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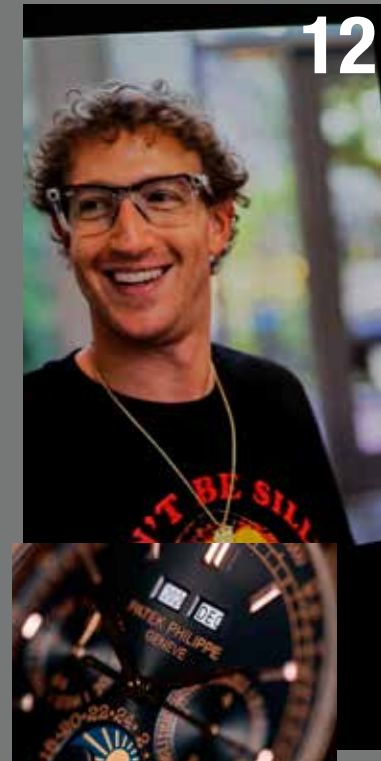
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*'In a sip, all of life and other worlds
can reveal themselves'*

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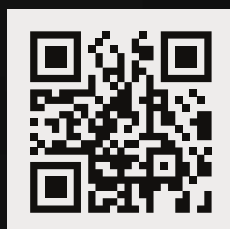
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With a commitment to engage and form part of contemporary Africa's unique and complex multi-cultural context, in 2024 the estate founded the annual Hazendal Artist Series | Limited Edition label.

The inaugural Artist Series wine label *Indlamu* (2024) was created by the celebrated South African artist Athi-Patra Ruga and curated by the prominent South African curator Khanyisile Mbongwa.

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Delta and United will fly to Morocco, Marrakech for the first time, in 2025, three times a week.



Delta Airlines will begin a daily, seasonal service, to Accra, Ghana.

Quantas' groundbreaking non-stop Sydney to London flight via the North Pole begins early in 2027, covering over 17,000km in 19 hours. This historic route showcases the airline's commitment to innovation and customer convenience, offering passengers a unique travel experience with breathtaking polar views and unparalleled comfort on this extraordinary journey across the globe.

Reaching new heights

ETIHAD'S 3-ROOM RESIDENCE is the ultimate in luxury air travel. Located on the upper deck of the airline's Airbus A380, this exclusive cabin offers unparalleled opulence and personalized service. The Residence features a living room, dining area, and private bedroom, complete with a double bed and ensuite bathroom. Guests can enjoy gourmet cuisine, fine wines, and personalized butler service. With a maximum capacity of two guests, the Residence offers the ultimate in exclusivity and privacy. Priced around \$38,000 per flight, this bespoke experience redefines the art of luxury flying. From private check-in to personalized in-flight entertainment, every detail is tailored to provide an unforgettable journey.



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Cathay Pacific's "The Wing" Hong Kong airport oasis

Cathay Pacific's The Wing is one of Asia's – and perhaps the world's – most luxurious and well-appointed lounges. The Wing takes the lounge experience beyond champagne and caviar with the introduction of the Cabana, possibly the most self-indulgent 90-minute lounge experience ever... It is adorned with Chesterfield sofas and soft leather recliners, and offers supreme luxury for business travellers.



Meta CEO's exclusive timepiece: A highly coveted Rolex vintage watch



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RARE ROLEX VINTAGE WATCHES are highly prized among collectors for their historical significance, craftsmanship, and rarity. One of the most sought-after models is the 1960s Rolex 'Paul Newman' Daytona, named after the actor who popularized the style. This iconic watch can fetch upwards of \$1 million at auction. Another rare gem is the 1950s Rolex Submariner 'Big Crown', featuring a distinctive oversized crown. Only a handful of these watches were produced, making them extremely valuable.

The 1940s Rolex 'Bubbleback' is another highly collectible model, characterized by its unique domed case back. With only a few hundred examples in existence, this watch is a true Holy Grail for Rolex enthusiasts.



Mark Zuckerberg's growing watch collection now includes multi-million-dollar Patek Philippe and Greubel Forsey masterpieces.

Redefining leisure on the high seas

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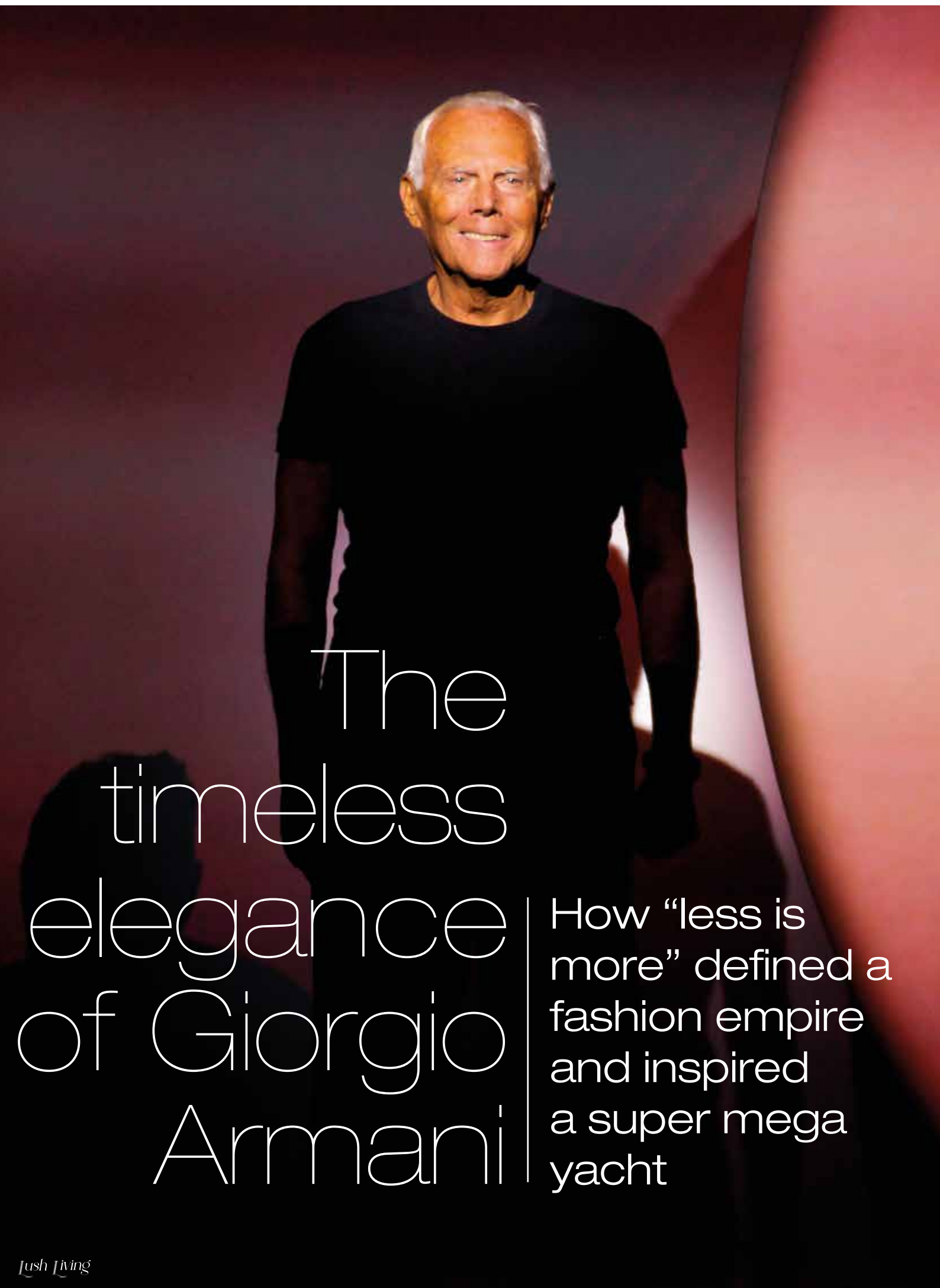
Transforming yacht decks into outdoor cinemas is the latest in luxury cruising. This latest trend involves setting up a large screen, sound system, and comfortable seating on the yacht deck with a wide range of movies, including classics, blockbusters, and even 3D films. The cinematic experience can be customized to fit the yacht's layout and the client's preferences. It's a fantastic way to enjoy a movie under the stars, surrounded by the ocean.

Haute Horlogerie

GREUBEL FORSEY's timepieces are renowned for their exquisite craftsmanship and intricate mechanics. The brand's most expensive watch collection features masterpieces like the 'Art Piece Edition Historique', valued at over \$1.1 million. The 'Double Tourbillon 30° Technique' is another standout, priced at around \$695,000. These horological marvels boast intricate engravings, hand-polished finishes, and innovative mechanisms, making them true works of art. Each timepiece is a testament to Greubel Forsey's dedication to pushing the boundaries of haute horlogerie. Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Meta, was recently spotted wearing a stunning Greubel Forsey watch, specifically the "Hand Made 1" model, valued at over \$900,000. This rare timepiece is one of only three handmade models created per year, showcasing exceptional craftsmanship and precision.



