

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH **FREDERICK FISCHER PIRELLI** ANNOUNCES
2018 CALENDAR **KOKAA WELLNESS RETREAT & SPA** OPENS **MÔET**
HENNESSY REVEALS NEW SERVICE CLOSING **THE IVY COLLECTION** OPENS
NEW RESTAURANT **FARFETCH** RECEIVES INVESTMENT FROM JD.COM
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1 VILLA 11 IN THE SEYCHELLES

Perched on the granite boulders at the far end of East Beach, Villa 11 at North Island in the Seychelles is a large, luxurious beach villa complete with a circular swimming pool, cinema lounge, sunken 'chill out' zone, lounge and a dining area with unobstructed views of the ocean. The villa's décor is in keeping with North Island's reputation



for understated elegance and all its features were designed with sustainability, ecological soundness and local knowledge in mind. An on-call butler is available 24/7 to cater to every need, be it booking an in-villa spa treatment, ordering homemade mango ice cream or booking a private deep-sea fishing excursion.

2 INTRODUCING THE SCUBASPA FLOATING RESORT

Offering a unique take on a luxury diving resort, the Floating Resort by Scubaspa sails to the Maldives' most secluded spots. Two purpose-built 50-metre yachts named Ying and Yang, the largest liveboard boats in the Maldives, can host up to 40 guests in their 19 luxurious suites. As the only vessels in the Maldives with a



five-star PADI rating, divers of all levels and physical abilities are welcome, with each yacht fully equipped with state-of-the-art diving gear and an accompanying 20-metre dive dhoni boat with the latest Bauer Nitrox compressor. PADI-qualified divers on the full-scuba package embark on 15 to 17 dives during their stay, with beginner's courses also available. Scubaspa Ying and Yang also boast 300 square metres of on-board spa space.

3 TANZANIA'S NEW MAWIMBI VILLA

Tanzania's latest private villa, Mawimbi, is an idyllic oceanfront retreat overlooking Ushongo, an unspoilt curve of palm-fringed beach, rated among the top secret beaches in the world. The two-storey, six-bedroom villa sleeps up to 12 guests and is a 'home from home' with modern coastal décor. Mawimbi is fully staffed with a host, a butler and



a private chef offering generous service and attention to detail. Less than a mile away from the villa, guests can experience Tanzania's most important turtle nesting site for unique sightings of green and hawksbill turtles. Of the seven marine turtle species found worldwide, five are found off the Tanzanian coast, making the experience a truly unique opportunity.

4 GECKO HOTEL & BEACH CLUB REOPENS

Gecko Hotel & Beach Club, Formentera has re-opened for 2017 following a major redesign at the hands of Pablo Carrington's Marugal Disincutive Hotel Management, bringing a new wave of Riviera style to the Balearic's smallest island. Set on the island's most beautiful beach, overlooking a vast 10-kilometre stretch



of white sand, the hotel has taken inspiration from the seaside elegance of the 1950s, when the international jet set started enjoying summers on Spanish shores. A neutral colour scheme and splashes of Mediterranean cobalt blue help the breezy laid-back public spaces fit seamlessly with their surroundings. Staying true to its Mediterranean roots, food is fresh and seasonal, with plenty of freshly caught seafood on the menu.

5 IAN SCHRAGER INTRODUCES PUBLIC NEW YORK

June saw the launch of Ian Schrager's new PUBLIC hotel in Manhattan's Lower East Side. Built on four key pillars: service, style, unique experience and value – and on the premise that modern luxury is about experience rather than materialism – the hotel aims to redefine luxury hospitality as we



know it. Ian Schrager says: 'I wanted to create a hotel for my generation, not my parents', and one that reflected my tastes and sensibilities, as well as popular culture. I was responding to cultural shifts that were emerging. That is the reason for PUBLIC.' At PUBLIC, guests can expect service that goes beyond the norm.