.”

The most recent games were held in Toronto, Canada in September, 2017, which included regular appearances and support from Prince Harry and his soon-to-be wife Meghan Markle, of the hit legal drama Suits.

There were many memorable and moving moments that resulted from the sporting events, which succeeded in bringing recognition to brave veterans, while also unifying the great city of Toronto for a unique and purposeful cause. Michael Burns, the CEO of the Toronto Invictus Games, shared one account that prominently reminds of the message intended to be communicated globally via the games.

“There were so many incredible moments. One competitor gave his gold medal to the family of a fallen comrade. The men and women who helped their fellow competitors across the finish line, and the children who ran to their parent on the podium. All of these incredible moments have changed Canada and the way we think about wounded warriors. The Games have united us in a positive and very powerful way.”

Burns shared openly with Preferred about his own personal ties to the cause of veteran support and awareness, noting that a friend’s son was killed in Afghanistan in 2007. Matthew Dawe, only 27 at the time, and the youngest of four sons who have served our country in the Dawe family, was tragically killed when the vehicle in which he was riding was destroyed by a remotely detonated roadside bomb, just outside Kandahar City. Many involved in these incredible games, have similar stories and personal ties or accounts, easily reminding about the importance of such a unifying annual occasion.

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who rolled up his sleeves and wanted to make a difference. We certainly enjoyed our chance to take some of his ideas for the games and advance them, seeing as he brought two years of experience to the Toronto Invictus Games. Just to watch him interact with the competitors, really what you saw through Prince Harry, was his mother.”

Burns also commented in regards to Prince Harry’s own reaction to the success of the games in Toronto, stating that “he was absolutely mesmerized by the reaction –in particular, those here in Toronto–had to these games,” also reminding how the Toronto games turned the Invictus Games into “a global movement.”

The 2017 Invictus Games involved a multitude of intense events, including, indoor rowing, powerlifting, road cycling, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, golf, wheelchair rugby, archery and athletics. The Toronto games were also the first to incorporate the Invictus Games relay, which helped to ignite “the Invictus Games spirit across all 32 Canadian military bases and neighbouring communities.”

When the Toronto games wrapped, the inspirational royal spoke about the enduring spirit he witnessed in the city while brave men and women represented their countries proudly and reminded all that the games are not for those who are already brave, but for those who need to uncover their unconquerable abilities. Michael Burns also relayed how Prince Harry truly carried on his mother’s spirit by his active involvement in the games, in addition to remarking on Harry’s full support given to all of the participants at the games.

“He’s the founder and a veteran himself, so [Prince Harry] understands as well as anyone the unique challenges families face, those, who as a result of their service, have come home injured or wounded, and over the years we have had the opportunity to work closely with him and his team. For him, he was all in. He was out at all the venues, he was meeting with the competitors, and their family and friends and we were very fortunate to have someone like Harry, who wasn’t simply a figurehead, but someone

Burns, who spoke emphatically with Preferred about the success of the Toronto games, shares how the results far surpassed his and the organizers expectations on the grandest of scales.

“These games were by every measurement a massive success for the country, and if you look at the high level numbers, you know, it goes something like this- we had 111 countries around the world tune in and follow these games; we had a worldwide audience of 40 million people; the team, over 18 months, delivered more than 2 billion global marketing impressions; we were completely sold out from start to finish and one of the best ways to describe the feeling that people had, was when somebody from the Canadian Olympic committee said to me, ‘The Olympics needs to be more like the Invictus Games.’ Unlike the Olympics, where it’s about the medals and the politics, these games were all about putting the triumph of the human spirit on full display.”

Burns added that even more so than the impact the games had for participants and their families, perhaps even more astounding was “the impact that these games had on the general public.”

The 2018 Invictus Games have been announced and are set to be held in Sydney, Australia this October. The 2018 games will see 500 competitors partaking from seventeen nations and will include 10 sports, with events happening across the Greater Sydney Area while many will happen at Sydney Olympic Park and the Sydney Harbour. Michael Burns shared his belief that the upcoming games will “build on what [Toronto organizers] did here in Toronto, as well as in Orlando and London,” in previous years and “just put on a great experience.”

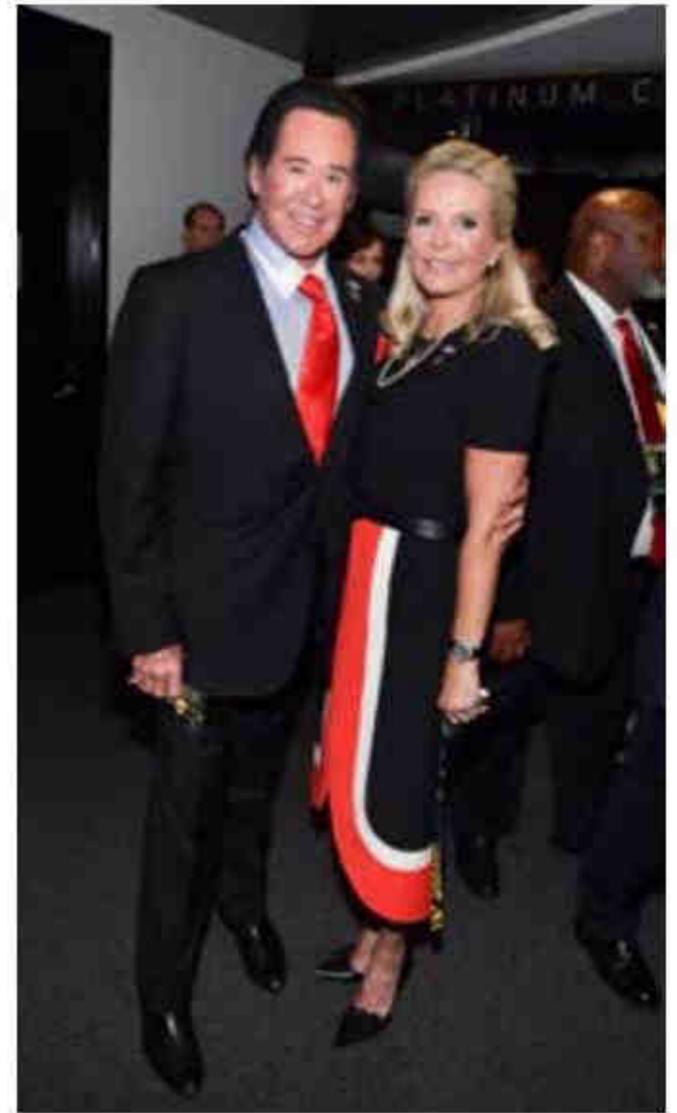
Once more, the annual event will be an inspiration to many, who struggle with adversity, while competitors come together for a common goal.

Until then, Prince Harry has got his plate full with ongoing royal duties to perform on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, who has begun passing more tasks to her grandsons, and most recently, Prince Harry has been making the rounds with his fiancée, Meghan Markle in celebration of the beautiful couple’s recent engagement. The beauty and Harry have announced that they will marry in May at St. George’s Chapel of Windsor Castle.

For more about the Invictus Games, visit www.invictusgamesfoundation.org.