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The timeless elegance of Giorgio Armani

How “less is more” defined a fashion empire and inspired a super mega yacht



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Giorgio Armani is a name synonymous with elegance, sophistication, and refinement. For over four decades, the Italian fashion designer has been a driving force in the industry, revolutionizing the way we think about style and luxury. At the heart of Armani's design philosophy is a simple yet powerful concept: “less is more.” This approach, which emphasizes clean lines, minimal ornamentation, and a focus on quality over quantity, has not only defined Armani's fashion empire but also inspired his latest venture – a stunning all-black super mega yacht.

The origins of “less is more”

Armani's “less is more” design approach was born out of a reaction against the excesses of 1970s fashion. At the time, clothing was often over-embellished, with loud patterns, bright colours, and ostentatious accessories dominating the runways. Armani, who had begun his career as a window dresser at a department store in Milan, was determined to create a new kind of fashion – one that was understated, sophisticated, and timeless.

Armani's breakthrough moment came in 1975, when he launched his eponymous label with a collection of menswear that was

characterized by its simplicity, comfort, and attention to detail. The designs were a radical departure from the flashy, over-the-top styles that were prevalent at the time, and they quickly gained a following among fashion insiders who were looking for a more refined, elegant approach to dressing.

The evolution of “less is more”

Over the years, Armani's “less is more” design approach has evolved to encompass a wide range of styles and genres. From the sleek, modernist lines of his early menswear collections to the flowing, feminine silhouettes of his womenswear designs, Armani has consistently demonstrated a commitment to simplicity, quality, and attention to detail.

One of the key factors that has contributed to Armani's success is his ability to edit – to pare down his designs to their essence, eliminating unnecessary embellishments and focusing on the clean, simple lines that have become a hallmark of his brand. This approach has allowed Armani to create clothing that is both timeless and modern, fashion-forward yet enduring.



The all-black super mega yacht

Armani's latest project – an all-black super mega yacht – is a stunning example of his “less is more” design approach in action. The yacht, which was designed in collaboration with the Italian shipyard Codecasa, is a masterpiece of understated elegance, with clean lines, minimal ornamentation, and a focus on quality and attention to detail.

The yacht's all-black exterior is a bold statement, one that reflects Armani's love of simplicity and his desire to create a sense of drama and sophistication. The black hull is punctuated by subtle hints of silver and grey, adding a touch of elegance and refinement to the overall design.

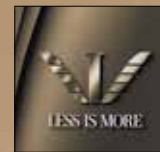
Inside, the yacht is a marvel of modern luxury, with sleek, minimalist interiors that reflect Armani's commitment to simplicity and quality. From the spacious, open-plan living areas to the elegant, understated bedrooms, every detail has been carefully considered to create a sense of comfort, elegance, and refinement.

The timeless appeal of “less is more”

Armani's “less is more” design approach has been a driving force in the fashion industry for over four decades, and its influence can be seen in everything from the sleek, modernist lines of contemporary architecture to the understated, elegant designs of luxury fashion brands.

The timeless appeal of “less is more” lies in its ability to transcend fleeting fashion trends, creating a sense of elegance and sophistication that is both modern and enduring. Whether it's a beautifully tailored suit, a stunning piece of jewellery, or a sleek, modern yacht, the “less is more” approach is a powerful reminder that true luxury lies not in excess or ostentation, but in simplicity, quality, and attention to detail.

Giorgio Armani's “less is more” design approach has been a defining feature of his fashion empire, and its influence can be seen in everything from his early menswear collections to his latest venture – the stunning all-black super mega yacht. As a testament to the timeless appeal of simplicity, elegance, and refinement, Armani's “less is more” approach continues to inspire and influence designers, artists, and luxury brands around the world. 🌟



Tailored for success: The timeless design of GA Power Suit

In the pantheon of fashion designers, Giorgio Armani is revered for his profound influence on the industry. Among his many contributions, one design element stands out as a testament to his innovative spirit and lasting impact: the Power Suit. Introduced in the 1980s, Armani's Power Suit revolutionized women's fashion, empowering women to take on leadership roles in the corporate world.

The Power Suit was more than just a fashion statement; it was a cultural phenomenon. Armani's design was a deliberate departure from the traditional, masculine-inspired business attire that dominated the corporate landscape. His suit was tailored to accentuate the female form, with a nipped-in waist, broad shoulders, and a streamlined silhouette. The result was a look that exuded confidence, authority, and femininity.

Armani's Power Suit was an instant hit, adopted by women across the globe who sought to assert their presence in the male-dominated business world. The suit became a symbol of female empowerment, worn by women who were shattering glass ceilings and pushing boundaries in their respective fields.

The Power Suit's influence extended beyond the boardroom, too. It paved the way for future generations of women in fashion, who were inspired by Armani's commitment to feminine, sophisticated design. The suit also influenced the broader cultural landscape, with references in film, television, and literature.

Today, the Power Suit remains an iconic representation of Giorgio Armani's design philosophy. While fashion trends have evolved, the suit's core principles – confidence, sophistication, and femininity – continue to inspire Armani's designs. The Power Suit has been reimagined and reinterpreted over the years, but its essence remains unchanged.

In recognition of his contributions to fashion, Giorgio Armani has received numerous accolades, including the prestigious CFDA Lifetime Achievement Award. The Power Suit, however, remains his most enduring legacy – a testament to the transformative power of fashion to shape culture, empower individuals, and redefine the status quo.

As the fashion industry continues to evolve, the Power Suit serves as a reminder of the impact that a single design can have on the world. Giorgio Armani's creation may have started as a fashion statement, but it has become an enduring symbol of female empowerment, confidence, and sophistication.



Red wine has been a staple of human civilization for thousands of years, with a rich history that spans across ancient cultures, continents, and traditions. From its origins in ancient Greece and Rome to its modern-day popularity, red wine has been revered for its unique flavour profiles, numerous health benefits, and social bonding experiences.

Beyond its historical significance and health benefits, red wine is, above all, a social drink that brings people together. Whether it's a romantic dinner, a night out with friends, or a family gathering, red wine is often at the centre of the celebration.



Grape

EXPECTATIONS...

The joy of red wine

The Ruby Legacy

A journey through time

The history of red wine dates to around 6000 BC, when ancient civilizations in the Caucasus region first cultivated grapes. The ancient Greeks and Romans were particularly fond of red wine, using it not only for drinking but also for medicinal and ceremonial purposes. As civilizations rose and fell, red wine continued to evolve, with different regions developing their unique styles, techniques, and traditions.

A glass a day

Red wine for body and mind

Moderate red wine consumption has been linked to numerous health benefits, including **Heart Health**. Red wine's antioxidants, particularly resveratrol, have been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease,

lower blood pressure, and improve overall cardiovascular health. **Cancer Prevention**

The antioxidants and polyphenols in red wine may help prevent certain types of cancer, such as colon, prostate, and breast cancer. **Anti-Inflammatory Effects**

Red wine's anti-inflammatory properties may help reduce the risk of chronic diseases, such as arthritis, diabetes, and Alzheimer's. **Cognitive Function** Moderate red wine consumption has been linked to improved cognitive function and a reduced risk of age-related cognitive decline.

Uncork And unite

Pairing red wine for perfect harmony

Red wine's complex flavour profiles make it an ideal pairing for a wide range of dishes, from rich meats to decadent chocolates.

Pairing red wine with the right food can elevate the dining experience to new heights.

Rich, full-bodied reds like Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah/Shiraz pair perfectly with bold, savoury dishes like grilled steak, roasted lamb, and wild game.

Meanwhile, lighter-bodied reds like Pinot Noir and Beaujolais complement delicate flavours like salmon, poultry, and vegetarian dishes.

For cheese lovers, a robust Merlot or Malbec pairs beautifully with rich, creamy cheeses like cheddar and brie.

And for those with a sweet tooth, red wine and chocolate make a match made in heaven - try pairing a fruity Merlot with milk chocolate, a rich Cabernet Sauvignon with dark chocolate, or a sweet Brachetto with white chocolate.

So, grab a glass, raise a toast, and indulge in the wonderful world of red wine!

Red wine is a drink that offers endless opportunities for social bonding and fun. Whether you're a seasoned oenophile or just discovering the world of red wine,

In Europe, particularly in France, Italy, and Spain, red wine became an integral part of the culture, with iconic regions like Bordeaux, Tuscany, and Rioja producing some of the world's most renowned wines. Today, red wine is enjoyed globally, with new regions and producers emerging, and innovative techniques being explored.

there's no denying the joy and excitement that comes with exploring this incredible beverage.

Wine tastings

Exploring different red wines, from bold Cabernets to elegant Pinots, is a fun and educational experience that can help you discover new favourites.

