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# SARAH'S PICKS

#### EDITOR'SLETTER



When the family I nannied for when I was 15 asked me what I wanted for Christmas, I replied "Chanel N°5 or a silk teddy." Talk about precocious! In a very unlikely turn of events, they gave me both. There is no denying I love lingerie, from Agent Provocateur to Kiki de Montparnasse to Stella McCartney. And I never go a day without perfume (right now it's Elizabeth and James Nirvana White). So I hope you don't mind that we've indulged with a full page of sweet and slinky things to celebrate love (we didn't think you'd mind.) It being February, we also couldn't resist some sunny travel ideas, as well as the best new restaurants for a romantic tête-àtête with your true love. Enjoy!

Sarah Bancroft Editor-in-Chief

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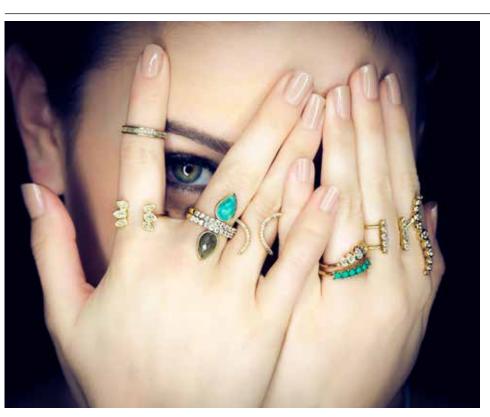
#### FITS TO A T

My ultimate travel necessity (other than my neck pillow) is a wrinklefree luxury T-shirt. Vancouver- and Helsinki-trained fashion designer Justina Anzulovich, formerly of Band of Outsiders and now based in L.A., has created Top Expert, a boxed set of three tees that come in a slim, relaxed and oversized fit. Under a blazer, with a pair of jeans or paired with a pencil skirt (in that order) these ultra-soft viscose T-shirts will form the foundation of your spring wardrobe. From \$300 per box set at Misch, 2960 Granville St., 604-731-1017. Topexpert.us



#### **FASHION! TURN TO THE LEFT**

There can never be too many tributes to the late David Bowie, so we're not stopping either. This arresting image is from a retrospective of his multifaceted oeuvre in England. He was such a trendsetter, our associate publisher Julie even fessed up to having sewn a pair of these pants in white for her then-boyfriend in the U.K.



#### **PILE IT ON**

Vancouver jewelry designer Melanie Auld wants you to wear her creations "a hundred different ways with a hundred different outfits." Her new Summer Nights collection (at The Cross, Blue Ruby and Nordstrom) is designed to be stacked and layered, as in delicate rings with turquoise and abalone shell, and earrings that can be worn in a classic way (a simple stud) or made edgy with climbers, ear jackets and cuffs. If you recognize that face, it's Kayla Price, whose brother Carey Price played in the NHL with the designer's husband, Alex Auld. Melanieauld.ca

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## FASHION & SHOPPING

# Love & Lace

TEN ESSENTIALS FOR EVERY SEDUCTRESS







LADY IN RED
This stretch-lace Very Sexy Teddy from Victoria's Secret is very sexy indeed. \$68







FIRED UP
Get pulses racing with this sheer nude
Agent Provocateur Gloria Basque decorated with tattoo-style French embroidery.
\$1000 at Agentprovocateur.com



BUST A MOVE

Wear this Agent Provocateur Ismerelda Parisian lace silk brief and bustier under a dress and have that knowing, cheeky smile on your face the whole evening. \$320 each at Holt Renfrew.









# FASHION & SHOPPING

# Hot Shops

MEET VANCOUVER'S NEWEST RETAILERS.

#### **MONCLER**

Wonder how celebs manage to look so darned chic on the ski hill? One word: Moncler—the fashion-forward French-Italian brand that has recently snapped up a Vancouver postal code.



Though famous for their iconic puffer (worn by the likes of Drake and inspired by a sleeping bag on a K2 excursion in the 1950s), a walk through the shop and it's clear Moncler is much more than snow suits. The regal space, adorned with marble floors and black French chêne fume wood panelling houses a shoewear collection, baby clothes, plus surprisingly springy dresses and sweaters. (In other words, everything a Vancouverite needs to go from board to beach in a day.) 748 Thurlow St., Vancouver. 604-673-9111. Moncler.com/ca LISE BOULLARD











#### **BRUNELLO CUCINELLI**

Vancouver just got a lot more luxe. Proof: Brunello Cucinelli, the Italian maison known as the "King of Cashmere" has just expanded its empire with the city's flagship store. Imagine being wrapped up in the finest Italian cashmere, knitwear, boiled wool outerwear, shearling, mink and fur ... we sure won't want to wake up from that cosy reverie! We love the chic understated décor with an earthy West Coast feel: Travertine marble floors from Italy and European walnut tables give a warm touch against the shop's cool white interior. 765 Thurlow St., Vancouver. 604-681-4875.