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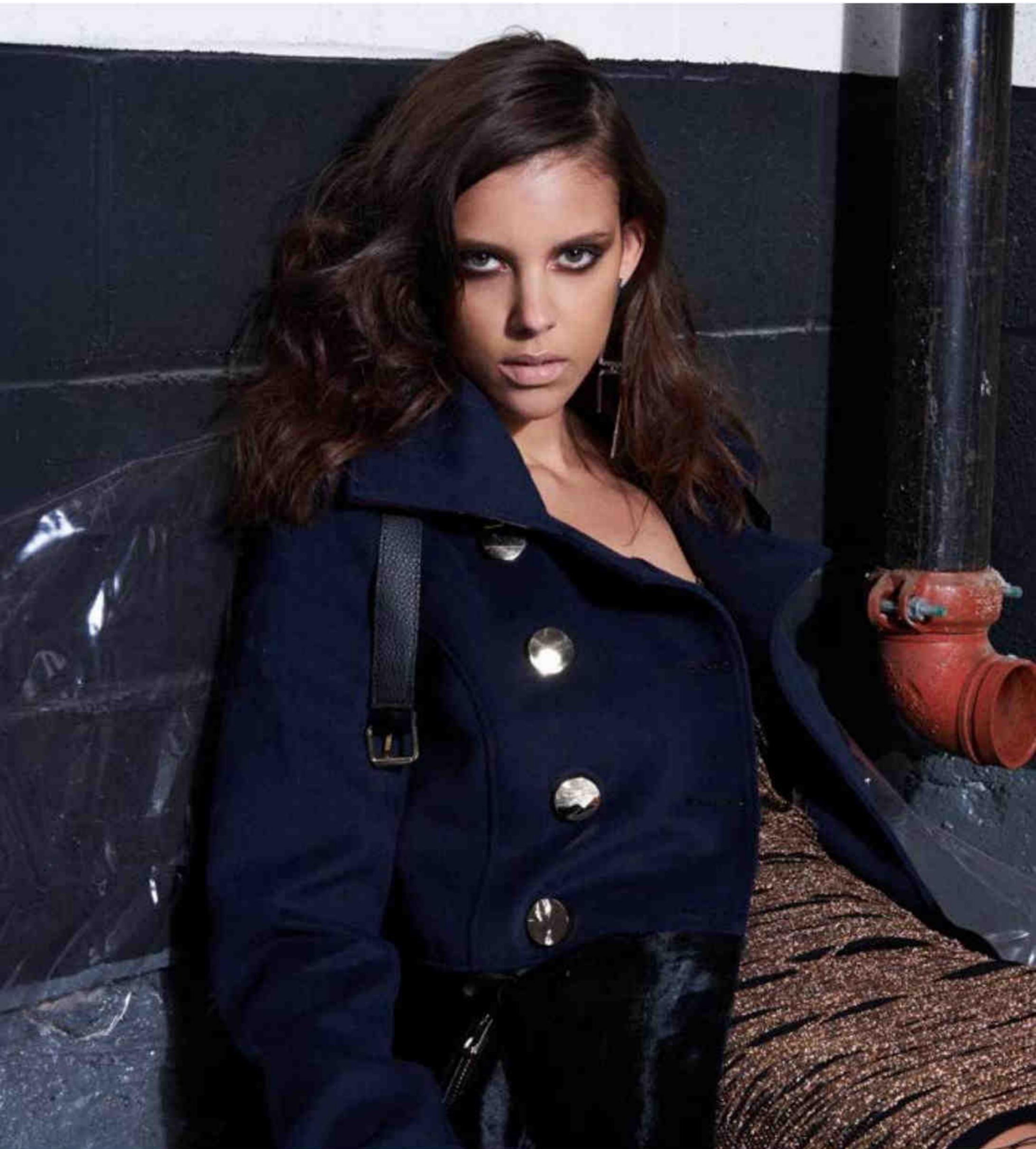


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Black Boots Aldo Shoes

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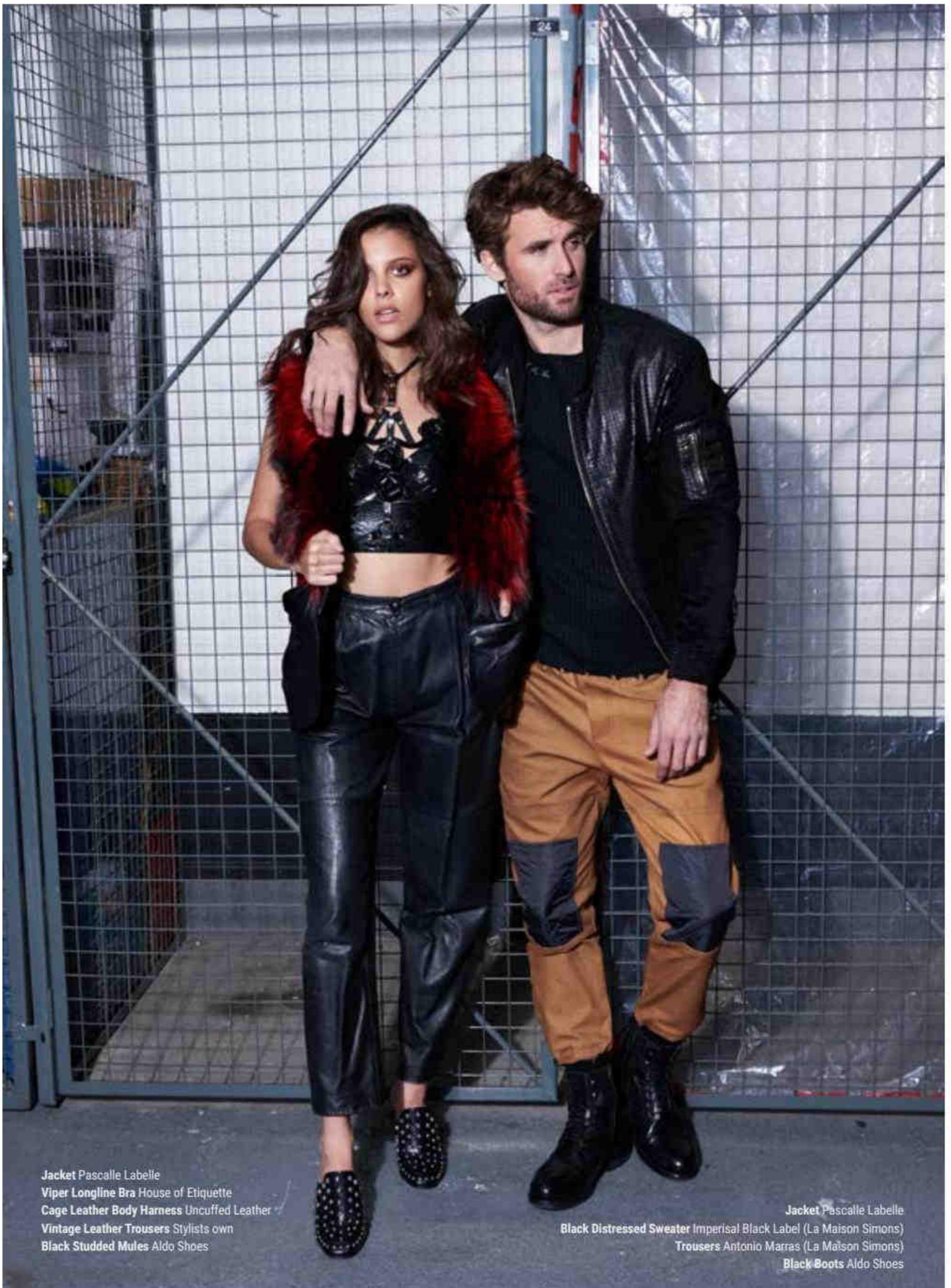
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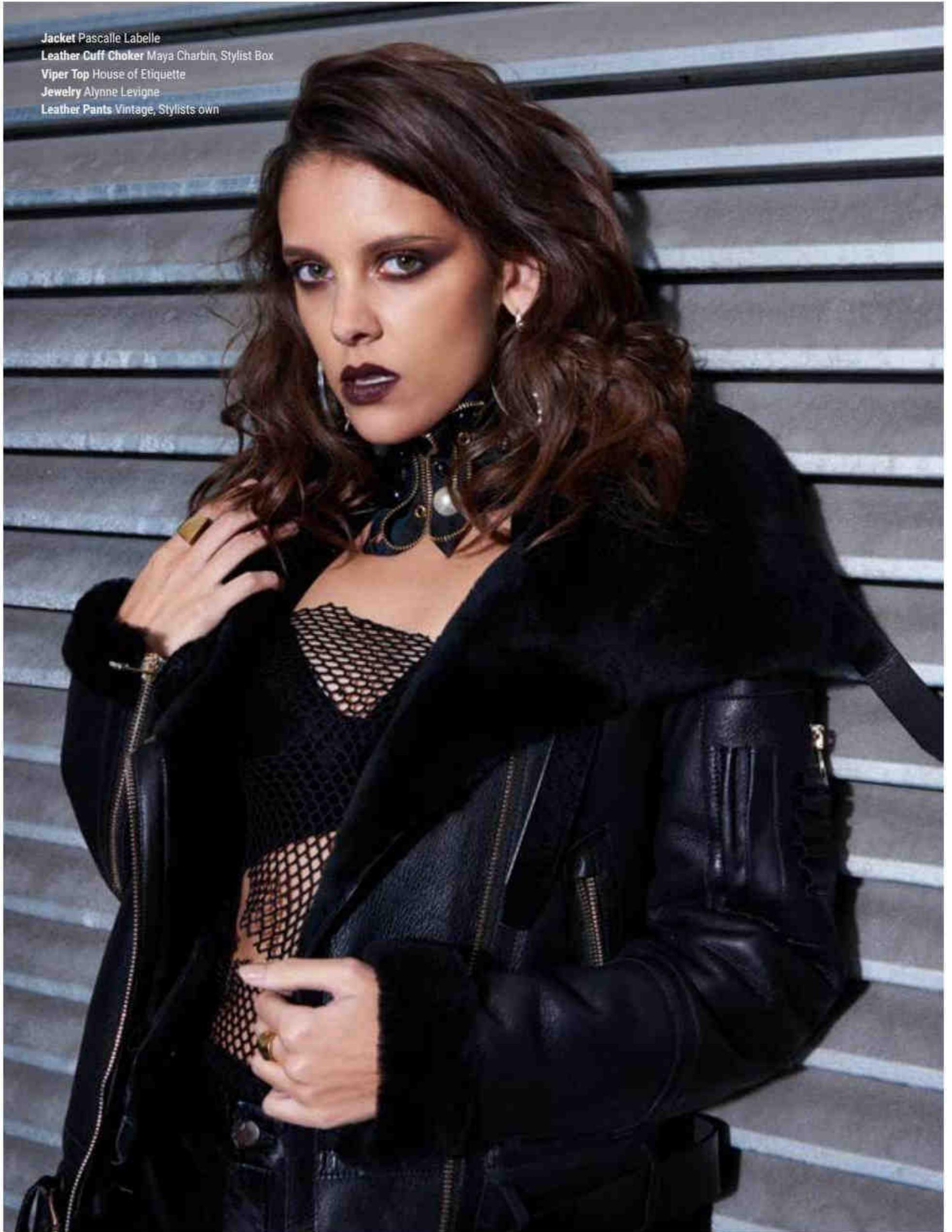
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Pascal Labelle