Wine and music

Red wine and music have a long history together, with many wine regions hosting music festivals and

Wine travel

Visiting wine regions, meeting winemakers, and learning about the production process is a unique and unforgettable experience. 🍷





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The *Mocha Mousse* Moment:

*How Pantone's 2025
Colour of the Year
will influence design*

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The allure of Mocha Mousse
Mocha Mousse, a rich, decadent colour, is the perfect canvas for creating a luxurious ambiance. This sumptuous hue, reminiscent of the finest chocolate and coffee, exudes warmth and comfort, inviting all who enter to indulge in its splendour. Whether used as a dominant colour or as an accent, Mocha Mousse brings a sense of sophistication and glamour to any room, making it an ideal choice for those who crave the finer things in life.



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The psychology of mocha mousse: how colour affects luxury living

The psychology of Mocha Mousse reveals a complex interplay of emotions and associations, perfectly calibrated to evoke the essence of luxury living. This rich, velvety hue conjures feelings of warmth, comfort, and sophistication, instantly transporting us to a world of high-end elegance. As a colour, Mocha Mousse embodies the perfect balance of earthy, natural tones and refined, decadent luxury, making it the ideal backdrop for opulent interiors, premium materials, and exquisite design. By incorporating Mocha Mousse into their living spaces, individuals can tap into its psychological benefits, cultivating a sense of calm, indulgence, and refinement that defines the ultimate luxury lifestyle.

Mocha mousse and metallics: a match made in luxury

In the realm of fine living, where every detail is a testament to refinement and sophistication, the art of combining colours and textures is a crucial element in creating an atmosphere of opulence. Among the myriads of possibilities, one pairing stands out for its inherent luxury and visual appeal: Mocha Mousse and metallics. This match made in heaven is the epitome of fine living, elevating any space into a sanctuary of elegance and refinement.

This pairing creates a sense of opulence and refinement, perfect for those who demand the very best. By incorporating this luxurious duo into your own home, you can create an atmosphere of elegance and sophistication, where every detail is a testament to your refined taste and appreciation for the finer things in life. Whether you're designing a luxurious living room, opulent bedroom, or glamorous dining room, the combination of Mocha Mousse and metallics is sure to impress, creating a space that is truly fit for the finest of lifestyles.

The glamour of metallics

Metallics, with their inherent shine and lustre, add a touch of glamour and drama to any space. From the warmth of gold and brass to the cool sophistication of silver and chrome, metallics can elevate even the most mundane setting into a luxurious oasis. When paired with Mocha Mousse, metallics create a visually stunning contrast, as the cool, reflective surface of the metal accents the warmth of the Mocha Mousse, resulting in a harmonious balance of textures and colours.

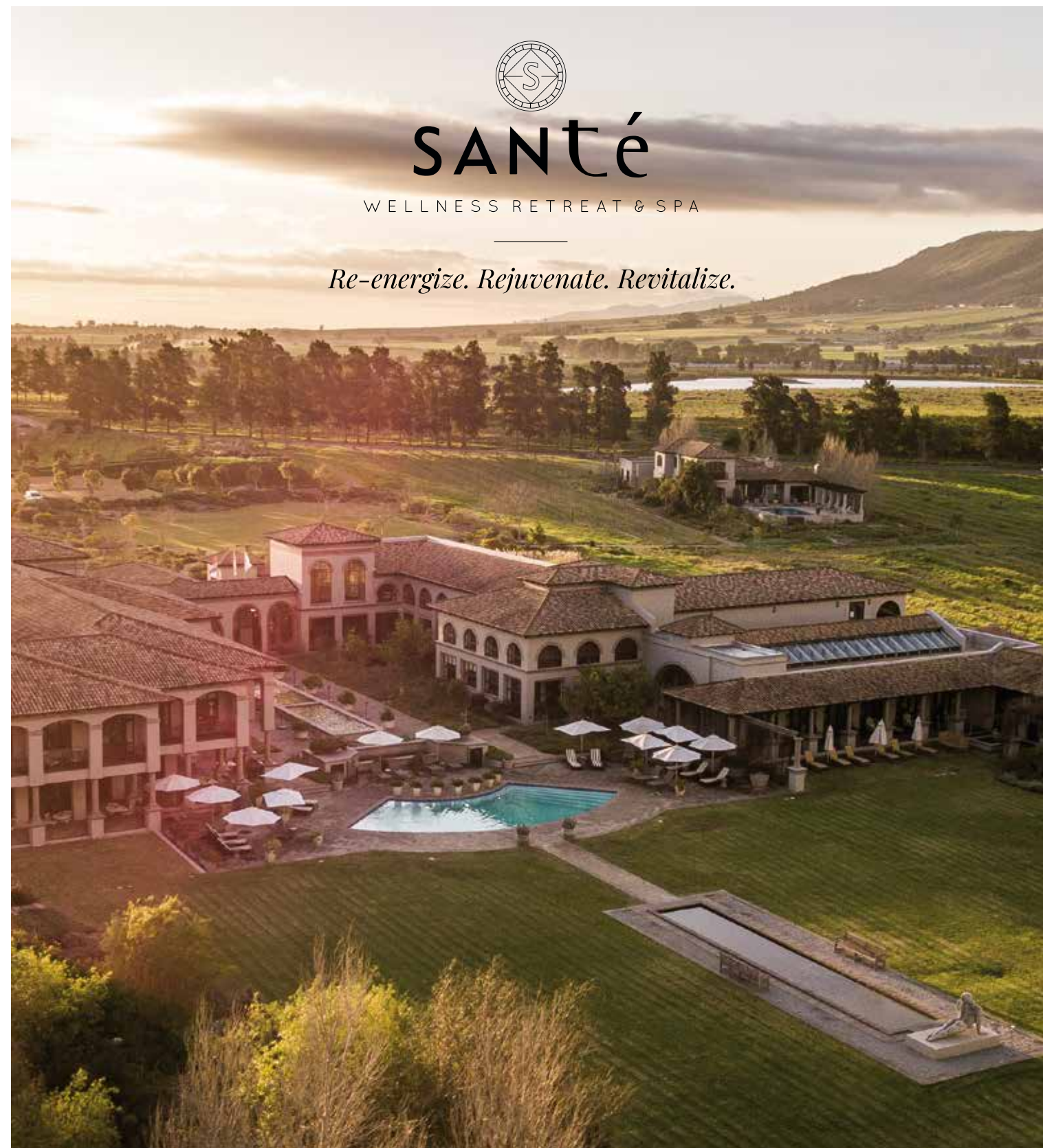


Incorporating Mocha Mousse and metallics into your home

A combination of textures such as smooth metallic surfaces with the soft, velvety texture of Mocha Mousse upholstery or rugs adds depth and visual interest to a space.

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Notre Dame de Paris: reborn from the ashes

After a devastating fire ravaged the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the world watched in awe as the historic landmark underwent a meticulous restoration process. Now, the wait is over, and the cathedral has finally reopened its doors to the public.

As visitors step inside, they're met with a sense of familiarity, yet there's a palpable air of renewal. The cathedral's Gothic architecture, which has stood the test of time since the 12th century, still inspires awe. The soaring vaults, stunning stained-glass windows, and intricate carvings all seem to

whisper stories of the past.

The newly restored interiors of Notre Dame de Paris are a testament to the masterful blend of tradition and innovation. The cathedral's original Gothic architecture has been painstakingly preserved, while subtle modern touches have been introduced to enhance the overall aesthetic. The new interior design features a striking color palette, with shades of white, gray, and gold, which perfectly complement the cathedral's stunning stained-glass windows. The result is a breathtakingly beautiful space that honors the past while embracing the present.

The rich delight of French *chocolat chaud*

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French hot chocolate, also known as *chocolat chaud*, is a beloved winter specialty in France. Rich, thick, and decadent, this indulgent drink is a staple of French cafes and bistros during the colder months.

Made with high-quality dark chocolate, steamed milk, and a touch of sugar, French hot chocolate is a masterclass in texture and flavour. The thick, velvety liquid is often served in small cups, allowing the drinker to savour every last drop.

In France, *chocolat chaud* is often enjoyed as a comforting treat on a chilly winter morning or as a warming pick-me-up after a day of exploring. Many French patisseries and cafes offer their own unique variations, with added ingredients like whipped cream, cinnamon, or orange zest. Whether you're strolling along the Seine or cozied up by the fire, French hot chocolate is the perfect way to warm up and indulge in a little winter wonderland magic.





Expected to open in May 2025, the Victoria and Albert Museum is bringing not one, but two, new galleries to London this year. The incredible V&A East Storehouse will be home to over 250,000 objects, spanning every creative discipline. It will be home to the David Bowie Centre, a jaw-dropping archive, dedicated to the late singer, housing more than 80,000 items spanning six decades of his life.

The building's design is inspired by the industrial heritage of the Olympic Park site and features a bold, angular façade with a glazed exterior.

