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Our newest exclusive fashion and shoe collection ranges from athletic-inspired apparel to bohemian '70s styles. Hudson's Bay stores will be infused with up to 50 new styles every month ensuring that that most of-the-moment looks and pieces are in store. Best of all, items carry an average price of \$75. *Shop select stores and thebay.com*



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: NOÉMIAH EVENING BAG, \$208; CYLINDER BACKPACK, \$215; BACKPACK WITH ROPE, \$267; ALL NOÉMIAH.COM.

LINE WE LOVE

Bags of texture

It was at a well-curated Etsy event that we discovered Montreal-based designer Noémie Vaillancourt’s line, Noémiah, which launched this month. The striking shapes of her bags feature modern, clean lines and textures so interesting we had to pick them up and admire them. “I was obsessed with geometric shapes—especially for bags, and fabric doesn’t give you that structure,” says Vaillancourt. She looked to fellow Etsy designer and woodworker Violaine Tetreault for help. Their combination of vegetable-tanned leather and maple wood gives the bags a muted neutral colour palette and lets the shapes and textures sing. “The cylinder seemed like the perfect shape for us,” says the designer.

Vaillancourt launched a jewellery line in 2008, but after four years she was looking for a new challenge. Having never sewn anything in her life, she took courses on pattern-making, sewing and design.

During her studies, she interned with Montreal-based designer Travis Taddeo, who is best known for his luxe sportswear collection. “His team does almost everything in-house, which means that when you work on his team you have to be able to hand-sew silk, cut leather or sew jersey,” says Vaillancourt. “I learned to work with the most delicate materials, and most importantly to have fun with fashion.”

That sense of whimsy has not been lost in her debut clothing collection; beyond her cool-girl handbags, her line contains billowy dresses printed with vintage bathing beauties and crop tops adorned with hummingbirds. “I imagine a beautiful lady riding her bike with the backpack or someone heading to a cocktail soirée in one of my dresses,” says Vaillancourt. So do we.

—Vanessa Taylor. Photography by Adrian Armstrong.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

“Being blonde is a full time job!”

@KimKardashian, March 18, 2015

BEAUTY MATH

Radiant skin and glossy pinky beige lips add up to a fresh look we love



AN ILLUMINATING COMPLEXION CORRECTOR LIKE **LANCÔME CITY MIRACLE CC CREAM**, \$46, LANCOME.CA



A ROSY NUDE LIP GLOSS LIKE **EVELYN IONA COSMETICS NATURAL + ORGANIC LIP GLOSS IN LISE**, \$18, GREENABY.CA





Actor Leighton Meester had a lit-from-within glow at the premiere of her film *Like Sunday, Like Rain* in Encino, Calif., on March 18. Moisten a makeup sponge with water or moisturizer before blending a few beads of CC cream over the face and add concealer where necessary. Swipe on a warm pink-neutral gloss and rub your lips together to spread it evenly. Easy! —Natasha Bruno

TALKING POINT



DON'T SWEAT THE SWEATS

Eva Mendes caused a frenzy last month while promoting her cosmetics line, Circa. Asked about her style, she said, “You can’t do sweatpants. Ladies, number one cause of divorce in America: Sweatpants.” While she’s not the first to express distaste for the casual staple (cough, Karl Lagerfeld), her joke caused a backlash, with women commenting that they should be able to wear what they want. Ryan Gosling came to his baby mama’s rescue, tweeting, “Obviously [the] sweatpants thing was a joke. Wearing them now.” Mendes apologized to her “favorite pair of sweatpants” on Instagram, saying, “I was just kidding when I said you’re the #1 cause of divorce. Everyone knows that orange crocs are the #1 cause of divorce.” The takeaway: Don’t mess with athleisure wear.

—Veronica Saroli



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ONE TREND, TWO WAYS NEGATIVE-SPACE NAILS

Simple graphic streaks and transparent cut-outs that reveal the natural nail transform a neutral white manicure into an unexpected conversation-starter.