Montreal, Quebec

Photography by Lindsay Anne Delaney
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Being a designer is more than a career choice for Labelle; he creates with passion, choosing to discover unity through the difference amongst society.

Self-expression and artistic endeavors have overpowered the fashion industry thus far. Fashion is no longer regimented and style is undefined; neither can flourish independently in the industry without the important component of diversity. With this, Pascal Labelle, fashion designer, tailor and human self-expresser is becoming a trailblazer in the fashion industry. Focused on custom craftsmanship, Pascal's designs are inspired by the stories, experiences and the lifestyles of the people who wear his garments. There are no boundaries, "from high powered career professionals to the real-life rock star", Pascal is absorbed by elements of a diverse clientele.

Canadian born and raised, Labelle has changed the Canadian fashion market in ways to which others only aspire. He began tailor-making exclusive coats in 2005 – creating coats that fit more than just the physical customary elements to which society often conforms, when referring to tailor making. Labelle takes tailor-making to a uniquely personal level of design, "I'm creating original coats to fit the characteristics and persons who wear them." In 2017, Labelle expanded his passion and launched Pascal Labelle, a brand of coats available online. This was driven by his uncontrollable desire to offer the art of creation and self-expression to a wider market.

United by Difference, these three words are crucial to Labelle and the values his brand represents. Seeking diversity in all its forms is Labelle's daily mission when deciphering elements of design to incorporate in his works. As a young child, fashion was always a key attraction in Labelle's life, "For me dressing was a way to express myself. So, creation was a way to express my mind." Today, Labelle creates the most elite contemporary pieces, mixing raw materials and innumerable style techniques that cohesively answer to the diversified needs of the brands clientele.

In correlation with Labelle's diversified elements of his brand, he refuses to stray from the qualities of authenticity and timelessness when defining himself as an artist. With each collection so distinctly separate and unique from the other, Labelle undeniably discovers additional ways to surpass client expectations. In the past, the brand has collaborated with painter RIO, where exclusive pieces were created mixing Czech crystal, hematite, quartz and 18-carat gold leaves. The Ferrari of coat collections, its creativity expands beyond what is imaginable. Labelle's creativity inflates further, even beyond mixing embellishments. He incorporates leathers, fur, cashmere and the latest, 100% genuine python skin. Although one of his most difficult pieces to create, it has surpassed his own expectations as a designer.

As the fashion industry becomes diversified, the notion of sustainability has gained prominence. Labelle's proudest creations are made with recycled fur. When beginning his career in 2005, Labelle was only using recycled furs. He has since carried this element of his work into his Pascal Labelle brand. The use of recycled fur, leather and natural fibers lessens the brands negative impact on the environment.



Photographer Lindsay Anne Delaney travels with her Preferred Team to shoot Pascal Labelle in his Montreal studio. L-R Maxime Cloutier, Isabelle Boulais, Pascal Labelle, Caprice Conner and Lindsay Anne Delaney (Senior Photographer Preferred Magazine)

Labelle ensures he is constantly aware of his carbon footprint, "to contribute to a healthy earth is one of the main brand focuses." Essentially, Labelle's brand has targeted the main areas of concern for modern day fashion enthusiasts, proving he will embark on a future of undeniable success.

Being a designer is more than a career choice for Labelle; he creates with passion, choosing to discover unity through the difference amongst society. In addition to the brand Labelle has already established, there is talk about an expansion into a collection of shoes and accessories. There is no limit to his goals as an incomparable artist and there is certainly no lack of inspiration. "My vision and designs are influenced by the need to stay authentic; authentic to oneself, to its values and to its beliefs."

Pascal Labelle's brand is just beginning. ●

House of Salgado

Classic Design & Custom Style

BY LIBBY AUSTIN

House of Salgado brings a long tradition of custom tailoring from the famed suit fabric mills of Sabadell, near Barcelona, to the streets of Toronto. In 1960, Antonio Salgado opened his custom clothier in Canada upon his arrival from Spain. House of Salgado has since thrived to become Toronto's most sophisticated custom clothier for both men and women. Their speciality is finely-fitted suits, shirts, top coats and formal wear that fit each customers' exact specifications. Accessories such as vests and ties, as well as a small collection of ready-to-wear suits are also on offer.