The V&A East Storehouse is being designed with accessibility and sustainability in mind. The building will feature a range of facilities, including a café, shop, and learning spaces. The museum will also offer guided tours and interactive experiences.

The V&A East Storehouse is in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford, London. The museum is easily accessible by public transport, with Stratford Station (London Underground and Overground) and Stratford International Station (DLR) nearby.

The V&A East Storehouse has been named as one of the world's best new attractions for 2025



Bowie's impact extended far beyond music. His bold fashion sense and androgynous style influenced the glam rock movement and continue to inspire designers today.

David Bowie (1947-2016) was a visionary musician, actor, and artist who left an indelible mark on popular culture. Born in London, Bowie's music career began in the 1960s, with early hits like "Space Oddity" and "Changes." He then embarked on a series of bold, genre-defying transformations, adopting personas like Ziggy Stardust, Aladdin Sane, and the Thin White Duke. This chameleon-like approach earned him the nickname "The Master of Reinvention."

Throughout his life, Bowie remained a passionate advocate for the arts, LGBTQ+ rights, and social justice. His legacy continues to inspire new generations of artists, musicians, and fans, cementing his status as a cultural icon. The David Bowie Centre at V&A East Storehouse will celebrate his life, work, and enduring influence, offering a unique glimpse into the creative world of this beloved legend.



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As a South African, I was thrilled to discover that Flaka's crew had a special affinity for African guests. From the lively discussions about the similarities between Turkish and African cultures to the impromptu braai (barbecue) on the deck, I felt a deep connection to the crew and the other guests.

One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to the ancient city of Cnidos. Perched on a hilltop, the ruins offered breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. As we wandered through the crumbling temples and amphitheatres, our guide brought the history to life with colourful stories and anecdotes.

As the sun began to set, we sailed to a secluded cove, where we anchored for the night. The crew set up a beach barbecue, complete with comfortable cushions, twinkling fairy lights, and the sound of gentle waves lapping against the shore. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day.

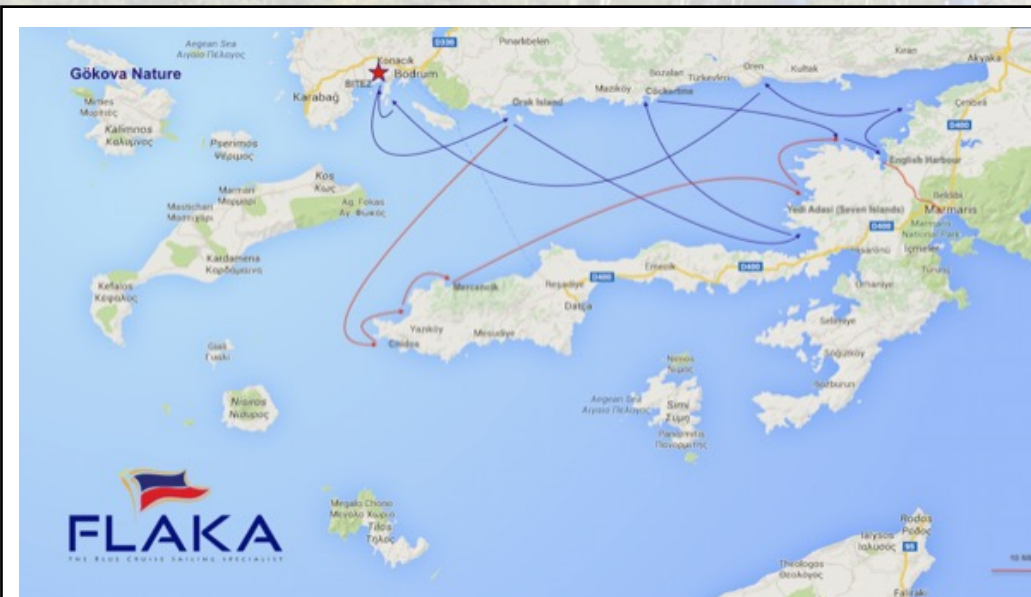
As I reflect on my time on Flaka, I am struck by the sheer magic of the experience. From the stunning scenery to the warm hospitality of the crew, every moment was a delight.

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Flaka normally sails from Bodrum - half an hour away from Bodrum International Airport (BJV) - to the Gökova Turkish Coast, the highlight of the Turkish Riviera. This route is famous for its lush green shores and its hundreds of small bays. Since we are sailing the route is never fixed. There are plenty of sites to choose from, in particular spots like Mersincik, Kargil, Cokertme, English harbor, Cleopatra Island, Süt, Oeren, Akyaka, Datca and Cnidos. In between, there is plenty of time to enjoy swimming breaks.

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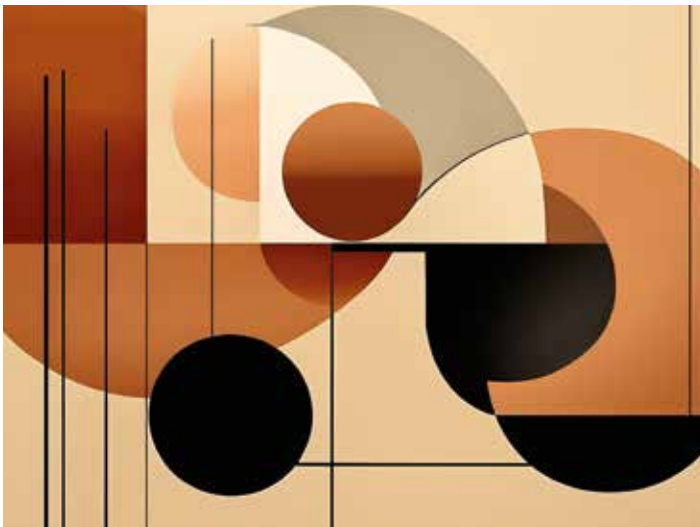
WARM MINIMALISM

THE RISE OF A NEW DESIGN TREND

Warm Minimalism is a design trend that's all about finding a balance between simplicity and warmth. Lush Living

In recent years, the design world has witnessed a shift from cold, industrial minimalism to a warmer, more inviting aesthetic. This new trend, dubbed “Warm Minimalism,” is characterized by a blend of clean lines, minimal ornamentation, and cosy, natural materials.





As we move forward in a world that's increasingly fast-paced and technology-driven, Warm Minimalism offers a refreshing alternative. It's a reminder that good design is not just about functionality and efficiency, but also about creating spaces that nourish our souls and promote our well-being. In the end, Warm Minimalism is a design trend that's not just about aesthetics; it's about creating a better way of living. It's about slowing down, appreciating the beauty of the natural world, and cultivating a sense of warmth and connection in our daily lives.

Warm Minimalism in architecture is all about creating a sense of warmth and welcome without sacrificing the principles of minimalism. This is achieved using natural materials such as wood, stone, and brick, which add texture and warmth to a building's facade. Large windows and sliding glass doors also play a crucial role in bringing in natural light and connecting the indoors with the outdoors.

One notable example of Warm Minimalist architecture is the work of Japanese

architect, Tadao Ando. His buildings, such as the Church of the Light, feature simple, geometric forms clad in natural materials like concrete and wood. The result is a sense of warmth and spirituality that is both minimalist and deeply human.

When it comes to interior design, Warm Minimalism is all about creating a cosy and inviting atmosphere without cluttering the space with unnecessary objects. This is achieved using natural materials, warm lighting, and a limited colour palette.

One key element of Warm Minimalist interiors is the use of texture. Natural materials like wood, stone, and plants add depth and visual interest to a room, while also creating a sense

of warmth and tactility. Another important element is lighting. Warm, table lamps and floor lamps can add a cosy glow to a room, while also providing task lighting where needed.

Warm Minimalist decor is all about simplicity and restraint. Rather than filling a room with lots of decorative objects, the focus is on a few, carefully chosen pieces that add visual interest and personality to the space.

One popular trend in Warm Minimalist decor is the use of natural objects like potted plants, vases filled with branches, and earthy bowls of river rocks. These objects add a touch of warmth and personality to a room, while also bringing in a sense of the natural world.



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Furniture

Warm Minimalist furniture is characterized by clean lines, simple shapes, and a focus on natural materials. Rather than ornate carvings or bold patterns, the emphasis is on the beauty of the material itself.

One popular trend in Warm Minimalist furniture is the use of solid wood. A beautifully crafted wooden chair or table can add a sense of warmth and tactility to a room, while also providing a durable and long-lasting piece of furniture.

Colour

The Warm Minimalist colour palette is characterized by a focus on natural, earthy tones like beige, taupe, and sienna. These colours add a sense of warmth and coziness to a room, while also providing a neutral background for furniture and decor.

