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The fifth model
in the exclusive
six-part Legends
Edition Type 18
"Black Bess" Bugatti



GRATUITOUS BEAUTY

Bugatti's darkly devastating new Veyron

If you're going to splash out,

then we suggest taking a look at Bugatti's new Black Bess. Named after the renowned English racehorse, the original Black Bess was actually one of the first sports cars allowed on the streets back in 1912. Fifth in the series of six Bugatti Legends; this Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport Vitesse boasts technology never even dreamt of back in the early 20th century. While the original reached a top speed of 160kmh, this new model reaches an amazing 408kmh with the roof down; making it the fastest production roadster ever built. Something else that will appeal to our luxe-loving petrolheads is the 24-carat gold detailing that sets each of the three models being produced, ahead of its contemporaries. bugatti.com

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advice for the true JETSETTER

*Interior Designer ARIANNE KAMYAB
on transforming your luxury transport
from production line to super fine*

As the needs of the affluent traveller evolve, the exteriors progress and in turn the interiors follow to reflect the vessel. ISA's latest 43-metre Granturismo yacht is a contemporary floating masterpiece and a perfect reflection of where both exterior and interior yacht design are headed.

The G650 is the most technologically advanced business aircraft in the sky



FAST AND FABULOUS

Discover the high performing Otam 80

The Otam 80 is perhaps one of the best sporting yachts on the market. Not only does it look super sleek and utterly desirable from the outside, but go below deck and you'll discover why this Italian yachtbuilder is at the top of the prestige list. Everything is superbly crafted; from the panelled wooden walls to the soft Italian leather seating and plush carpets. High performing in every sense. Otam.it

Designed from the outside in, the buyer has an option of 12 floor plans for the Gulf Stream G650. Skip the queues and arrive in style



Stamping your personality onto your very own super yacht or private plane is a creative process unimaginably different to designing a traditional home. The beautifully complex curves of your vessel require dedicated architecture and cabinetry to do justice to the vessels' remarkable engineering. It's not enough to merely purchase the latest Gulfstream or Benetti, you must fit it out with custom-built features that will elevate its design and status.

When the elite traveller buys or charters their yacht, there are dreams and aspirations to be fulfilled. "Yachts only exist to provide sensory experiences, so aesthetics are key," says Benjamin Maltby of yacht consultants Matrix Lloyd. "Yet yacht designers often overlook the fact that when guests are onboard, they can only see the interior design; this is the most crucial aspect of all."

Unlike land-based structures, yachts are in constant motion, with the sun in a forever changing position. The movement of the light can influence strong colours making us see them differently; hence why most yacht interiors are designed in a neutral palette – creating a feeling of positive energy and escapism; exactly what the luxury traveller is seeking. Furniture needs to be fixed, making it part of the architecture and an opportunity to create a statement. A feature bed, seating area or bar can become the focal point of a room. And remember that when you're sailing the view is paramount, so don't create busy areas around windows, nothing should compete with the poetry of a perfect horizon, or the vista of an approaching marina.

Trends are leaning towards minimalism with less and less refits maintaining flamboyant interiors. Clean lines and inconspicuous detailing are replacing embellishment and heavy gilding. That said,

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there is a fine line between austerity and simplicity. Reflecting the owner's taste can translate to living areas that are more and more akin to traditional homes; where details are seamlessly fitted; from rich wood cupboards and bookshelves to spectacular spas and wetrooms.

A favourite innovation is the notion of 'beach club chic' with an increasing number of yachts presenting sections of the hull which fold out and down towards the water's edge, bringing guests much closer to the sea without compromising on privacy and comfort. "Another trend is the inside-outside room, where exterior decking continues inside, with retractable glass doors making the transition invisible if desired," Benjamin says. "This has lead to a wider use of fabrics and textures which complement the colour and feel of a laid teak deck."

With a slightly different purpose in the wealthy traveller's life, a private plane needs to fulfill a vision of luxury that begins at one's doorstep. Whether it be a business trip or a leisurely flight, the path is to encompass a level of comfort and privacy that is found in the boardroom or living room. Time is of the essence so an amenity-rich cabin with the latest plug-in technology is vital for business use. The latest, fastest and longest-range aircraft to embrace the world of luxury travel is the Gulfstream G650.

Spatially, the configuration of such a small yet demanding habitat is

extremely challenging. Responding to it creatively is even more onerous. It is potentially somewhere an affluent traveller will spend a vast amount of time so an earthy, calming palette is preferable, whilst some owners may enjoy a little excitement with a splash of accent shades.

Queue the collaboration, in this case with fashion houses such as Versace and Hermès who offer an haute couture interior design service for private aircraft owners. Tag Aviation and Versace's recent project to create 'your palazzo in the sky' had obvious appeal. "We wanted to create designs that reflect a lifestyle and bring out the art of living, which is the essence of the Versace brand and its design philosophy, manifested in every detail of the aircraft interiors," says Bijan Khezri of TAG Aircraft Interiors.

The superyacht or private plane no longer seems to be just a status item. It is more about finding the desired combination of privacy, convenience and luxury; a sanctuary of your own.