Their custom garments are full-canvas, hand-cut and hand-sewn suits in the European tradition. Using only the finest Italian cloth, House of Salgado employs traditional British or Italian styles to craft suits and shirts that are uniquely fitted to the buyer's form. The fabrics, imported from 17 of the best mills in Italy (including Loro Piana, Zegna, and Red) offer a wide range of colour, weight, feel and price. Clients of House of Salgado experience service that is both convenient and entirely personalized from the consultation, to measurement, through two try-ons at different phases in the garment's creation to ensure the perfect fit. The process usually takes between four or five weeks, depending on where the fabric must be imported from.

Throughout the years styles have changed, but House of Salgado's commitment to quality workmanship and attention to detail has remained the same—offering unique touches like linings, stitching options, fabrics and fabric combinations, lapel widths, ticket pockets, and cuffs. Their products retain the classic elegance and sophistication—not to mention comfort – of a truly custom-made garment, which no off-the-rack retailer can ever match.

The bustling location below the Royal York Hotel attracts a range of customers: hotel guests from across Canada and around the world; Bay Street professionals; film producers; and such distinguished visitors as Justin Trudeau and Prince Harry. As one of the few remaining custom clothiers, House of Salgado strives to keep the dying art of suit-making alive. Their staff take pride in their commitment to carefully hand-fitting each garment and offering European craftsmanship at affordable prices. For those who desire a sophisticated touch to their wardrobe, House of Salgado delivers beautiful hand-made products that reflects your personal style, while also enhancing your unique personal brand. ●



The Eyes Have It

You Have the Rules,
Here's How You Play with Them.

BY JAY WELLS

Whatever face shape you have been blessed with naturally, there are a variety of ways to use your grooming and hairstyle to play with the appearance of your face and explore the world of eyewear to give yourself different looks. I have a round/square face shape, but I'm going to show you some of the tricks you can use to easily master any look with confidence and style. Changing-up your look with the seasons, or to suit a particular event adds extra depth to the way you present yourself and keeps people interested. Please note that in each of these looks, my hair is the same length, it is merely the style that changes while my beard/sideburns are modified slightly for the effects.



Eyewear: A Brief History

13th century Italy

Salvino D'Armato is credited with the first primitive designs for eye glasses, while other accounts credit Italian monk Alessandro della Spina with their invention. News and popularity of these Italian viewing disks made from quartz and set in metal or bone, begins to travel throughout Europe.

14th century Italy

Venetian artisans develop finer craftsmanship to more finely grind and shape the first CONVEX "lens", named for its semblance to the lentil bean. Corrective for farsightedness.

15th century

By this point in history, we see that the "spectacle" has made its way to China. Germany is noted to have created the first CONCAVE lens treating nearsightedness.

16th, 17th century

During this time, we see worldwide adoption of eyewear with heavy lenses in frames of wood, leather and copper. Bone and horn are also becoming fashionable.

19th century England

Frames are modernized by British optician Edward Scarlett, who creates lightweight steel frames that can rest on the nose and ears for the first time. Sir George Biddle Airy, an English scientist and astronomer royal, develops cylindrical lenses to correct astigmatism.

American Benjamin Franklin invents bifocal lenses by sandwiching both convex and concave lenses between the new lightweight steel frames available from England.

Fast forward to today

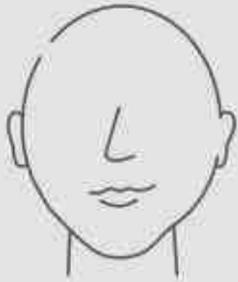
Modern-day society enjoys the options of coloured, progressive or even implanted contact lenses in the eyeball that do everything from changing your eye colour to giving you 20/20 vision once again. Futuristic lasers now correct a multitude of ocular dysfunction and we have perfected the technique of cataract surgery. We've come a long way and I can only begin to imagine what the future holds.



Glasses from yknsun.ca

SIX FACE SHAPES

We wear our face all the time and there is no need to pass up an opportunity to accessorize. Whether you have a medical need for glasses or not, the right frames can enhance your look or fully change your appearance. When you begin to venture into the world of designer eyewear, here are some rules about face shape and proportions to keep in mind;



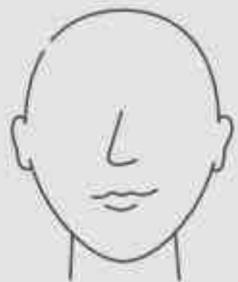
ROUND

Widest at cheeks
Soft jawline
Little to no angles
Height equals length



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Rectangular lens shapes, angular styles with crisp lines.



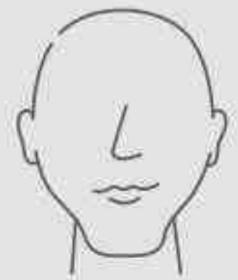
OVAL

Widest at forehead
Softer jawline
Soft angles
Length is greater than width



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Oversized frame with a bold shape or thicker frame.



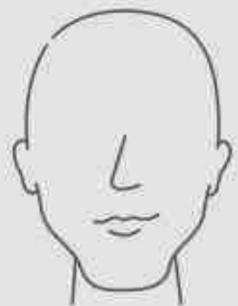
SQUARE

Forehead, cheeks and jaw equal proportions
Strong jawline
Angular features
Height equals length



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Rounded lens shapes with a thinner metal frame.



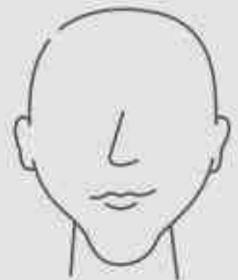
RECTANGLE

Forehead, jaw and cheek equal, but farther apart
Wide prominent jaw line
Long angular features
Length is greater than width



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Rounded lens shapes with larger lenses, paying attention to overall width.



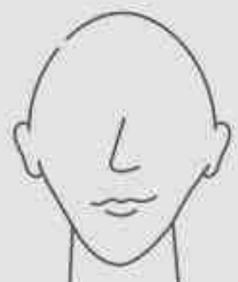
HEART

Widest at forehead
Narrow jaw line
Soft chin
Width is greater than height



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

A modified wayfarer look, frame that is wider at the forehead with detail at the bottom of the frame.



DIAMOND

High cheekbones
Narrow chin and forehead
Pointy chin
Width equals height



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Detailing or heavier lines on the upper frame, set slightly wider than the jaw.



This look is all about looking relaxed and fresh. Although the beard is groomed, the natural beard line is kept. This is paired with a soft hairstyle with upward movement and limited styling using a product like Euphora Fulle Effect Spray. Heavy frames bring this look together and start the week off with a great casual vibe.



This look showcases that a round face can support round frames if the grooming is done well. The beard line and cheeks are trimmed to create clean lines and give the illusion of more structure in the face and jaw. The hair is slick, dry-styled using Davines Perfecting Hairspray with a clean, defined part and height that elongates the round appearance of the face so that the round frames balance well.



This style works well with any vintage frame or more unique frame shapes. The hair is worn down with an asymmetric fringe angling across the forehead and slightly over the brow-line to soften the geometry of the frames. I highly recommend Euphora for Men Conditioning Control Spray to achieve this relaxed style.



This unites the best of clean-cut with casual. The beard is trimmed to the shortest stubble by using clippers with no guard. Longer sideburns give definition to the face and the tousled, beach-look hair keeps volume and width at the eyes thanks to Davines More Inside Strong Molding Clay. This tousled volume serves to elongate the face length and maintain crisp proportions. The frames bring personality and structure to the look allowing it to look clean and youthful.