- 1. Clear stripe at Misha Nonoo**
After applying a white lacquer all over the nails, manicurist Tracylee added a vacant vertical stripe from tip to cuticle. Get this look by wiping away polish straight down the middle of the nail using an acetone-soaked stripping brush.
- 2. Sketched lines at Prabal Gurung**
Inspired by the minimalist work of artist Tara Donovan, manicurist Jin Soon Choi freehanded thin white horizontal stripes on *only* the third and fourth fingers, using a skinny brush. —Natasha Bruno



SALLY HANSEN COMPLETE SALON MANICURE IN LET'S SNOW, \$9, DRUGSTORES. **ASP STRIPING BRUSH** (PART OF ASP NAIL ART BRUSH SET), \$12, SALLYBEAUTY.COM.



Smartwatches
Gucci joined forces with Will.i.am, and Tag Heuer teamed up with Intel and Google, to get in on the luxury tech-timepiece action.

Philip Treacy
The London-based milliner, loved by royals and celebs, created an elegant M.A.C makeup line, in stores this week.

Chanel Customers
The label is adjusting the prices of its bags to better reflect currency values, making them pricier in Europe but cheaper in Asia.

Nylon Guys
After 11 years in print, the publication is joining *Vogue Hommes* and *Arena* in the men's fashion magazine graveyard.

Fashion Police
The show is on hiatus until September after Kelly Osbourne and Kathy Griffin said adios to the program.



WEDDING FRAGRANCE

Nuptial notes

Your special day deserves a special scent, and one fragrance writer is especially qualified to help make it a choice you'll remember—even if she's forgotten her own...

BY DEBORAH FULSANG

I have been writing about fragrance for the better part of 20 years. I revel in the history, the mythology, the science, the beauty, the art and the sensuality of scent.

You'd think, then, that I would remember what fragrance I wore on my wedding day. I've been asked, several times. I tell the story of my eloping to Venice, of the trains, of my husband carrying a Lida Baday wedding dress in a big white box on a vaporetto water taxi. But I'm embarrassed to say that I don't know what perfume I wore.

You see, I'm non-monogamous when it comes to scent. Thankfully, my 16-year marriage enjoys more loyalty.

A wedding-day fragrance, though, one should remember. It should express the most beautiful, nuanced, concentrated essence of yourself. Royals take this sentiment very seriously: In 1853, Princess Eugénie de Montijo had Guerlain make Eau de Cologne Impériale specially for her wedding to French emperor Napoléon III. Grace Kelly wore Creed's Fleurissimo, a scent commissioned by her betrothed, when she married Prince Rainier III of Monaco in 1956.

And when the news finally broke about which perfume Kate Middleton wore for her 2011 wedding to Prince William, the *Daily Mail* reported that every bottle of her chosen scent—White Gardenia Petals by British brand Illuminum—flew off the shelves within minutes.

"It's a special day of your life; it's like a performance. You want to wear something with symbolism," says perfumer Francis Kurkdjian, who has mixed custom fragrances for brides. "Maybe wear the scent of your man. The possibilities are endless if you are creative."

Stevie Gorrie chose to purchase a new scent for her wedding this past summer, which took place in an 11th-century castle in Germany. "It took hours," laughs the 31-year-old Toronto-based creative director. "I think I smelled every fragrance in the store." Her selection: Salvatore Ferragamo's Signorina Eleganza. "It is romantic and elegant, with flowers plus grapefruit and pear to keep it from being too sweet," she says. Just like her dress—a pale blush-coloured mermaid gown. Gorrie's olfactory memories of the day encompass more than perfume, though. "It's old classical buildings, remnants of cigarette smoke and an after-the-rain smell," she says. "That combination will always come to mind when I think of Europe and now of my wedding."

Aerin Lauder went for nostalgia when she got married in 1996: She wore her grandmother Estée Lauder's fragrance Beautiful. "My grandmother created it to celebrate a bride on

her wedding day," says Aerin, 45, who lives in New York City. "It was one of her favourite fragrances and some of my earliest memories are of her wearing it." Aerin's latest scent, Rose de Grasse, seems tailor-made for a bride. "It highlights the rose, a timeless symbol of beauty and femininity," she says. It's not a coincidence that her own countryside nuptials featured that



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—Francis Kurkdjian

Left: Aerin Lauder with her scented bouquet. Above: Stevie Gorrie on her wedding day.

regal bloom. "I can still remember the scent of the fresh garden roses during the ceremony. They were all around us."