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WHO'S WHO

Arianne's list of the hottest international charters

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Yacht charter, UK

camperandnicholsons.com

Burgess Yachts

Yacht charter, UK,

burgessyachts.com

Fraser Yachts

Yacht charter, UK,

fraseryachts.com

Elite Pearl Charter

Yacht charter, Dubai

elitepearlcharter.com

Tag Aviation

Private jet charter, Bahrain,

tagaviation.com

FlyVictor

Private jet charter, UK

flyvictor.com

Freestream Aircraft

Private jet charter, UK, USA, China,

freestream.com

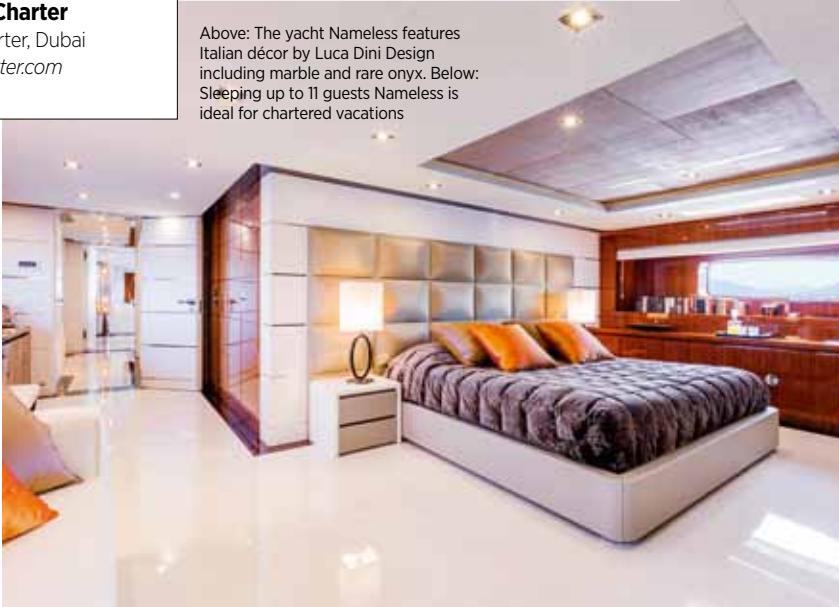
Royal Jet Charter

Private jet charter, Dubai

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Above: The yacht Nameless features Italian décor by Luca Dini Design including marble and rare onyx. Below: Sleeping up to 11 guests Nameless is ideal for chartered vacations



the broom BROOM ROOM

Editor in Chief RUE KOTHARI jetted off to Maison et Objet as a guest of Bentley to experience a new extension to the supercar's phenomenal success

We're fortunate in the UAE; there are perhaps more Bentleys per capita here than anywhere else in the world; they are to Dubai what the Mini is to England. It's as though we've adopted this supercar as our own.

The region's love of beautiful cars is closely superseded by our need to personalise them. Handmade in the marque's immaculate factory in Crewe, each element is carefully assembled by skilled technicians who have spent decades perfecting their craft. Once you've chosen your model, (for me the Continental GT Speed) you're left with the enviable task of fine tuning the aesthetic to reflect your personal taste. Pick from Bentley's palette or create your own, select your favourite wood and leather trim, every detail from the colour of the stitching to the optional extras – Bentley picnic basket anyone?

Buying a Bentley is buying the freedom to choose, something we tend to value in this age. Not just that, but you're getting a rich heritage as part of the package – something to dwell on while you sail past the Aston Martins on the Sheikh Zayed Road.

As for me, I was more than happy to embrace the opportunity to put the Continental through its paces, opting for the most conspicuous colour of course. What's not to love about orange? While the exterior always steals the show, spending a good three hours inside, cosseted by the soft cream leather interior, it was the most comfort and joy it's possible to experience whilst getting tangled in Birmingham's notorious spaghetti junction. Little did I know it was a prelude to the big 'wow' awaiting me just one quick Eurostar ride away in Paris, at Maison et Objet.

Taking their distinctive styling, technical expertise, craftsmanship and material knowhow, Bentley revealed their very first Bentley Home collection. Produced in collaboration with the Luxury Living Group in Italy, this was earmarked to appeal to the very same purveyors of fine things as their cars. And from what I witnessed on the stand, there was a good deal of interest.

The man at the centre of it all, architect Carlo Colombo created the



Bentley's first
Home collection

furnishings and decorations with Daniele Ceccomori, Bentley's head of Product Design, creating a hybrid collection that is quite clearly a perfect fit for the Middle East's classic contemporary interiors.

The palette is soft and subtle, with touches of British wit (watch out for some well placed dog-tooth check and the supremely kitsch pet beds), as well as plush velvets and tweeds that whisper class and style with the kind of elegance that Bentley are renowned for. I loved the touches of luxury; blankets hemmed in mink, hand-knotted fine wool, silk and pashmina and the distinctive leather quilting you'll find if you happen to be in the back of a Bentley Flying Spur.

While this is undoubtedly a collection that would feel most at home in the executive penthouse – marble occasional tables, leather club chairs, walnut embossed dog bed, et al – the individual pieces from the Minster Sofa to the Madeley table recently launched at Salone del Mobile, would complement any of the region's homes. As for those of you already part of Bentley's exclusive owner's club, I have one piece of advice: Investing in furniture that bears the hallmark of your most beloved vehicle can only be a true symbol of your utter devotion. bentleymotors.com



Continental GT Speed.
Right: Minster sofa from
Bentley Home

