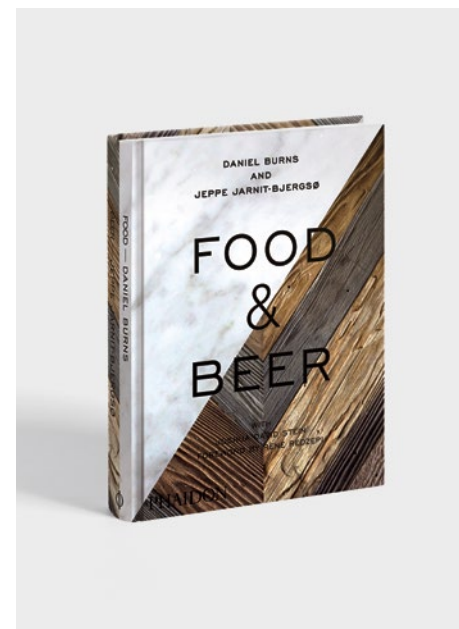


Of Note



Draw of the Wild

"Nature is so beautiful that adding to it has no purpose." This mantra of French wildlife artist Robert Dallet embodies his work, etchings of which have graced Hermès accessories for over 30 years. Now, a decade after Dallet's death, Hermès pays tribute to him with the *Carnets d'Équateur* collection. The tableware features myriad wild animals in their natural habitat, depicted in Dallet's impeccable charcoal and gouache renderings. The artist's reverence for the animal kingdom remains strong as the creatures take centre stage against the porcelain's pastel tones. First presented at Paris's Studio des Acacias in January, the collection is now available at Hermès boutiques across Canada. **Whitney Millar**



A Tale of Two Tastes

In Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighbourhood, walking through Jeppe Jarnit-Bjergsø's boutique beer bar Tørst leads to the tucked-away dining space of chef Daniel Burns's Luksus—the only Michelin-starred restaurant to pair dishes exclusively with beer. This gateway between realms has been brought to the page in the duo's collaboration *Food & Beer*, co-written with Joshua David Stein and accompanied by a foreword from Noma's René Redzepi. The book offers recipes and pairings in two parts: the first section, named after Tørst, is divided into 10 flavours shared by beer and food, while Luksus's European-inspired cuisine guides the second half. Frank and charming prose weaves together personal stories and expert insights; it's a meeting of minds in the unexpected friendship of beer and fine dining. **Whitney Millar**

City of Glass

"Thirty-four years ago I put a pipe into some stained glass that I melted in my basement, and I blew a bubble," says Seattle-based glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. That moment proved to be a catalyst for Chihuly's career as North America's pre-eminent glass artist, one he has spent crafting mystifying sculptures in unlikely forms. This June, the Royal Ontario Museum puts on *Chihuly*, an exhibit of 11 installations including previously unseen incarnations of *Icicles*, *Jerusalem Cylinders*, and the kaleidoscopic, overhead *Persian Carpet*. "There is something about putting the pieces overhead, on top of plate glass, that makes you think of the sea," says Chihuly of the latter installation's refractive quality. To stand beneath its dappled rainbow is to see the world in a new light. **Adrienne Matei**



Macaron Mecca

Those in the know, know: nobody bakes macarons quite like the French. Canadians can now taste the difference at the new Ladurée Boutique and Tea Salon in Vancouver. Beneath a ceiling painted with angels, customers can sip tea and nibble on French *viennoiseries* at the 16-seat salon, or pack up a box of ethereal macarons to go. Founded in 1862 by Louis Ernest Ladurée at 16 rue Royale in Paris, the pâtisserie has been crafting its famed ganache-filled macarons since the mid-20th century. Its first foray into Canada boasts 17 flavours of the pastel-hued macarons flown in from Paris, including salted caramel, rose, and—just for Canada—maple syrup. For more on Ladurée go to NUVOmagazine.com. **Katie Nanton**