Brunellocucinelli.com

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#### **VERSACE**

Italian couturier Versace has recently opened a clothing and accessory boutique on Thurlow, and it's one of the most lust-worthy accessories experiences we've had. You'll find the iconic golden medusa proudly featured on handbags, sneakers, belts and more ... can we please have it all? The store that houses these items is just as luxe with details like white Italian lime plaster shelving sealed with Marsi soap wax at every turn. Even the floor is decorated with a beautiful concentric circle tile design. Whoever said the devil is in the details hasn't met Donatella. 747 Thurlow St., Vancouver. 604-449-1010. <u>Versace.com</u> MIRANDA SAM

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# ARTS & CULTURE



**MOD ART** We're incredibly excited for *MashUp: The Birth of Modern Culture*, a new exhibit that will take over the entire Vancouver Art Gallery with works from edge-pushers such as Basquiat, Picasso, Warhol, Stan Douglas and Tobias Wong. It's all about the mix, right? Opens February 20th. Sarah Bancroft





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## TRAVEL & LEISURE

# Los Cabos Calling

WE ESCAPED WINTER FOR A LAND OF BREATHTAKING BEACHES, CELEB-STUDDED SPAS AND SOME OF THE BEST TEQUILA ON THE PLANET. BY **ALEEZA KHAN** 

#### STAY

Situated between Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo with modern Mexican décor teasing the eye, the Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort is the perfect beachside retreat. Views of the oceanfront infinity pool will make you drool as you pamper yourself with exclusive Peter Thomas Roth products (in every room), and treat yourself to a delectable breakfast at El Meson. Carretera Transpeninsular Km. 19.5, 23447 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico. 52-624-145-6500. Hiltonloscabos.com

#### SEE

Do some eco-exploring with Cabo Adventures and hop on a mountain bike or a camel to discover the Bajan desert. Just a 25-minute drive from Cabo San Lucas takes you to an entirely different landscape where white, blue and green dominate the desolate and beautiful terrain. With breathtaking views, this area is known for its vultures, natural aloe, fauna and many other medicinal plants. Stay and have a delicious Mexican spread at the outdoor kitchen, and sample the locally made herbal Damiana liqueur (served in a bottle shaped like a voluptuous woman, an ode to its fertility benefits). Blvd. Paseo de la Marina sn Lote 7, Centro, 23410 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico. 52-322-226-8413. Cabo-adventures.com







# ESPERANZA

#### SWEAT

Esperanza wellness resort is an A-list hideout, with everyone from Jennifer Aniston to President Obama favouring its offerings of detox and seclusion. Be sure to stop at the spa to take in the overwhelming scents of citrus, and grab a bite at their poolside organic restaurant. Feeling energetic? Rent a paddle board and head to Playa Palmilla for bright blue water and a clear view of "El Arco," the infamous rock arch that dips into the sea where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez. Carretera Transpeninsular Km. 7 Manzana 10, Punta Ballena, 23410 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico. 52-624-145-6406. Esperanza.aubergeresorts.com



#### SAVOUR

Located behind San José del Cabo's historic main square is the muchadmired Art District, where some of the best food in the area can be found. Walk its cobblestone streets, pop into eclectic galleries and end with dinner at Mi Cocina in the Hotel Casa Natalia. Opened in 1999 by French chef Loic Tenoux, the restaurant embodies how well Los Cabos' international vibe blends with its historical feel. Share the grilled octopus, ceviche and shrimp tacos, and don't miss the tamarind margaritas. Blvd. Mijares 4, Centro, 23400 San José del Cabo, B.C.S., Mexico. 52-624-142-5100. Casanatalia.com

#### SPA

The traditional Mexican temazcal at the family-owned Hacienda Encantada is an other-worldly experience. With temperatures reaching up to 60 degrees, this ancient cleansing ritual takes place in a spiritual sweat lodge run by a shaman and healer. Though not for the faint of heart (drink lots of water beforehand), the natural herbal healing is excellent for the body and soul. Carretera Transpeninsular Km 7.3, Corredor Turistico, 23410 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico. 52-624-163-5550.