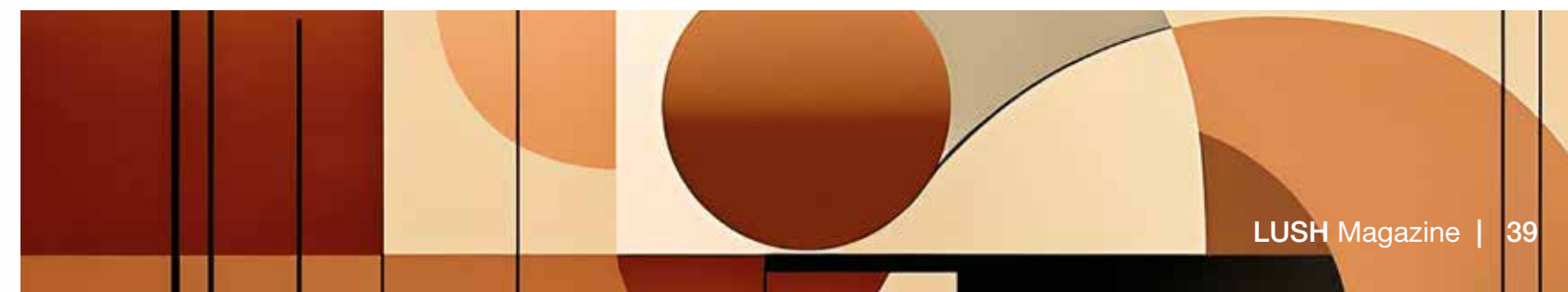
One popular trend in Warm Minimalist colour is the use of monochromatic schemes. A single, muted colour used throughout a room can create a sense of calmness and serenity, while also adding a touch of sophistication and elegance.

Other aspects of design

In addition to architecture, interiors, decor, furniture, and colour, Warm Minimalism is also influencing other aspects of design like graphic design, product design, and landscape design.

In graphic design, Warm Minimalism is manifesting in the use of simple, sans-serif fonts, natural textures, and earthy colour palettes. In product design, it's influencing the creation of simple, intuitive products that prioritize functionality and usability. And in landscape design, it's leading to the creation of natural, organic spaces that prioritize the beauty of the natural world.

By incorporating natural materials, warm lighting, and a limited colour palette, designers can create spaces that are both calming and inviting. Whether it's architecture, interiors, decor, furniture, or graphic design, Warm Minimalism is a trend that's here to stay.



Investment trends to watch in a rapidly changing world

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As we navigate the complexities of the global economy in 2025, high net-worth individuals are seeking innovative and strategic investment opportunities to grow their wealth.

Sustainable investing: a growing priority
Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations are no longer just a niche interest, but a mainstream concern for wealthy investors. As climate change and social inequality continue to dominate the global agenda, ESG investing has become a key strategy for those seeking to align their values with their financial goals. In 2025, expect to see a surge in demand for sustainable investment products, such as green bonds, impact investing, and ESG-focused exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Wealthy investors are increasingly recognizing the long-term benefits of sustainable investing, including reduced risk, improved returns, and a positive impact on the environment and society.

Digital Assets: a new frontier
The rise of digital assets, including cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and decentralized finance (DeFi), has created a new investment frontier for the affluent. While volatility remains a concern, many wealthy investors are drawn to the potential for high returns and the opportunity to diversify their portfolios.

In 2025, expect to see increased investment in digital asset infrastructure, including custody solutions, exchanges, and investment platforms. Wealthy investors will also be exploring the potential of digital assets in areas such as art, collectibles, and real estate.

Private equity and venture capital: attractive alternatives
Private equity and venture capital continue to offer attractive investment opportunities for wealthy individuals seeking to diversify their portfolios and generate strong returns. In 2025, expect to see increased investment in areas such as technology, healthcare, and sustainable energy.

Real estate: a resilient asset class
Real estate remains a resilient and attractive asset class for wealthy investors, offering a tangible and income-generating investment opportunity. In 2025, expect to see increased investment in areas such as:

- Sustainable real estate: green buildings, renewable energy, and eco-friendly developments.
- Urban regeneration: Revitalization of urban areas, including mixed-use developments and community-focused projects.
- Luxury property: High-end residential and commercial properties in prime locations.



Beyond the Rainbow Nation: Foreseeing investment trends of wealthy South African individuals

South African high-net-worth individuals are increasingly looking beyond the country's borders for investment opportunities. Despite the country's resilient economy, many wealthy investors are seeking to diversify their portfolios and reduce exposure to local market volatility. Offshore investments offer an attractive solution, providing access to a broader range of asset classes, sectors, and geographies. Many South African investors are drawn to developed markets, such as the US, UK, and Europe, where they can invest in established companies, real estate, and other assets. According to a recent survey, most South African high-net-

worth individuals invest offshore to achieve greater returns, diversify their portfolios, and reduce risk. The most popular offshore investment destinations include:

- United States (44%)
- United Kingdom (31%)
- Europe (21%)
- Australia (12%)
- Asia (8%)

To facilitate offshore investments, many South African investors work with financial advisors, wealth managers, or investment platforms that specialize in international investments. These experts help navigate the complexities of offshore investing, including tax implications, exchange control regulations, and investment strategies.



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By seeking professional advice and staying informed, investors can navigate the opportunities and challenges of multi-currency investment in 2025.

As the global economy continues to evolve, investors are increasingly seeking diversification strategies to mitigate risk and maximize returns. Multi-currency investment has emerged as a popular approach, allowing individuals to spread their investments across various currencies and asset classes.



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Architect Duif Joubert, Founder and Director of SG Studio, is thrilled to introduce two of their latest, stunning residential projects, embodying the perfect balance of grandeur and intimacy. The homes are skilfully designed to provide a tranquil retreat while exuding sophistication and elegance.

The bathrooms are a masterclass in understated luxury, with dark tiles providing a sophisticated backdrop for the warm, dark glass showers.



The façade's clean geometric lines, symmetry and warm tones create a sense of calm and serenity. Upon entering, you're enveloped by the comforting glow of wood panelling, which adds depth and texture to the interior spaces.

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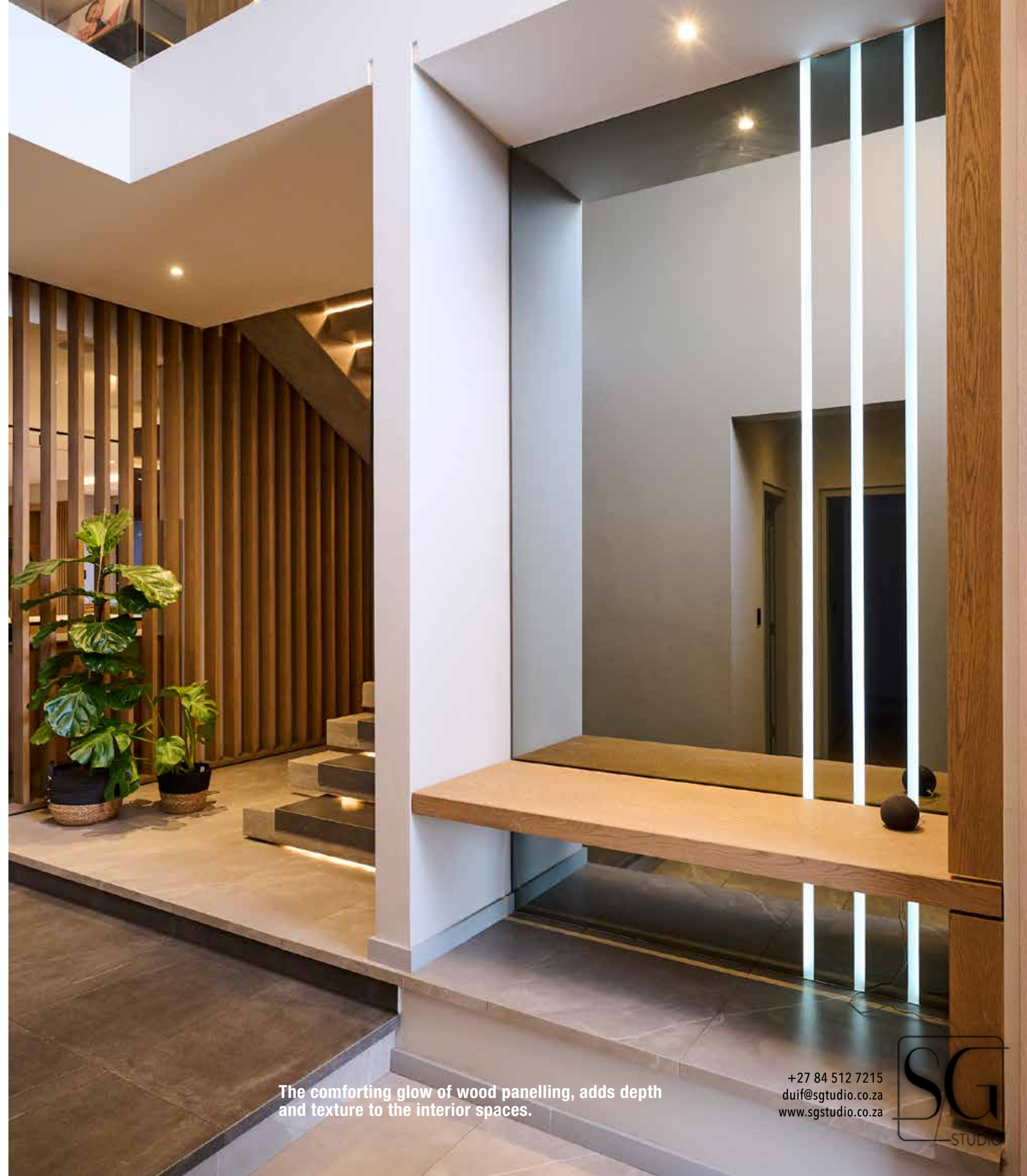


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The living area is a seamless integration of natural materials and thoughtful design, creating a sense of effortless elegance. The staircase is a focal point, where the clever use of light creates a sense of weightlessness and drama.