I've racked my brain to remember the scent that surrounded me on my wedding day in Venice. It might have been Old World romantic Vol de Nuit by Guerlain; Comme des Garçons 2, with its intoxicating spices and woods; or the water-inspired L'Eau d'Issey. All three would have suited the moment when I walked hand in hand with my then-new husband over the bridges of the Grand Canal, my skirt sweeping the sidewalk. The truth is I don't know. But like most brides, my wedding day holds a complex, romantic scent memory: wet stone, centuries-old wood, espresso and salty sea air. That is a cherished bouquet that I'll never forget.

Just don't ask me to name his cologne.



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BEST BOUQUETS

Fragrances inspired by the big day itself



Voluptuous, flower-loaded, perfect for the confident, tiara-wearing set.

BOTTEGA VENETA KNOT EAU DE PARFUM, \$130 (50 ML), HOLT RENFREW, HUDSON'S BAY, SEPHORA



Calms wedding-day nerves with its elegant chypre composition of peach, rose, peony, patchouli, suede and musk.

SALVATORE FERRAGAMO EMOZIONE EAU DE PARFUM, \$107 (50 ML), HUDSON'S BAY, MURALE, SEPHORA.CA



Celebrates the feminine blooms featured at Aerin Lauder's own wedding.

AERIN ROSE DE GRASSE PARFUM, \$205 (50 ML), ESTÉE LAUDER.CA



Bouquet- and bomboniere-ready with its sugar-coated almond, rose and orange blossom heart.

GUERLAIN LE BOUQUET DE LA MARIÉE EXTRACT, \$1,060 (125 ML), GUERLAIN BOUTIQUE AND INSTITUTE TORONTO, HOLT RENFREW CALGARY AND OGILVY

PERFUME HARMONY

You've found the one, but there's still a match that needs to be made: your wedding scent. We paired five styles of bride with their fragrance paramours

BY VERONICA SAROLI



1. Beach babe
Casual fabric, flower-child details and a thigh-high slit suit a relaxed seaside wedding, as does a scent that calls to mind salty air, warm days and dry, washed-up woods. Feminine top notes of yuzu citrus, wet florals and shiso leaf blend with an innovative seashell accord.

BALENCIAGA L'ÉDITION MER, \$145 (75 ML), HUDSON'S BAY

2. Glamour girl
Like a shimmering, feathered gown, La Nuit Trésor is not for shrinking violets. The heart of this fragrance is black rose, blended with lavish notes of vanilla orchid and lychee.

LANCÔME LA NUIT TRÉSOR, \$114 (75 ML), LANCÔME.CA

3. Renegade bride
Brides who make their own rules (or break them) will appreciate a sheer-sleeved crop top and cocktail-length skirt—and the unconventional statement made by a scent featuring a "magnetic ink" accord, birch wood and black pepper.

JO MALONE BIRCH & BLACK PEPPER, \$75 (30 ML), HOLT RENFREW AND NORDSTROM



4. Romantic soul
A tea-length dress with blossom appliqués and a caped back is as fresh and sweet as a lively blend of neroli leaves, white daffodil and white water lily, grounded by musk and sandalwood.

DOLCE & GABBANA FLORAL DROPS, \$106 (50 ML), HUDSON'S BAY

5. Classy lady
A sleek, scoop-neck silhouette and feather-weight veil hint at timeless luxury, as does Misia, named for pianist, art patron and Coco Chanel confidante Misia Sert. Powdery violets, May rose and iris evoke 1920s sophistication, but a hint of leather makes it modern.