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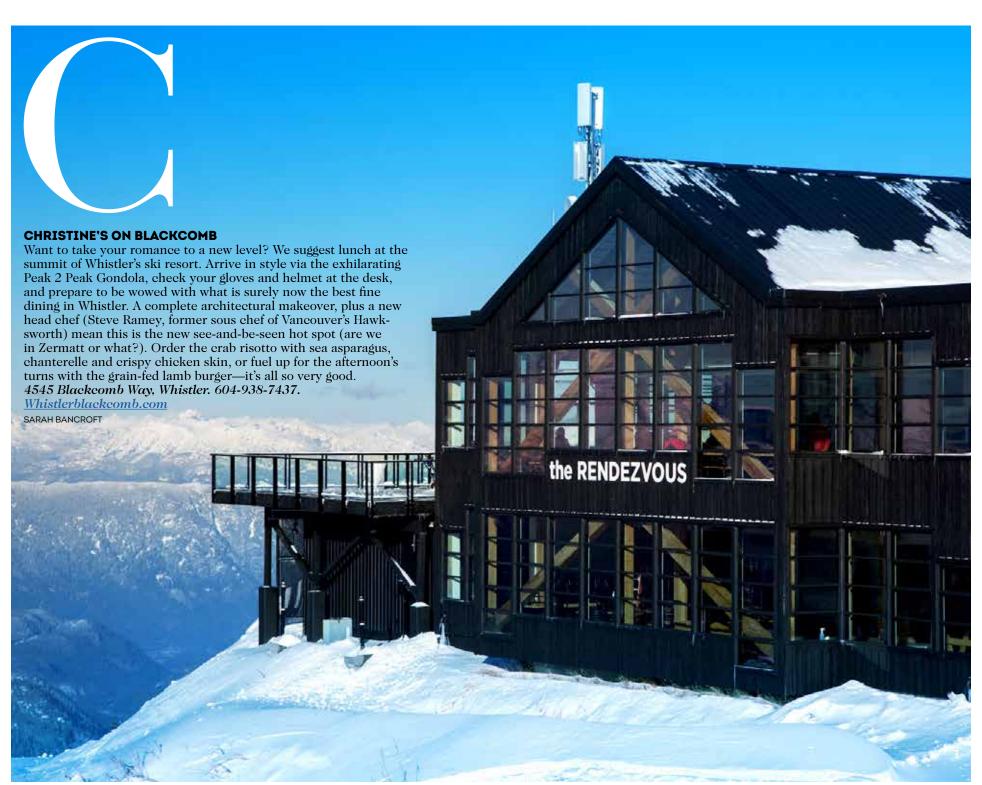
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### DINING & NIGHTLIFE

# Food for Thought

OUR EDITORS SAMPLE THE CITY'S MOST RECENT CULINARY OFFERINGS.





Husband and wife duo Vikram Vij and Meeru Dhalwala prove their well-earned reputation once again with the long awaited Vij's on Cambie, a thoughtfully designed space with salivating food. Always unique on Vancouver's culinary scene, the menu consists of the same modern Vij's classics—lamb popsicles, spicy goat, saag paneer—and cements its status as the most acclaimed Indian restaurant in Canada, and perhaps all of North America. The main difference is the size (much larger than the South Granville location) and design. The attention to detail isn't unnoticed-6,000 handmade chai bowls hang above the room, bright green tiles wrap the wall into the open kitchen, even the chairs are custom-designed. A thoroughly modern Indian restaurant, with a retro feel. 3106 Cambie St., Vancouver. 604-736-6664. <u>Vijs.cα</u> ALEEZA KHAN



#### **SAVIO VOLPE**

Tumblers of house-made wine, fresh pasta, belly laughter ... Fraserhood's newest Italian restaurant has recreated the classic osteria (informal family eatery) perfectly with an atmosphere ideal for a casual Valentine's Day dinner. With items like agnolotti with pork and chicken, and black kale with pecorino gracing its menu, the restaurant stays true to the European tradition of using only the freshest, seasonal ingredients. Add classic Italian wines, sodas and good strong espresso, and for an evening your date may imagine you'd whisked them away to the Old Country. 615 Kingsway, Vancouver. 604-428-0072. <u>Saviovolpe.com</u> MEGAN BOURASSA