The pool area is a perfect harmony of warmth and coolness, with wood seating and carefully designed indigenous landscape.

"Throughout the home, our focus has been on creating a sense of flow and continuity, where each space seamlessly transitions into the next. The result is a home that feels both grand and intimate, sophisticated and tranquil."



The comforting glow of wood panelling, adds depth and texture to the interior spaces.

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Tucked away in the scenic hills of Porto, Portugal, lies a treasure trove of rich flavours and centuries-old traditions – the Port Wine Cellars. A visit to these iconic cellars is an absolute must for anyone traveling to Porto, offering an immersive experience that will delight the senses and leave a lasting impression.

As you wander through the cobblestone streets of Vila Nova de Gaia, the picturesque neighbourhood where the cellars are located, the sweet aroma of aging port wine envelops you, teasing the senses and building anticipation. Upon entering the cellars, you're transported to a world of oak barrels, dimly lit passageways, and the soft murmur of wine enthusiasts.

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Guided tours take you through the cellars, providing a fascinating glimpse into the art of port wine production. Savor the complex flavours and velvety textures of these iconic wines, paired with local delicacies and cheeses. As the sun sets over the Douro River, the experience becomes even more enchanting, with the cellars' atmospheric lighting and stunning views creating an unforgettable ambiance.

Discovering the rich flavours of Porto

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Whether you're a wine connoisseur, a history buff, or simply a curious traveller, a visit to the Port Wine Cellars in Porto is an unmissable experience.

The Art of Savouring Caviar



In traditional Russian and Iranian cultures, caviar is typically served with a mother-of-pearl spoon, accompanied by toasted blini, crème fraîche, and chopped fresh herbs like chives or dill. This classic combination allows the delicate flavours of the caviar to shine while providing a subtle textural contrast.

Eating caviar: a step-by-step guide

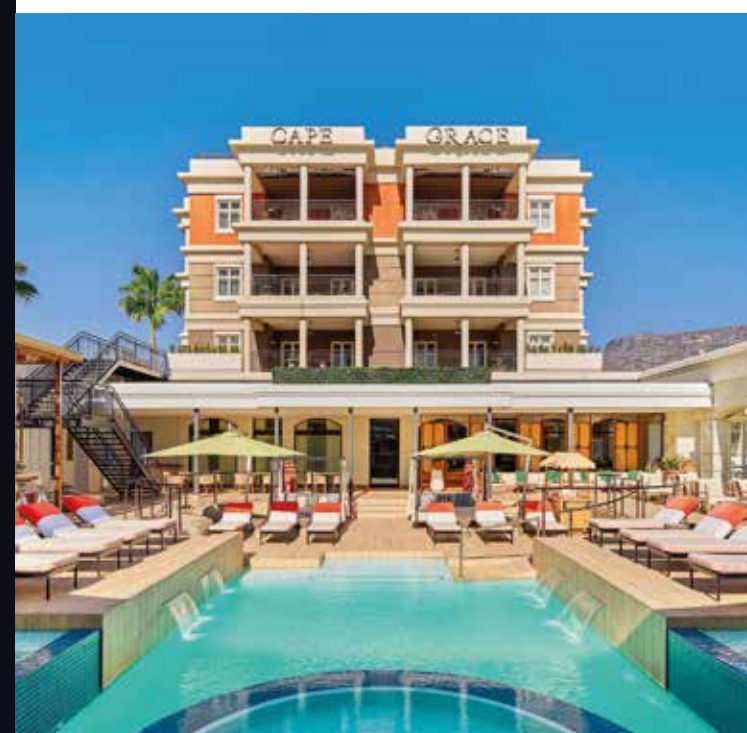
- ❖ Before indulging in caviar, make sure to cleanse your palate with a neutral-tasting cracker or bread.
- ❖ Opt for a mother-of-pearl spoon, as metal can impart a metallic flavour to the caviar.
- ❖ Spoon a small, pea-sized amount of caviar onto the back of your hand or onto a toasted blini.
- ❖ Allow the caviar to melt slightly, releasing its delicate flavours and aromas.
- ❖ Enjoy the caviar in small, deliberate bites, paying attention to the subtle nuances of flavour and texture.

Whether you're a seasoned connoisseur or a curious newcomer, the world of caviar awaits – so take a spoon, indulge and discover the subtle pleasures of this indulgent treat.

Eating caviar is an experience that combines luxury, tradition, and sensory delight. By understanding the different types of caviar, following traditional etiquette, and exploring modern pairings, anyone can learn to appreciate and savour this exquisite delicacy.

Understanding caviar

Before diving into the world of caviar, it's essential to understand the different types and their unique characteristics. Caviar is harvested from various species of sturgeon fish, with the most prized varieties coming from the Caspian and Black Seas. The colour, texture, and flavour of caviar can vary significantly depending on the species, age, and processing methods. While traditional methods are still revered, modern chefs and food enthusiasts have begun experimenting with innovative pairings and presentation styles.



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Andile Dyalvane



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Andile Dyalvane is one of Africa's foremost ceramic artists. Guided by a deep spiritual connection to his Xhosa ancestors, his complex, large-scale ceramic artworks are metaphorical vessels through which he seeks to honour his cultural traditions and share his journey of healing.

Born in 1978 in the small village of Ngobozana, near Qobo-Qobo in the rural Eastern Cape province of South Africa, Dyalvane grew up farming and looking after his father's cattle herd – sowing a deep connection to the land and his Xhosa culture that resonates powerfully through his work today. His medium of clay or “umhlaba” (mother earth) is, at its most fundamental, a life-affirming connection to the soil. But by providing a medium for storytelling, it is also an essential energetic link to his past, present and future.

iThongo (Ancestral Dreamscape) – a series of sculptural ceramic seating



Dyalvane completed a National Diploma in Art and Design at Sivuyile Technical College in Gugulethu, Cape Town, followed by a National Diploma in Ceramic Design from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2003. In 2005, he and Zizipho Poswa co-founded Imiso Ceramics, whose handmade tableware and vessels have earned the studio an international following. Through his functional designs for Imiso, he developed a language of incision marks inspired by the African tradition of body scarification that continues to inform his work today.

Dyalvane's oeuvre for Southern Guild serves as a distinct, but aligned, space from which to explore more complex ideas in greater depth with a focus on sculptural and monumental qualities. He made his international solo debut with *Camagu*, a ground-breaking collection of over-scaled ceramic vessels, lighting and furniture at New York gallery Friedman Benda in 2016. The exhibition's title is a Xhosa term expressing gratitude, spoken in particular when acknowledging one's ancestors, and it has become a much-used mantra for the artist.

Idladla (Grain Silo), exhibited at Southern Guild in Cape Town in 2017, pivots around the central role that maize cultivation plays in rural African life: no homestead is considered complete without a structure to store grain. The cyclical, life-sustaining practices of land cultivation are an embodiment of collective effort and restorative spirituality. *Idladla* is also part of an ongoing and much broader project for Dyalvane: the preservation of his language, identity, and cultural traditions.

iThongo (Ancestral Dreamscape), an extensive series of sculptural ceramic seating, premiered in the artist's rural community before being exhibited at Southern Guild in Cape Town (2020) and Friedman Benda in New York (2021). The collection – whose title refers to the medium through which the ancestors' messages are transmitted – was presented in a circular arrangement as a customary ceremonial gathering. The rounded

earthenware seats gave rise to tall backrests whose sculptural forms were based on an extensive vocabulary of glyphs the artist designed to denote important concepts in Xhosa life.

Dyalvane's work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Pérez Museum, Design Museum Gent, Vitra Design Museum, New Taipei City Yingge Ceramic Museum, Iziko South African National Gallery, NMMU Art Museum in Gqeberha and the Corobrik Ceramics Collection.