MISIA LES EXCLUSIFS DE CHANEL, \$180 (75 ML), CHANEL BEAUTY COUNTERS



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Say yes to the dress

Your mailbox filling up with save-the-dates and shower invites is a clue that wedding season is about to begin, and it's not just the bride who has to think about her outfit. We turned to British clothier Ted Baker (whose third Canadian location is opening June 17 at the Pacific Centre in Vancouver), known for its impressive selection of polished dresses, to get us ready. While Ted Baker offers several silhouettes, from the midi-length bodycon shift to the Bohemian maxi, the fit-and-flare shape is a returning favourite every season for its ultra-flattering silhouette and versatility. The secrets to keeping this tried-and-true look fresh: Quirky on-trend prints, luxe embellishment like sheer lace and clever colour blocking. Here's how to get the most out of your seasonal investment

BY VANESSA TAYLOR

THE EVENT: BRIDAL SHOWER

Mix messages

If you're mixing prints, a general rule to follow is that graphic prints (stripes, checks and dots) look best paired with organic prints like florals. Of course, if any of these extras are too strong of a statement, simply swap in a neutral in buff, black or dove grey.

The dress

If you're looking for a dress that can work double duty, choose the fabric carefully. Avoid anything with a sheer-ness or sparkle that reads too evening for a daytime party.



1. The topper

To change it up, try layering a knit top or boxy tee in a heavier fabric like neoprene to create the look of separates. This works best on dresses with no detailing or embellishment that will show through your top.

BCBGMAXAZRIA TOP, \$210, BCBG.COM



2. The bag

With lots of prints happening, stick with a solid-coloured bag but look to texture to add interest, like the subtle perforated detail on this tote.

OPELLE CREATIVE BAG, \$360, OPELLECREATIVE.COM



3. The footwear

Since a sky-high heel is often more trouble than it's worth at garden parties (picture stilettos sinking into the grass), a modern wedge offers plenty of height without any of the fuss.

CHLOÉ WEDGE SANDALS, \$1,590, NET-A-PORTER.COM

THE EVENT: WEDDING

Demure dame

While it might be tempting to wear something revealing in warmer months, wedding outfits should err on the side of sophisticated and elegant—skip the super-short hemlines and major cleavage. This hourglass shape can easily be paired with a power heel to amp it up or a chic flat if that's more your style.

The dress

Since most pale colours will either anger the bride or run the risk of making you look like a bridesmaid, the darker base on this dress is key. Oversized blooms offer a welcome hit of colour without being too loud.



1. The topper

Whether you're at a venue with full-on A/C or just an evening reception, a light layer is an essential piece of your wardrobe. For dressier occasions, skip the standard pashmina scarf for a structured blazer draped over your shoulders.

SMYTHE JACKET, \$595, HOLTRENFREW.COM



2. The bag

Try a scaled-down bag like this mini-satchel with top-handle detail to hold your evening essentials.

M2MALLETIER BAG, \$1,695, HOLTRENFREW.COM



3. The footwear

Sure, a classic black pump would look good, but these chevron-printed sandals inject an instant hit of colour play into this look.

ALDO SANDAL, \$90, ALDO SHOES.COM



BEST-DRESSED WEDDING GUEST

BY VANESSA TAYLOR

With a second capsule collection of dresses arriving in stores May 2, RW&Co.'s collaboration with glossy mag *Elle Canada* arrives just in time for Canadian wedding guests to plan their outfits. Relying on the magazine's fashion director, Denis Desro, to champion a new look, the line features modern plunging necklines, Italian-sourced fabrics and prints designed in-house. Even at a slightly higher price point, the first collection was a success. "RW&Co. is going through an evolution," says Alain Lessard, vice president of merchandising for the brand. The top seller was the Windsor, Ont., location, which needed replenishment stock weekly.

The summer collection has two distinct themes—soft pastels and a graphic black-and-white palette. Standout pieces include a powder-blue dress with edgy cutaway shoulder detail, and a voluminous floral maxi with deep-V neckline.

