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A Right Royale Stay

For a taste of gracious Malaysian hospitality, the latest place to be is **THE ROYALE CHULAN KUALA LUMPUR**, a new and luxurious five-star hotel. Centrally located in the city's downtown business district, the u-shaped building features traditional high-pitched tiled roofs and tropical materials that showcase local culture. Says general manager Leo Kuscher, "While it incorporates contemporary services and facilities, the hotel features elements of Malaysia's unique architecture." Creative cuisine and friendly service are other defining characteristics of The Royale Chulan, which is expected to make a valuable contribution to Malaysian MICE business, too. www.theroyalechulan.com.my



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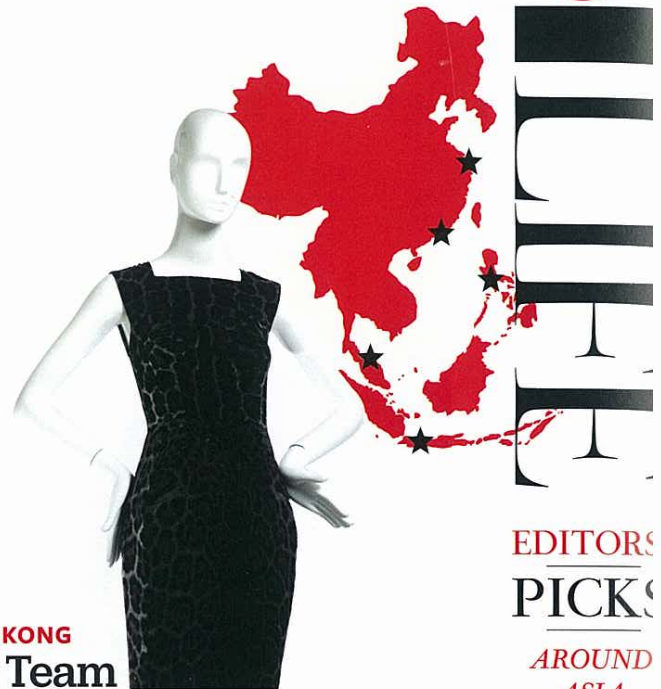
Mr & Mrs Bund Restaurant

Mr and Mrs Bund aren't a married couple. In fact, it's the name of Paul Pairet's newly opened modern French eatery, which is housed in the heritage building Bund 18. Pairet, formerly head chef of Jade on 36 at Pudong Shangri-La, has an international reputation for his highly original cuisine, but he's channelling simplicity and popularity here. The extensive menu at **MR & MRS BUND** puts an emphasis on family-style sharing and offers 32 hand-picked wines by the glass in three different sizes so you can sip and switch as and when the mood takes you. www.mmbund.com

INDONESIA

Taking Life To The Next Level

InterContinental Bali Resort introduces the latest development in its property, a contemporary-styled residence that embodies tropical sophistication. **JIVANA VILLA**, which derives its name from a Sanskrit word that pays homage to Bali's Hindu heritage and literally translates as "life" or "existence," redefines luxury, taking personalised hospitality in Bali to the next level. Just a few steps away from the white sands of Jimbaran Bay, the villa has its own private access and paved driveway flanked by a modern interpretation of a *candi bentar*, a traditional Balinese gate used to spiritually safeguard a site of reverence. The precious jewel in Club InterContinental's accommodation crown, Jivana is the place to stay for the ultimate in indulgence. www.bali.intercontinental.com



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Tag Team

These days, the limited-edition collaboration thing is widespread, and Lane Crawford has played its part in this cross-fertilisation boom with a slew of partnerships, such as last summer's T-shirts with Raf Simons, Ksubi et al. But here's a pairing that's aroused even the most jaded of limited-edition junkies: Yves Saint Laurent and Lane Crawford. The Gallic style titan has produced a highly collectible set of Hong Kong-only garments, including a dress and cashmere cardigan. Each item will come tagged with the exclusive label **YSL FOR LANE CRAWFORD** (eschewing that multiplication symbol) and will be available at the ifc Mall and Pacific Place stores for this month only.

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PHILIPPINES

Sunset Sessions

Watching the sun go down is one of life's simple pleasures, a pleasure the **SOFITEL PHILIPPINE PLAZA MANILA** has decided to tap into with its exclusive event So Chill. To enhance the experience of watching a spectacular sunset over Manila Bay, the hotel will be laying out comfortable mattresses complete with fluffy pillows on the grass beside the breakwater at 5pm every Thursday to Sunday. Guests are invited to lie back and relax as they enjoy an unobstructed view of the magnificent sun sinking below the horizon, while sampling a variety of yummy cocktails and nibbles. Just don't let the sun go down on this opportunity. www.sofitel.com