This look is clean and easy. Start with getting a close shave and then style your hair with a slick, wet look using a product like Euphoria Hero for Men Pliable Pomade. Complement this look with a larger lens in a thin frame and allow your face and all that skin to balance things visually.



Take your look higher with this style for heavier frames. The beard line is still evident, but much more subtle which gives a clean yet rugged look. Keep the hairstyle slick with Davines More Inside Strong Hold Crème Gel with a clean part, but focus on giving it height and definition. This structured hairstyle will balance the heavier, wider frames and draws the eye upward and outward. ●



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2018 Lincoln Navigator

A Warm Welcome in a Cold Climate

BY RONY MIKHAEL

The drive from the Vancouver airport to Whistler was quite an experience. As Carlo took the wheel, I was quite happy to ride shotgun and take some time to take in the beauty of the west coast, while I poked and prodded this beautiful piece of automotive craftsmanship. Driving through some of the more urban roads, I couldn't help but think how big we felt, driving the 2018 Lincoln Navigator Reserve. We couldn't help but feel larger than life, thanks to the reactions of individuals who watched us drive by.

As with any congested city street, one must always make room for the element of surprise; I say this recalling the moment when traffic came to an instantaneous halt, catching us completely off guard. What caught us off guard first, however, was not the motionless car ahead of us, but rather the Lincoln's alert system drawing our attention to the lifeless vehicle. The sensors on the Navigator allowed a clear, yet elegant warning, alerting us that a car had stopped ahead and that we should probably do so as well. Thank you, Lincoln, thank you.



Class and utility, a true testament to the principles of the best design, thoughtfully marrying form with function.



The Lincoln Embrace

Approaching the vehicle, we were welcomed by a host of lights illuminating certain features of the car: the LED-illuminated Lincoln Star logo on the front grille, the Lincoln Star projection providing an illuminated welcome mat on ground, and even lights to indicate the location of the door handles—all lights elegantly fading gracefully and non-intrusively. The illuminated running board gently descends, assisting even the most capable of individuals, accompanied by a gorgeous, thick leather handle with which to pull yourself up into the vehicle.

The Technology

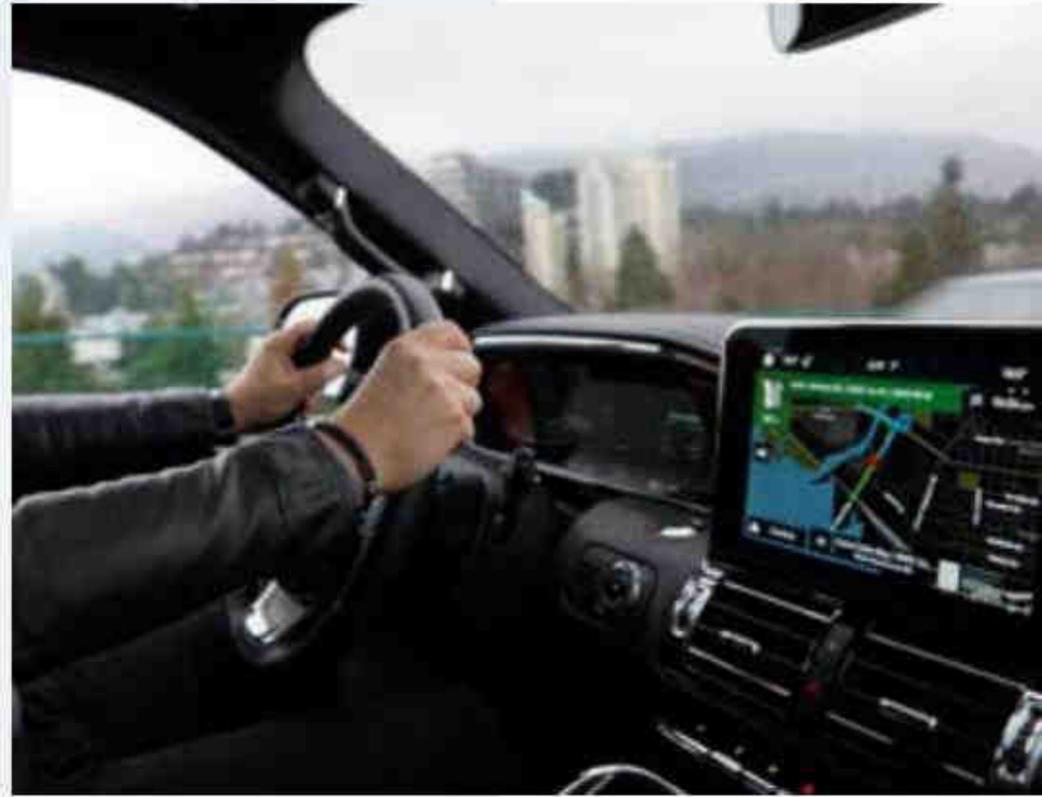
The main console on the dash consolidates all the functions required for any drive. From simple functions like setting the temperature and finding music, to adjusting and finding your Perfect Position Seat, the interface

provides an accessible platform to make the ride as enjoyable as possible. To allow for a safer drive, the Navigator offers the Heads-Up Display, projecting the most pertinent driving information onto the windshield ahead of you as you drive.

Every model features 4G LTE Wi-Fi and a wireless phone charger, as well as the option of the rear-seat entertainment system, boasting 10-inch adjustable screens that allow you to stream wirelessly or plug in a device—this is not your mom’s old minivan DVD system! I would be remiss not to mention the Revel Ultima Audio System, which we promptly tested—pumping the volume generously—containing well positioned speakers and additional subwoofers.

The Drive

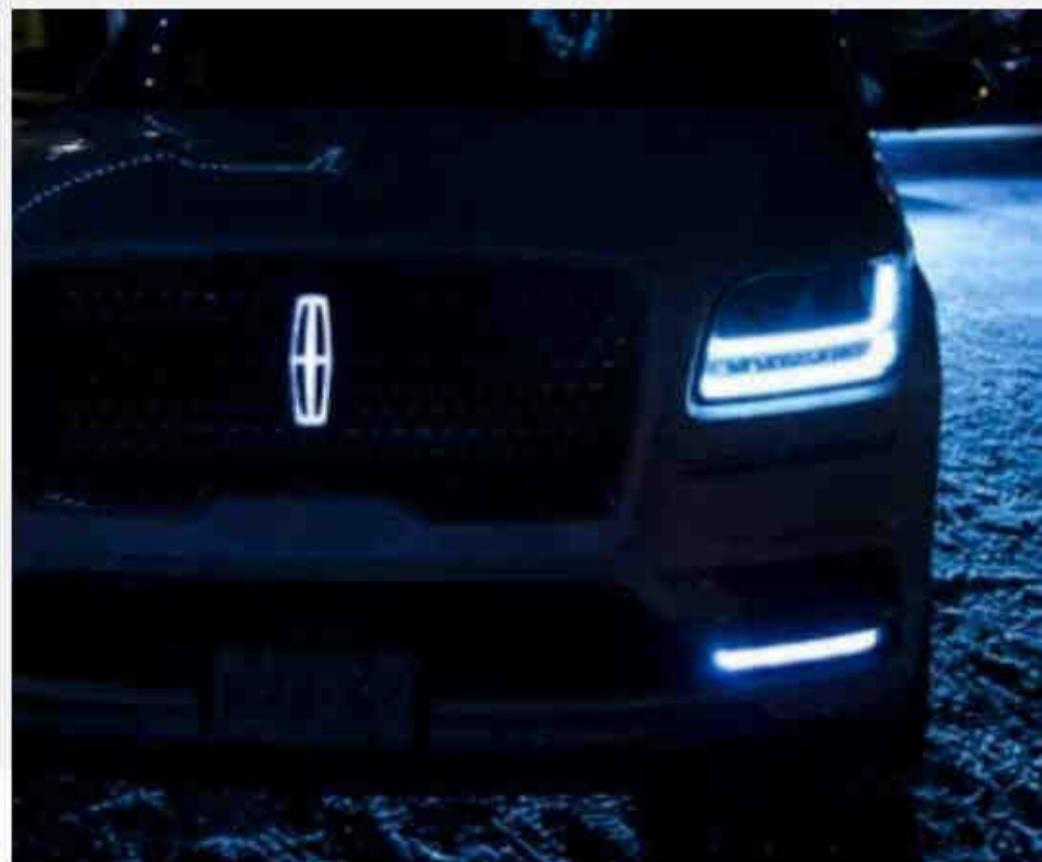
The drive back from Whistler to the Vancouver airport was unlike any other drive I had done before. Along with the snow and rain that would greet us enthusiastically along the whole way, the drive was a consistently windy path down the side of a mountain—not the kind of drive to be done in anything short of a strong, well-performing vehicle. Luckily, the vehicle was equipped with six different drive modes available at the twist of a dial, allowing for superior handling through slippery conditions, hilly terrains, or even just to drive with a power boost; each mode accompanied by an entertaining yet appropriate graphic to signify which one is engaged. The 3.5L Twin-Turbocharged engine and adaptive suspension also helped make this ride just that much more powerful and smooth.