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Have dry shampoo, will travel

Listen up, beauty over-packers! Whether you're off for a beach honeymoon or a cool cultural city break, we've collected the best pared-down, travel-sized necessities, so your vacay selfies do you justice



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1. The friction from using these cloths, and the salicylic acid found in the willow bark they contain, will sweep all the grime, sunscreen and sweat off your face after a day on the beach.
BURT'S BEES EXFOLIATING FACIAL CLEANSING TOWELETTES, \$10, BURTSBEES.CA
2. Sunscreen is a get-away no-brainer: This one is lightweight but enhances your vacation glow with moisturizing shea butter.
HAWAIIAN TROPIC SHEER TOUCH ULTRA-RADIANCE SUNSCREEN SPF 30 (MINI), \$4, SHOPPERS DRUG MART
3. A cooling spring-water spray is a glamorous yet practical plane and pool essential.
EAU THERMALE AVÈNE THERMAL SPRING WATER SPRAY (MINI), \$10, SHOPPERS DRUG MART
4. If the humidity by the pool robs your hair of volume, this little guy will plump it right up for cocktail hour.
AMIKA BOMBSHELL BLOW-OUT SPRAY (MINI), \$37, SEPHORA.CA
5. Don't rely on the drying, sulphate-laden hotel body wash; BYO luxe, oil-rich shower gel.
RAHUA BODY SHOWER GEL (MINI), \$13, DETOX MARKET IN TORONTO, KISS &

MAKEUP IN VANCOUVER

6. Surrender to the hippie vibe of spending all day in your bikini and pack a natural cream deodorant that keeps you smelling citrus-fresh.
LOVEFRESH NATURAL CREAM DEODORANT IN SWEET ORANGE PATCHOULI, \$15, LOVEFRESH.COM
7. Your highlights won't thank you for exposing them to chlorinated pool water, sea salt and harsh sunlight; make it up to them by bringing colour-protecting, coconut-oil-enriched shampoo and conditioner.
BE BETTER COCONUT OIL COLOUR PROTECTION SHAMPOO (MINI) AND CONDITIONER (MINI), \$3 EACH, REXALL AND REXALL PHARMA PLUS
8. If you're staying in a beach shack that doesn't have full amenities, you might want to bring a pint-sized hair dryer that packs full-sized power.
ARIA BEAUTY SALON SERIES BELLINI MINI BLOW DRYER, \$70, ARIABEAUTY.COM
9. A blend of Italian mandarin, lemon and bergamot smells just right in the sunshine, and this bottle's sleek and protective leather cover means you can throw it in your travel tote.
ATELIER COLOGNE MANDARINE GLACIALE COLOGNE ABSOLUE, \$90, SEPHORA.CA
10. Get these roomy, lightweight Sonia Kashuk bags while you can; they'll disappear along with Target when the retailer exits Canada this year.
SONIA KASHUK PALM PRINT WEEKENDER COSMETIC BAG, \$30, TARGET.COM



Watch the crashing Pacific waves from a luxurious cabana.

The place: At the lower tip of the Baja California peninsula, Los Cabos is blessed with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Gulf of California on the other. It's a favourite destination for Hollywood residents to hop down to between films: Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo got married at the lush, organic Flora Farms and restaurant last July; and at the premiere of her film *Wild* at the Los Cabos International Film Festival in December 2014, Reese Witherspoon said she's been coming to the area with her children for years.

Stay: After rebounding from devastating Hurricane Odile in September 2014, the chic Secrets Puerto Los Cabos Golf & Spa Resort reopened last December, more polished and picturesque than ever. Tucked well away

from the bustle of party town Cabo San Lucas, the all-inclusive resort is big enough to have seven restaurants, but small enough that nothing is more than a few minutes' stroll away.

Shop: Skip the tourist-haranguing vendors at the markets and head to the small boutiques lining the calm square of San José del Cabo. Look for brightly embroidered caftans and cushions, and delicate silver jewellery.

Spa: Soothe your sun-baked skin with a dragon-fruit body wrap at Secrets Spa by Pevonia, made by mashing up the antioxidant-rich local fruit. It's followed by a head massage so relaxing you'd be forgiven for dozing off; don't be surprised if the therapist whips your hair into a crown braid before you wake.—*Rani Sheen*



The hot springs of the Blue Lagoon Spa.