The artist has exhibited at museums all over the world, including the National Art Museum of China, Seoul Museum of Craft Art, Vitra Design Museum and Iziko South African National Gallery. He has taken part in a number of biennales including the inaugural Indian Ocean Triennial in Perth, New Taipei City Yingge Ceramic Museum Biennale, Tel Aviv Biennale of Crafts and Design, and Jinju Traditional Crafts Biennale.

Book publications include *Clay Formes* edited by Olivia Barrell (Art Formes, 2023), *Africanfuturism: African Imaginings of other Times, Spaces, and Worlds* by Kimberly Cleveland (Ohio University Press, 2024) and *Ubunzululwazi Lwabaphantsi (Ancestral Wisdom)* (Almas Art Foundation, 2024).

Southern Guild has presented Dyalvane's work at fairs including Expo Chicago, Design Miami, FOG Design+Art. A member of the International Academy of Ceramics, he is frequently invited to share his knowledge through master classes and workshops around the world and has earned residencies at prestigious institutions, including Leach Pottery in the UK and the Academy of Ceramics Gmunden in Austria.

He is the recipient of multiple honours, including the 2015 Design Foundation Icon Award and a Special Mention as a finalist in the 2022 LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize.

Dyalvane's forthcoming solo exhibition will open at Southern Guild Cape Town this October. 📍

By Southern Guild

Umwonyo, 2019 | 64 x 64 x 54cm



Isicaca (Fine Corn), 2017 | 51 x 43 x 40cm



Umlimandlela (Contour), 2021 | 46 x 28 x 28cm



Cornish Wall, 2020 | 45 x 34 x 34cm

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One of the most popular journeys is the iconic Pretoria to Victoria Falls route, which takes passengers on a 1,500-mile journey through the heart of Africa. Along the way, guests can marvel at the stunning scenery, enjoy thrilling game drives, and experience the warm hospitality of the African people.

As the world becomes increasingly fast-paced and homogenized, experiences like Rovos Rail are a rare and precious

commodity. In an era where travel is often reduced to a mere commodity, Rovos Rail reminds us that the journey itself can be the greatest destination of all.

Whether you're a seasoned traveler or simply seeking a unique adventure, Rovos Rail is an experience that will leave you in awe. With its unparalleled luxury, impeccable service, and breathtaking scenery, this iconic train journey is an absolute must-do for anyone who loves travel, luxury, and the finer things in life. 🚂

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There's something undeniably romantic about train travel. The rhythmic rumble of the tracks, the ever-changing scenery unfolding outside your window, and the sense of adventure that comes with embarking on a journey by rail.

While many of us are familiar with the daily commute or the occasional trip to visit loved ones, there are some train rides around the world that are truly unforgettable. Whether you're a seasoned traveller or just looking for a unique experience, these four train journeys will take you on a ride of a lifetime. From the snow-capped mountains of the Swiss Alps to the lush green landscapes of rural Japan, and from the majestic fjords of Norway to the sun-kissed deserts of Australia, these train rides offer breathtaking views, rich cultural experiences, and unforgettable memories.

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (VSOE)

A nostalgic adventure from London to Venice.



The epitome of luxury train travel. This iconic train journey whisks passengers away on a nostalgic adventure, evoking the glamour of a bygone era. As you step aboard, you'll be transported to the Roaring Twenties, surrounded by opulent decor, polished wood, and sparkling crystal.

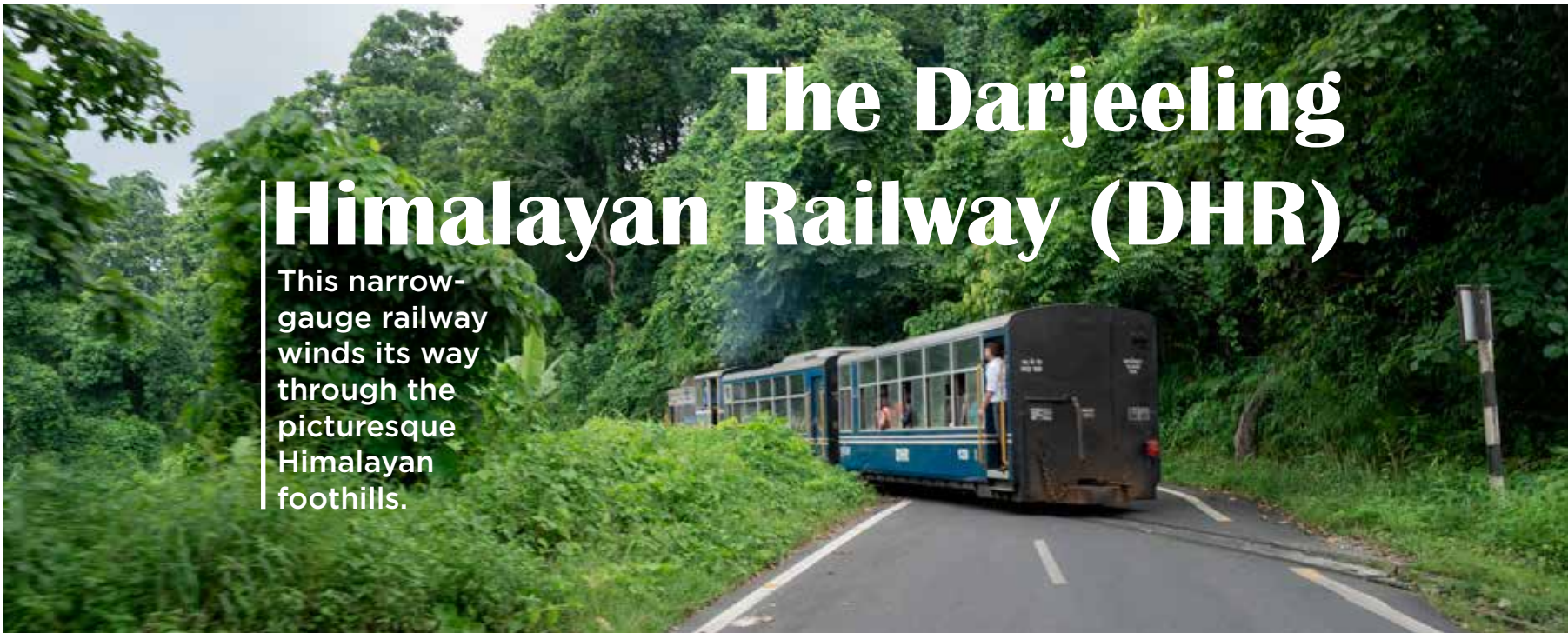
The VSOE's route from London to Venice is a masterpiece of scenic engineering, winding through the picturesque English countryside,

the rolling hills of France, and the breathtaking Alpine landscapes of Switzerland and Austria. As you gaze out the window, you'll be treated to a kaleidoscope of colours and textures, from the emerald-green fields of Kent to the snow-capped peaks of the Swiss Alps.

Onboard, the VSOE's attentive staff will pamper you with exceptional service, fine dining, and exquisite wines. Savor gourmet meals in the ornate dining car,

indulge in champagne cocktails in the bar, or simply relax in your plush cabin, watching the world go by.

As the VSOE pulls into Venice's Santa Lucia station, the City of Water's majestic beauty will leave you breathless. Disembark and explore the canals, piazzas, and historic landmarks of this enchanting city, carrying with you the unforgettable memories of your VSOE journey. 🚂



The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR)

This narrow-gauge railway winds its way through the picturesque Himalayan foothills.

This train journey offers breathtaking views of snow-capped mountains, lush tea plantations, and quaint hill stations. As the train chugs out of New Jalpaiguri station, the landscape transforms into a verdant tapestry of tea gardens, forests, and villages. The train's ascent to Darjeeling is a marvel of engineering, with steep gradients, sharp curves, and picturesque bridges. The DHR's vintage steam locomotives, some of which date back to the 1880s, add to the charm of the journey. As the train puffs and chugs along the tracks, the sound of its whistle and the smell of coal smoke evoke a bygone era. The train ride offers stunning views of the Himalayas, including Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak. As the train approaches Darjeeling, the town's famous toy train station comes into view, with its colourful markets, colonial-era architecture, and bustling streets. The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway built in the 19th century, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recognizing its cultural and historical significance. This train ride is a must-do experience for anyone visiting India's eastern Himalayas, offering an unforgettable journey through one of the world's most breathtaking landscapes.

The Glacier Express

An immersive experience in the natural beauty of the Swiss Alps.

This is one of the most iconic train journeys in the world, winding its way through the breathtaking Swiss Alps. This 8-hour journey takes passengers on a scenic adventure, traversing 291 bridges, 91 tunnels, and climbing to altitudes of over 6,600 feet.

As the train departs from Zermatt, a charming ski resort town nestled at the foot of the Matterhorn, the scenery unfolds like a canvas of natural wonders. The train chugs along the valley floor, passing through picturesque villages, verdant meadows, and towering mountain peaks.