The Icing on the Cake

Comfort was obviously one of the keywords that inspired the design of this car. The seats are designed in such a way that virtually every part of the body can be individually supported perfectly. Not only that, but Lincoln has also developed the Active Motion massage feature, allowing not only a comfortable ride but a therapeutic one as well.

The vehicle as a whole was clearly crafted with tremendous thoughtfulness. Even the consistency of the font used on the physical and digital elements of the car proves an enormous attention to detail that most car manufacturers overlook. The colour options available alone speak to the sophistication exuded by this brand. Class and utility, a true testament to the principles of the best design, thoughtfully marrying form with function. Here's to what's sure to be another great year for Lincoln. ●



VITA ON THE LAKE

Twice the waterfront lifestyle at
Vita on the Lake & Vita Two

VITA TWO On The Lake

A one-of-a-kind waterfront lifestyle is yours to discover at Vita on the Lake and Vita Two in Etobicoke. This extremely desirable condominium community by Mattamy Homes and Biddington Homes offers distinctly stylish living in a contemporary environment adjacent to Lake Ontario.

Vita on the Lake residents will also appreciate the nearby 43-hectare Humber Bay Park and the Martin Goodman Trail, which extends almost 56 kilometers from Humber Bridge.



Vita purchasers longing to take full advantage of their waterfront location will find the Humber Bay Sailing Centre offers lessons from May to September and, when you are ready, the boat sharing club is a great way to hone your skills; all just minutes away!

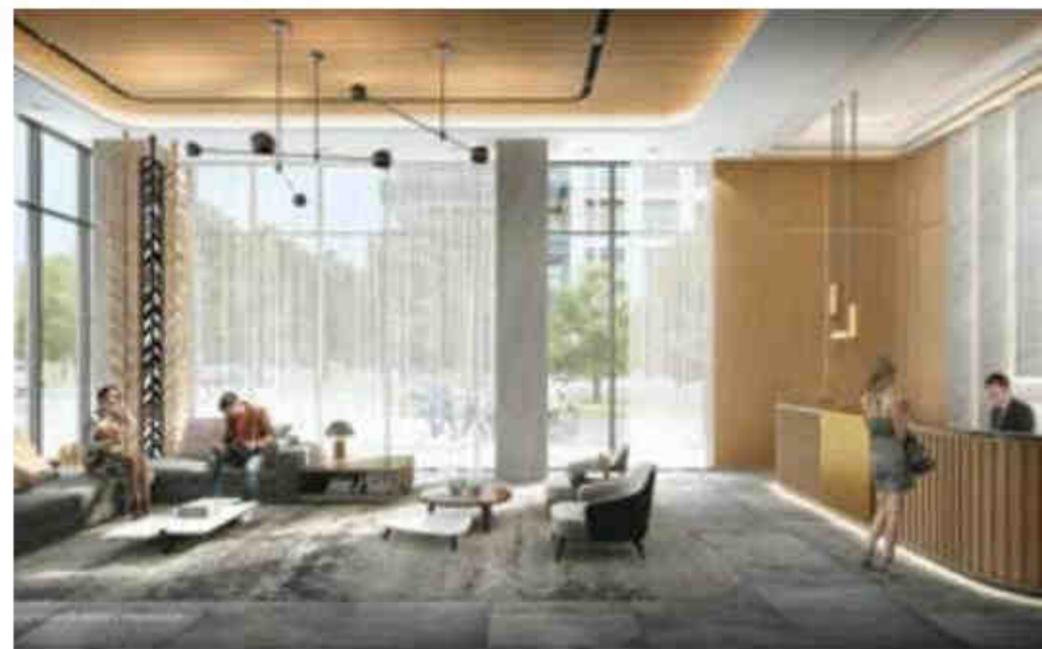
A fine selection of spectacular suites are available in both buildings with breathtaking water or city views. The first building is Vita on the Lake, a grand 53-storey tower with over 90 per cent of suites sold. Available luxury penthouses ranging from a 1,060 sq. ft. two-bedroom layout to a 1,746 sq. ft. three-bedroom-plus-den, are priced from \$1,112,990. Penthouse suites have deluxe finishes including smooth-finish 10-foot ceiling heights (excluding bulkheads) with 8-foot suite entry and interior doors; marble tile in foyer; engineered flooring in living, dining, bedrooms and den; side by side washer & dryer with laundry tub (as per plan); complete Miele stainless steel kitchen appliance package and two parking spaces and so much more.

In addition to the penthouses, Vita on the Lake suite choices, priced from \$953,990, include spacious two-bedroom and two-bedroom-plus-den layouts. Construction on Vita on the Lake is slated to start soon!

Vita Two, sister building to Vita on the Lake, is an intimate 16-storey boutique building right on the water. Suites have priceless unobstructed lake views. An excellent selection of suites remains with designs from 79 sq. ft. to 2,073 sq. ft. and priced from \$648,990 to \$1 million-plus. Parking, locker and one year FREE maintenance fees are included.

It is not design alone that is attracting condo buyers to the two buildings at Vita on the Lake. The location offers quick access to the Gardiner Expressway and the QEW and is only an eight-minute drive to Mimico GO station. It's also just a short walk to streetcar stops. This wonderful condo community is also handy to shops, restaurants, cafés and grocery stores.

Indoor and outdoor building amenities include a light-filled lobby featuring 24-hour Concierge, an indoor saltwater pool, full-size fitness room, yoga studio, and an indoor/outdoor party room with barbecue terrace, plus a private dining room and outdoor terrace lounge.



Vita and Vita Two on the Lake are being developed and built by two prestigious companies with longstanding reputations for excellence and experience in waterfront development. Mattamy is the largest privately owned homebuilder in North America, having built more than 70,000 homes in hundreds of communities. Founded in the 1960s, The Biddington Group of Companies has developed numerous high-rise communities, luxurious single family homes and has partnered with some of Canada's most respected developers.