THE BIG CHILL Reykjavik, Iceland

Your carry-on kit

1. Travel alert: Everyone's favourite ultra-mild cleanser now comes in cloth form.
CETAPHIL GENTLE SKIN CLEANSING CLOTHS, \$5 FOR 10, DRUGSTORES
2. Cold climates lead to red, chapped noses and dry patches—plan ahead and bring an oil-rich balm to soothe.
ELLA'S BOTANICALS MY DARLING CLEMENTINE MAGIC BALM, \$16, ELLASBOTANICALS.CA
3. You'll probably be too busy climbing glaciers to wash and style your hair—do it before you leave and keep a mini dry shampoo on hand to revive it when you land.
BATISTE DRY SHAMPOO ORIGINAL (MINI), \$5, SHOPPERS DRUG MART
4. Lip balm must not be forgotten: Enlist a seriously hydrating one to deal with the drying winds.
BIODERMA ATODERM MOISTURIZING LIP STICK, \$7, DRUGSTORES
5. No need to leave your Chanel at home: Pack a small, unbreakable purse spray.
CHANEL COCO MADEMOISELLE PARFUM PURSE SPRAY, \$129, CHANEL BEAUTY COUNTERS
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ODACITÉ JOJOBA BEADS EXFOLIANT (MINI), \$33, PETALANDPOST.COM
8. No sun doesn't mean no sunscreen: Carry a portable stick for nose and cheek touch-ups.
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10. Hairstyling products are hard to find in solid form—this one adds gloss and light hold, and smooths staticky flyaways.
KÉRASTASE ELIXIR ULTIME SERUM SOLIDE, \$38, KERASTASE.CA
11. A zip-up wash bag with plastic lining protects the rest of your luggage from leaks.
KATE SPADE CEDAR STREET DOT MANUELA, \$125, KATESPADE.COM



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The place: It's not just the frosty temperature or the fact that it's the home of Björk and Sigur Rós that makes Iceland cool. Downtown Reykjavik is filled with impressive architecture (including the stunning Hallgrímskirkja cathedral, which can be seen from every point in the city), independent coffee shops and artisanal stores—all of which provide the perfect place to shelter from the biting wind. With rugged natural landscape surrounded by snow-topped mountains, it's easy to

understand why this setting has played host to TV shows and movies such as *Game of Thrones* and *Interstellar*.

Stay: Stunning art deco Hotel Borg has been around since 1930, having been created for Jóhannes Jósefsson, a local strongman who'd recently returned home after travelling the world with the circus. It has 56 rooms, each filled with beautiful polished wood and equipped with Jacuzzi bathtubs—perfect for soothing tired muscles after a day of shopping.

Shop: Reykjavik has three shopping malls that are filled with a mix of stores both Icelandic (like 66° North and NTC) and European (H&M and Next). Two main bustling streets in the city centre (Bankastræti and Skólavörðustígur) are lined with shops offering traditional knitwear and fur goods to equip you for the cold.

Spa: Set among the vista of mountains meeting volcanic rock, the Blue Lagoon Spa provides an otherworldly experience. The water itself is packed with minerals and micro-bacteria and leaves your skin silky smooth. Amp up the effect with a silica scrub found in wooden pots around the lagoon, and try the frozen cubes of algae mask from the swim-up bar.—*Alex Laws*

COME FLY WITH ME

Getting stuck at the airport is all too common, but with increasing options for spas and shops, terminal delays have their perks

ARRIVE IN STYLE

Get sleek strands during a layover at New York-based colourist Joel Warren and stylist Edward Tricomi's LaGuardia salon. A pre-flight blowout (\$56) takes just 20 minutes. **Warren-Tricomi** at XpresSpa LaGuardia Airport, Terminal C

INTERNATIONAL SKIN

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BUTTER FINGERS

Butter London's only salon stocks all of the brand's cosmetics and formaldehyde-free polishes (\$33 each), so allow plenty of time to choose. **Butter London Nail Salon** at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Concourse C

SHOP TO IT

With annual sales rivalling the GDP of the Maldives, Dubai Duty Free is 280,000 square feet of Chanel, Armani and Hermès, travel beauty kits and even solid gold bars. **Dubai Duty Free** at Dubai International Airports—Concourses A, B and C and Terminal 2.—*Veronica Saroli*



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