One of the highlights of the journey is the Oberalp Pass, the highest point on the route, where the train pauses for a few minutes to allow passengers to take in the breathtaking views. The surrounding mountains, glaciers, and lakes create a dramatic landscape that is simply awe-inspiring.

Throughout the journey, the Glacier Express passes through some of the most stunning mountain scenery in the world, including the Rhine Gorge, the Sursilvan region, and the Albula Tunnel. The train's large windows and observation cars offer unobstructed views of the majestic mountains, making this journey a photographer's paradise.

With its stunning scenery, comfortable amenities, and rich history, this iconic train journey is a must-do experience for anyone visiting Switzerland.” 🚂



The Rocky Mountaineer

A breathtaking ride through the Canadian Rockies.



This 2-day journey takes passengers on a scenic adventure from Vancouver to Jasper or Banff, passing through some of the most stunning mountain landscapes on the planet.

As the train departs from Vancouver, the scenery unfolds like a canvas of natural wonders. The train chugs along the Fraser Valley, passing through picturesque towns, verdant forests, and towering mountain peaks. The highlight of the journey is the passage through the Canadian Rockies, where the train winds its way through tunnels, over trestle bridges, and past glaciers, lakes, and snow-capped peaks.

The Rocky Mountaineer's luxurious amenities and exceptional service make this

journey truly unforgettable. Passengers can enjoy gourmet meals, fine wines, and comfortable seating in the train's spacious cars. The train's large windows and outdoor viewing platforms offer unobstructed views of the breathtaking scenery, making this journey a photographer's paradise.

Throughout the journey, knowledgeable guides provide insightful commentary on the region's history, geology, and wildlife. Passengers may even spot wildlife such as bears, moose, and eagles along the way. With its stunning scenery, luxurious amenities, and exceptional service, the Rocky Mountaineer is a must-do experience for anyone visiting the Canadian Rockies.



NATURE'S CANVAS

A SPOTLIGHT ON NGUNI CATTLE THROUGH THE LENS OF ED SCHROEDER, ACCLAIMED SOUTH AFRICAN PHOTOGRAPHER.

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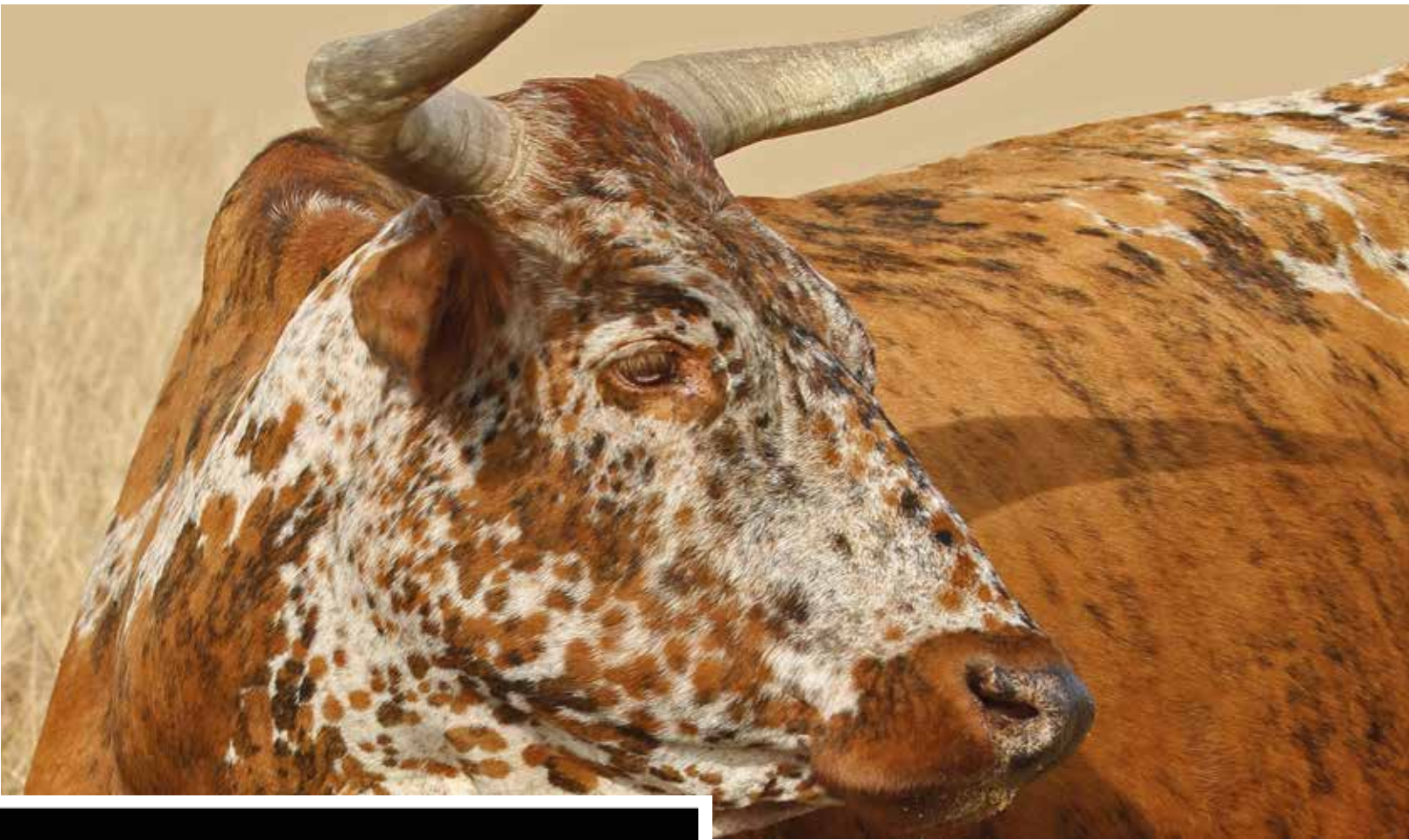


The Nguni cattle are renowned for their breathtaking colour patterns, a kaleidoscope of earthy tones, creamy whites, and rich blacks. The cow's heads and necks are a masterclass in elegance, with delicate horns and refined features. In contrast, the bulls, exude rugged power, their muscular necks and bold horns commanding respect. As the sunlight dances across their coats, the Nguni's natural beauty is revealed, a testament to the majesty of these incredible creatures.

Windows to the soul
The eyes of the Nguni cattle hold a deep significance in African culture. They are believed to be windows to the soul, conveying a sense of wisdom, calmness, and gentle strength. The distinctive markings around the eyes, known as 'spectacles,' are particularly prized for their unique beauty. As a photographer, capturing the expressive eyes of these majestic creatures is a privilege, revealing their quiet dignity and the deep connection they share with the land and their ancestors.

"Through my lens, I aim to capture the essence of these magnificent creatures and the rich cultural heritage they represent. The Nguni cattle are an integral part of South Africa's history and identity, and I hope that my photography will help preserve this legacy for future generations. By sharing their beauty and significance, I aspire to inspire a deeper appreciation for the country's diverse heritage and the importance of preserving its unique cultural traditions," says Ed Schroeder.



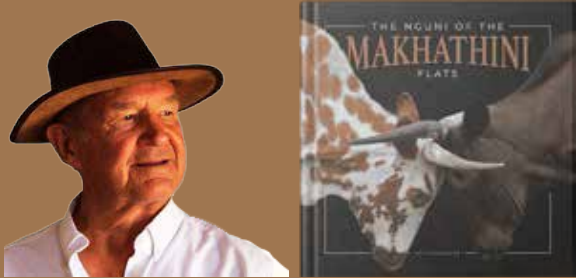


Schroeder is a renowned photographer celebrated for his captivating portraits of Nguni cattle. With a deep passion for African culture and wildlife, Schroeder's lens has captured the majesty and beauty of these iconic creatures. His photography philosophy is rooted in a profound respect for the natural world and a desire to preserve the cultural heritage of South Africa. Schroeder's approach is characterized by patience, dedication, and a keen eye for detail. He seeks to reveal the unique spirit and character of each animal, transcending mere documentation to create timeless, evocative works of art. Through his photography, Schroeder aims to inspire a deeper appreciation for the beauty, diversity, and significance of Nguni cattle in African culture.

"Makhathini Flats" is a photographic book showcasing the stunning beauty of the Nguni cattle grazing in the Makhathini flats, a remote and breathtaking region in South Africa. The book is a culmination of Ed Schroeder's dedication to capturing the majesty and elegance of these iconic animals.

Through his lens, Schroeder reveals the intricate patterns, textures, and colours of the Nguni cattle, set against the dramatic backdrop of the Makhathini flats. The book is a visual masterpiece, inviting readers to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and cultural significance of this unique region.

"Makhathini Flats" is not only a tribute to the Nguni cattle but also a celebration of the land, the people, and the traditions that have shaped this extraordinary place. The book is a must-have for anyone passionate about photography, wildlife, and African culture. 📖



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