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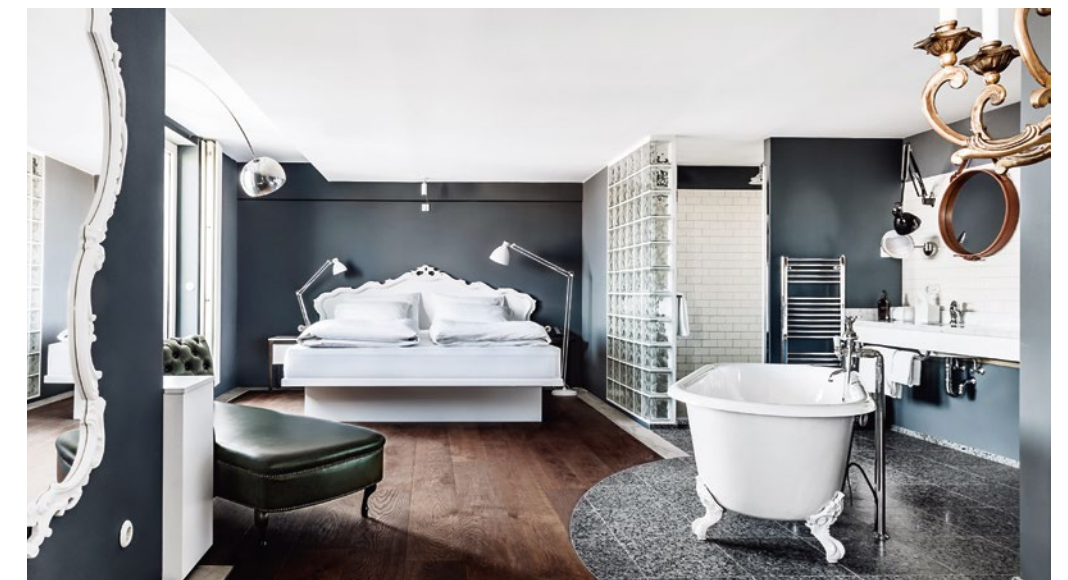
Measuring Up

Over 100 years ago, Prada's first store debuted in Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, featuring black-and-white marble floors and specializing in luxe leather bags. The legacy lives on in the checkered floor and leather goods at the new Vancouver flagship and, introduced for the first time in Canada, Prada's beloved Made to Measure service—already available in 50 countries. Customers are offered a choice of over 230 fabrics for shirts, suits, and jackets to create the ensemble of their dreams, with seasonal selects and monogramming available. It all takes place in private VIP rooms on the store's second level amidst video installations and men's and women's ready-to-wear areas. **Whitney Millar**

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A Grand Escape

It isn't often that you can book into an ex-secret service agency for the night, but Vienna's Grand Ferdinand allows you to do just that. The 188-room boutique hotel, open since October, served as the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution before its contemporary iteration was developed under hotelier Florian Weitzer. The property shines among fierce competition on the Ringstrasse, and refinement runs through the Grand Ferdinand's veins: think Lobmeyr crystal chandeliers and a rooftop pool with city views. A stay is not complete without ducking into the snug Gulasch & Champagne eatery next door for some late-night Viennese gluttony—gulasch and Debreziner sausages make for a fine nightcap. **Katie Nanton**



Stirring the Pot

It is not a matter of *je ne sais quoi* when it comes to Le Creuset; the appeal is clear. The company known for brightly coloured kitchenware, still producing its items at the original 1925 foundry in Fresnoy-le-Grand, France, celebrates the opening of its largest boutique to date this summer in Vancouver. With natural light flooding its expansive space, the new South Granville store becomes the first of over 600 worldwide locations to include a café and culinary centre, where Le Creuset's inaugural cooking series will take place. Each week, Canadian chefs will host 10 guests for dinner demonstrations, promising a decadent meal with the help of Le Creuset's signature cookware portfolio. **Whitney Millar**



Island Beauty

It's no easy task to compete with the natural beauty of Kauai's North Shore, but the St. Regis Princeville Resort and premier beauty curator Violet Grey will help you try. The brands have collaborated to assemble the Island Essentials Set, made exclusively for the Hawaiian resort to help maintain a fresh look, even when combatting the island's harsher elements of sun, sand, and surf. The kit features 10 products from beauty's best, including mineral-based sunscreen from Soleil Toujours, Dior waterproof mascara, and a SK-II Facial Treatment Mask. All packaged in a custom-made Violet Grey gift box, the Island Essentials Set is available for purchase at the St. Regis Princeville Resort or through Violet Grey's online store and Melrose Place flagship boutique. **Whitney Millar**