Choose a suite in either building. Visit the Sales Centre today. 2167 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Etobicoke. Hours: Monday to Thursday noon to 8pm; Friday 1pm to 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 11am to 6pm. 647-347-5930 Register at **MattamyHomes.com**. ●

The UR210 Black Platinum

A Statement in Modern Watchmaking

BY LIBBY AUSTIN

Introducing the UR210 Black Platinum, released in January of 2018. The most select and exclusive of the UR210s models from URWERK, the Swiss watch maker known for their avant-garde designs and the bold originality of their indications and complications.

The UR210 Black Platinum is certainly in a league of its own when it comes to watchmaking – it merges the intricate design details of the UR210 series watches with the undeniable beauty of black platinum. This incredible device allows you to hear its precisely controlled energy in every audible click of its hands and behold the power and accuracy in its lightning fast movement.

The action of the high-tech mechanisms within the case are powered by such force that they appear to have generated a series of regular shock waves which radiate from the dial – a movement which is mirrored in the grooved case of the watch, creating a tactile experience unlike any other.

Of the inspiration for the case's dynamic design, Martin Frei, URWERK's co-founder and designer explains "The rotations of the hour's satellites are replicated in the metal of the case. As if we had created a shockwave powerful enough to displace matter and bend platinum. The deep furrowed arcs also accentuate the smart hexagonal design of the case."





The face includes URWERK's patented revolving satellite complication and retrograde minutes. The three-dimensional minute hand acts as a high-tech cowling that carries the revolving hours smoothly across the minute scale until they snap back sharply at the start of the hour. A cylindrical spring of the type used in marine chronometers along the shaft accumulates the power for the retrograde action. The intricate choreography of the satellite hours and retrograde minute hand is fascinating to watch.

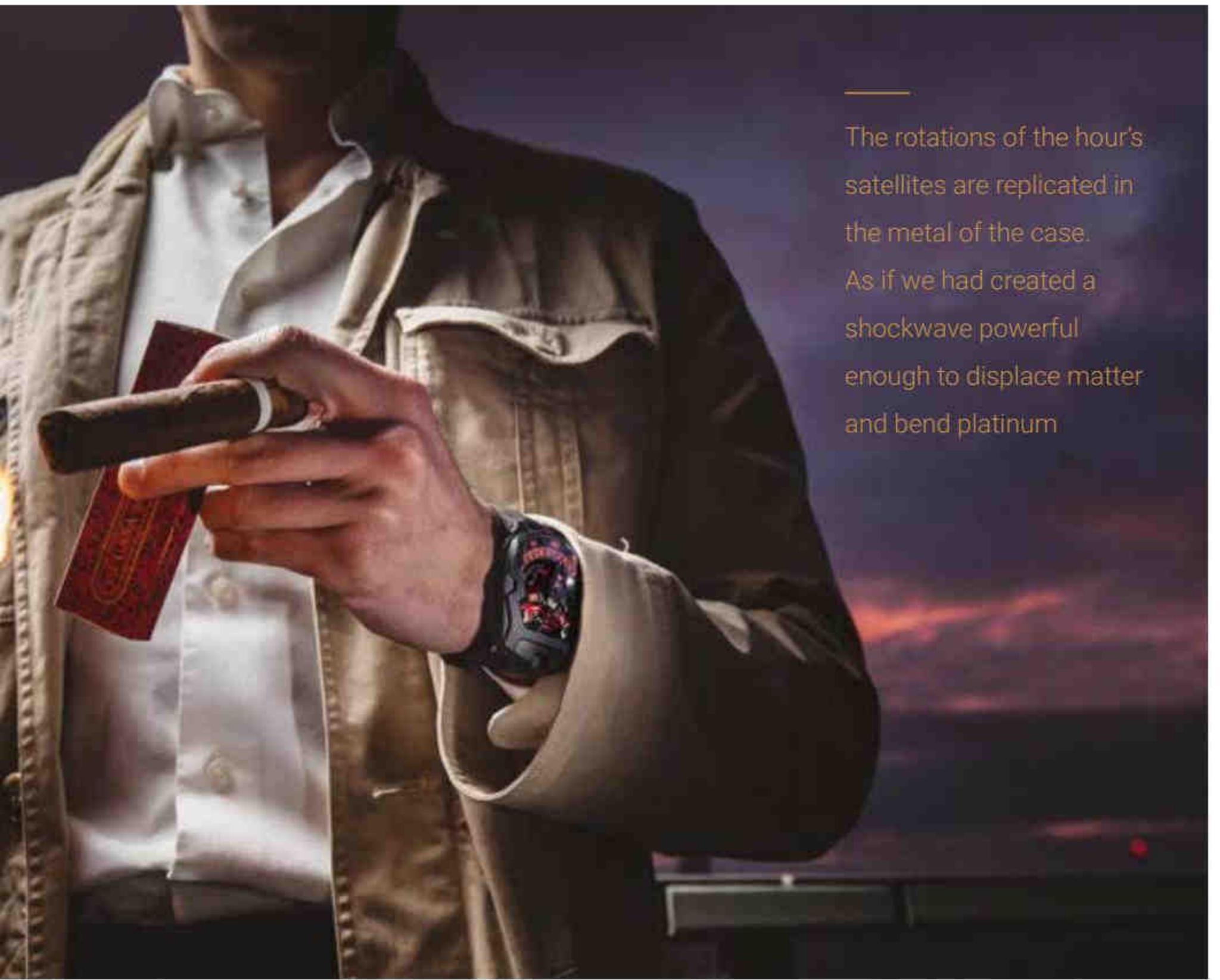
Bold and modern, the design is one that makes a lasting impression. Ruby numbers, painted in red Super-LumiNova, stand out in contrast against the deep black of the face, set behind sapphire glass in a hexagonal case of black platinum. Below the other complications, the device is also equipped with both a power reserve and winding efficiency indicator set on opposite sides of the face.

And there lies the key to perhaps the most incredible feature of the UR210: the personalized communication it possesses with its owner. In a unique innovation, the device calculates the energy flow – the ratio between the energy generated and the energy consumed – to power the automatic winding feature. Reacting to the movement of the wearer, the hand of the winding efficiency indicator will show either green, indicating that more energy is being created than consumed, or red, if not enough energy is being generated to power the automatic winding of the device.



This unprecedented feature allows the wearer to adjust the winding rate according to the amount of energy being generated. To conserve the amount of energy being consumed, the winding rate can be turned to FULL or to REDUCED to lower the rate and save unnecessary stress on the device.

If the rate is turned to STOP, the watch transforms into a manually wound device. A world-first, the device creates a synergy between the watch and its wearer, a blending of biological and mechanical movement and energy which translates into an evolved and highly personalized experience for the wearer.



The rotations of the hour's satellites are replicated in the metal of the case. As if we had created a shockwave powerful enough to displace matter and bend platinum



“With this model, URWERK reaches a new goal,” concludes Felix Baumgartner, master watchmaker and co-founder of the brand. “At the same time it opens a new chapter in the evolution of our complicated mechanisms. They now go beyond an original way of measuring a universal phenomenon to initiating a dialogue between the watch and its owner. The UR-210 indicates personal measurements, derived from you and no-one else.”

The UR210 Black Platinum encapsulates all of the ingenuity and modern style that one has come to expect from URWERK since the company's start in 1997. This model is a forerunner to the future of watchmaking – personalized craftsmanship that speaks to its wearer. ●

A professional portrait of Fabio Gesufatto, a bald man with a friendly smile, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is positioned against a dark, textured background. The lighting is soft, highlighting his face and the texture of his suit.