#### **JUNIPER**

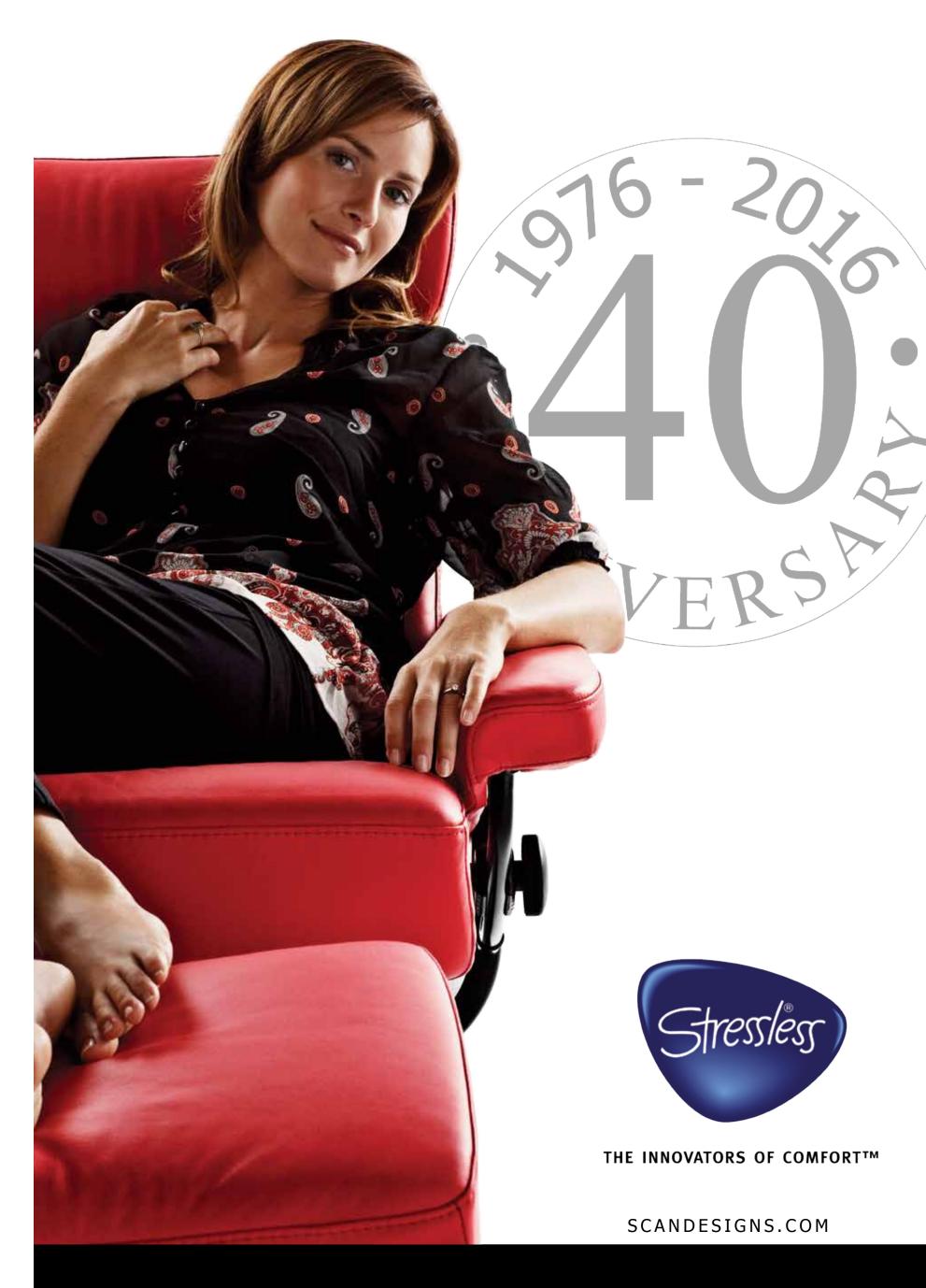
Opened by hands-on owner Lilian Steenbock (mother of five) and her husband Luis, who migrated from Mexico City for a long-time love of Vancouver, this restaurant is set to be Chinatown's hottest spot. We love the gin and tonic menu. with over 30 gins and seven artisanal tonics (do try the Rad-Ish with thinly sliced watermelon radishes and pink peppercorn) that pair perfectly with elegantly executed downhome dishes like Cornish hen with quince mustard, or braised bison with Juniper jus. Oh, and how can we forget the upper level mural by Ola Volo; subtle and original. But the detail that really stole our hearts? The stocked book shelves, inviting you to stay a while. (And you will.) 185 Keefer St., Vancouver. 604-681-1695. <u>Junipervancouver.com</u> SARAH BANCROFT



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