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A look at what caught our eye this month, from spa escapes to city breaks



Island escape
At the Mercury falls in the ECC, accessible to Sri Lanka's mid and unspoilt east coast to experience the new Sun Aqua Reskutan Resort, part of Sun Smart Resorts. With 34 tastefully designed suites, guests are treated to oversized bathrooms, elevated bedrooms and lounge areas opening out on to views of the sea, beach and landscaped gardens, while the two grand beach pavilions offer plenty of space for families or groups and include an infinity-edge pool as well as direct beach access. From free dining to casual fare, diners can enjoy gourmet cuisine created using vegetables from the resort's gardens. After sunbathing in the vibrant coral reefs or exploring the nearby tea plantations and national parks, spend the afternoon lounging on the beach, floating in the infinity pool or enjoying a rejuvenating massage using traditional Sri Lankan products at the historic Sun Spa. 00906-332 1977. sunspa.com/sri.lanka

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RELAX AND REVIVE
Enjoy a tranquil spa break at Buri Raha Hotel Kempinski in Riyadh, which has launched the first Revive Spa in the Middle East. A fusion of modern and traditional, the therapists adapt their techniques according to the needs of each guest. The spa houses eight treatment rooms, two spa rooms, two separate male and female sections and includes two plunge pools, steam rooms, saunas and jacuzzi rooms. Revive Spa also offers membership, which includes special rates on treatments and spa products, access to the fitness centre, pool, tennis and squash courts, as well as a discount at the hotel's restaurants and lounge. 00966-8-33 7775. kempinski.com/Riyadh

Botanical masterpieces
Get in touch with nature through San Diego & Austin water collection. Charm's extraordinary Langage des Fleurs. These new terrazzo masterpieces are decorated with enamel and mosaic patterns and embellished with floral charms symbolising hope, love and desire. With interchangeable elegant drapes, they're perfect for mixing and matching with different outfits. recoch.com



RAMADAN KAREEM
Honouring the religious generosity of Ramadan, The Address Dubai Marina is celebrating the spirit of Ramadan by hosting a daily Iftar in the Constellation Ballroom. A selection of Arabic, Asian and international delicacies, desserts and juices await guests, followed by the option of an à la carte supper with an extensive menu of shisha flavours and panoramic Marina views after Burn at Shadis. From AED 190. 00971-4-889 3444. theaddress.com

EXOTIC GETAWAY
Sri Lanka is now at the peak of the season. Escape to the peaceful golden beaches of the east coast and the peaceful golden beaches of the east coast are set to add a new tropical five-star resort thanks to Dubai-based J.A. Resorts & Hotels, who will manage the JA Eclipse Beach Resort. Come 2017 guests can relax in one of the 303 luxurious suites and villas, unwind at the spa and wellness centre with its hydro pools and herbal-infused relaxation garden, and dine at one of eight outlets – rooftop, poolside or beachside – while kids make their own memories at the kids' club. The resort will be situated between the cities of Trincomalee and Batticaloa, on a 40km stretch of beach, plus 33 acres of unspoilt greenery. 00971-4-884 5500. www.jahotel.com



Time travel
London's Royal Opera House has added two unique London properties to its portfolio – a historic grand opera and a futuristic lounge bar. The new M by Morrison features striking architecture with views of the Square Mile and modern, tech-enhanced interiors with thoughtful work spaces and a table in every room. In contrast, the newly restored Royal Opera House (RHO) brings contemporary comfort and a storied history together and boasts a new level of service for afternoon tea, as well as elegant suites with views of the city's top landmarks. londonm.com