Fabio Gesufatto

A life in entertainment

If life's reality is in black and white, Fabio Gesufatto's reality is in colour. As founder and CEO of Blu Stella Entertainment Group Inc., Fabio understands that commitment is the driving force behind success, something that was instilled in him by his late father. Engagement, enthusiasm, unity, these are words that motivate this man who grows with each of his celebrated endeavors, and his achievements are prolific. Fabio has a personable gift enabling him to encourage others to collaborate with him in transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary, resulting in new realms of entertainment and event enterprise.

Fabio has a portfolio highlighting two decades of entertainment and bringing people together through a plethora of inspiring local, national and international customized concerts and galas, political, social and sporting events, music productions and promotions, talent searching, and more!

“This industry requires you to always keep your finger on the pulse not only with the latest trends in music and entertainment but also what’s up and coming. It’s exciting, it’s dynamic and invigorating” says Fabio Gesufatto.

Some notable gigs by Fabio & Blu Stella Group include: producing the exclusive Canadian date for internationally acclaimed and award-winning singer Laura Pausini, the North American premiere of the Italian mob-pick Black Souls (Anime Nere), directed by Francesco Munzi, at the Toronto International Film Festival, and organizing Academy Award winner Roberto Benigni’s (Life is Beautiful) attendance at the Italian Contemporary Film Festival (ICFF) in Toronto.

Adding to his success, Fabio is forever aiming for higher pursuits and was commissioned to organize the entertainment for the Prime Minister of Canada’s State Dinner. Furthermore, Fabio is the Executive Event Producer at Toronto’s historical Casa Loma - Italian National Day, the largest celebration of Italian National Day in the world, outside of Italy. This remarkable yearly event has been hosted by Italian National Day co-founders: Toronto’s Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Pastorelli and Nick Di Donato.

Fabio’s inspiration comes from his personal philosophy about life. “The most important thing we have in life is our relationships.” Fabio also shared, “My passion is creating an atmosphere where people can escape the stressors of daily life and enjoy themselves with entertainment while connecting with friends, family, colleagues and community. In today’s fast paced culture, we all need to slow down and take pleasure in our leisure time which is essential to your overall health and well-being. Having the perfect atmosphere for your function is crucial to creating that timeless event that you and your guests will always remember and cherish!”

Just as one of the most memorable song created by the band “The Beatles,” which is called “Sgt. Peppers” Lonely Hearts Club Band, talked about the mark of 20 years ago; so, had the glamour of the lights, camera & action, coming from the entertainment world capture Fabio’s passion. Starting with his brief modelling days over 20 years ago, Fabio has cultivated an indispensable network of friends and industry colleagues, propelling him to ensconce a pivotal role in his numerous business commitments. From that junction in his life, Fabio had an inner calling propelling him to be a part of this world. Yet, like in any dream or goal in life, nothing comes overnight.

Fabio learned the skills of discipline, focus and thinking big at a young age. It was Fabio’s track & field athletic talent that sent him into notoriety. During high school, he was approached by the head coach of York University and had the incredible opportunity to train with Canada’s National Olympic Team.

This industry requires you to always keep your finger on the pulse not only with the latest trends in music and entertainment but also what’s up and coming. It’s exciting, it’s dynamic and invigorating

In 2015, Fabio was bestowed the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards for his unyielding services to the Canadian community for the past 15 years by the Premier of Ontario, Honourable Kathleen Wynne, and by the Minister of Transportation, Honourable Steven Del Duca. Fabio was also presented with the 2015 City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Award by Mayor Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua.

In addition, Fabio was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by The Italian National State Police Association (Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri).

With such accolades under his belt, it’s no wonder Fabio was sought after by JO LEE Magazine, with a global circulation of approximately 40-million, to be their top strategist and Political Editor.

Blu Stella Group guarantees an unparalleled experience for you and your guests, all within your desired budget. Blu Stella Group works with acclaimed artists to deliver above and beyond your expectations and impress even your most scrupulous of guests. Keep an eye open as Fabio takes entertainment to the international platform in the years to come.

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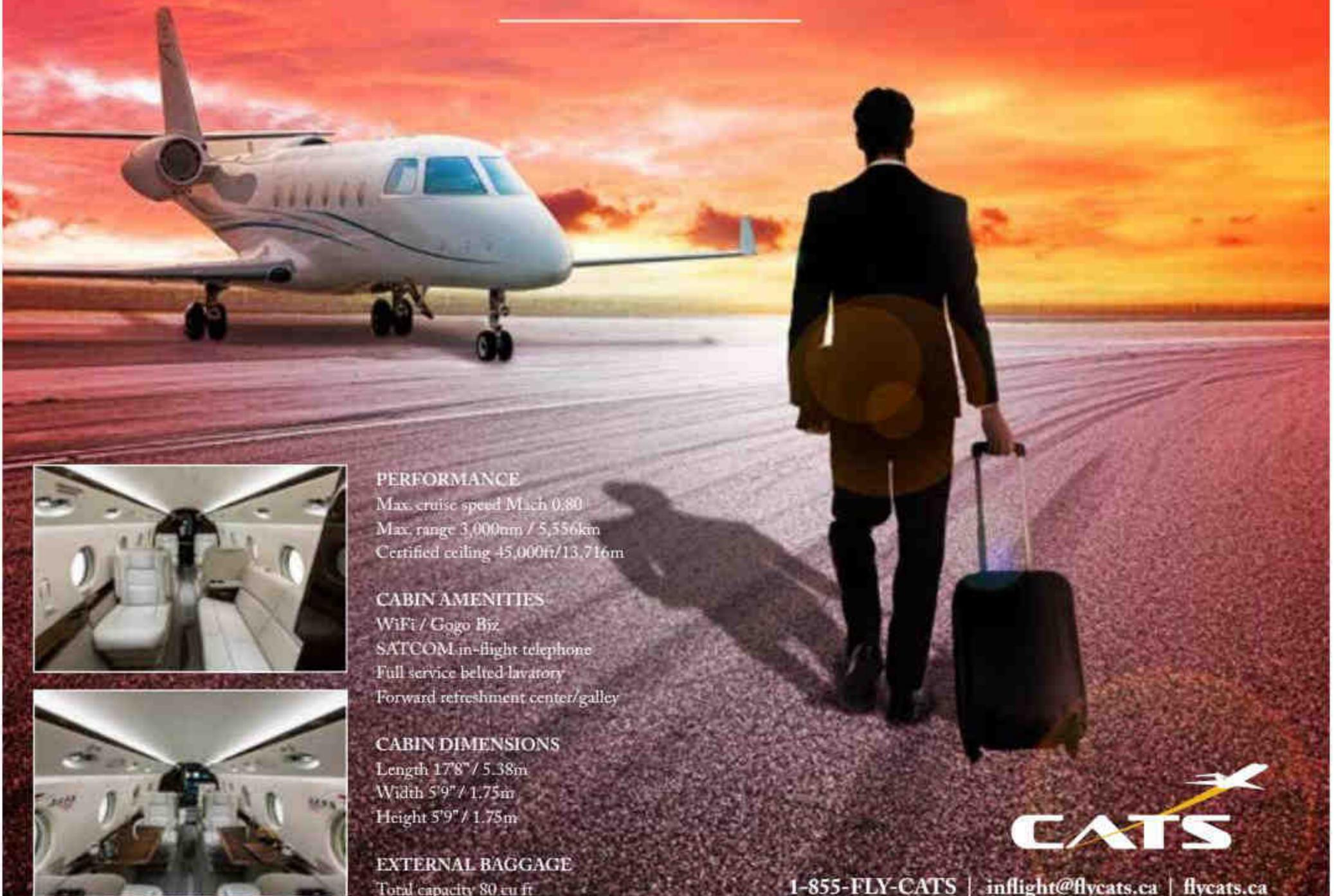




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