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Lift off

A new designer space race is underway. First, Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic unveilled a sleek new look created by Philippe Starck. Then, EADS Astrium upped the ante with a rocketplane interior by Marc Newson - all sleek grey and yellow seats, large windows and handgrips. Not to be left behind, Versace is working with Augusta Westland on bespoke, branded helicopters. The days of owning a plain old private iet could well be numbered.





Fast times

A tropical take on Gaudi's organic architecture, the Mount Hartman Bay Estate in-Grenada is a stunning hideway for those in search of tranquility. With two stylishly retro-futurist properties available for private hire, the retreat also caters to those whose idea of unwinding is hiking through extinct volcanoes, snorkelling over coral reefs and exploring the underwater sights on a SeaScooter. Guests in search of adrenaline-fueled thrills can now borrow the resort's new Bladerunner 51 powerboat, perfect for high-speed joyrides or, if you are the quiet type, peaceful sunset cruises.

For more information, visit mounthartmanbay.com

AROUND TOWN

A new exhibition showcases the best and most cutting-edge hotel designs in the capital Until 27th October, New London Architecture The Building Centre, WC1



PURE ESCAPISM

Nestled in the Douro Valley in the north of Portugal, the luxurious new Aquapura Hotel offers a secluded hideaway surrounded by stunning natural scenery. Renowed for its port and wines - the best of which can be found on the shelves in Harrods Fine Wine - the Alto Douro Wine Region is a UNESCO World Heritage site just a short, scenic drive from bustling Oporto. The hotel takes full advantage of its surroundings, with lush gardens and views over the vineyards - along with thermal baths, tennis courts and a spa employing organic, indigenous ingredients. With modern luxuries and a classic feel, Aquapura combines the best Portugal has to offer.

For more information, visit slh.com/aquapura

Ski stress free

Whether you want to teach them to swim in Mauritius or to ski in the Dolomites, Powder Byrne's 20 years of experience makes it easy to book the perfect family holiday. New destinations for this winter include Courcheval, Lech and La Villa – one of Italy's best-kept secrets. Sample the four local Michelin-starred restaurants while the kids are kept busy on the stopes with Powder Byrne's Yeti Ski Club, or choose from 19 other worldwide destinations.

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Hands on

Milan's Hotel Principe di Savoia has become famous for Acanto, a unique restaurant set inside the dining room where guests can watch as Executive Chef Fabrizio Cadei creates unique fusions of Mediterranean and local Lombard dishes, Now, foodies in search of the ultimate masterclass can go behind the scenes for a unique handson lesson in Italian cooking, After a trip to gather your ingredients from the hills around Milan, you'll join Fabrizio in Acanto's glass-walled kitchen and learn to prepare dishes ranging from fresh pasta to fish, depending on what's in season. Sharing his passion for food, he'll soon have you chopping, kneading - and sampling - like the Italian masters. To book a place, visit principedisavoia.com