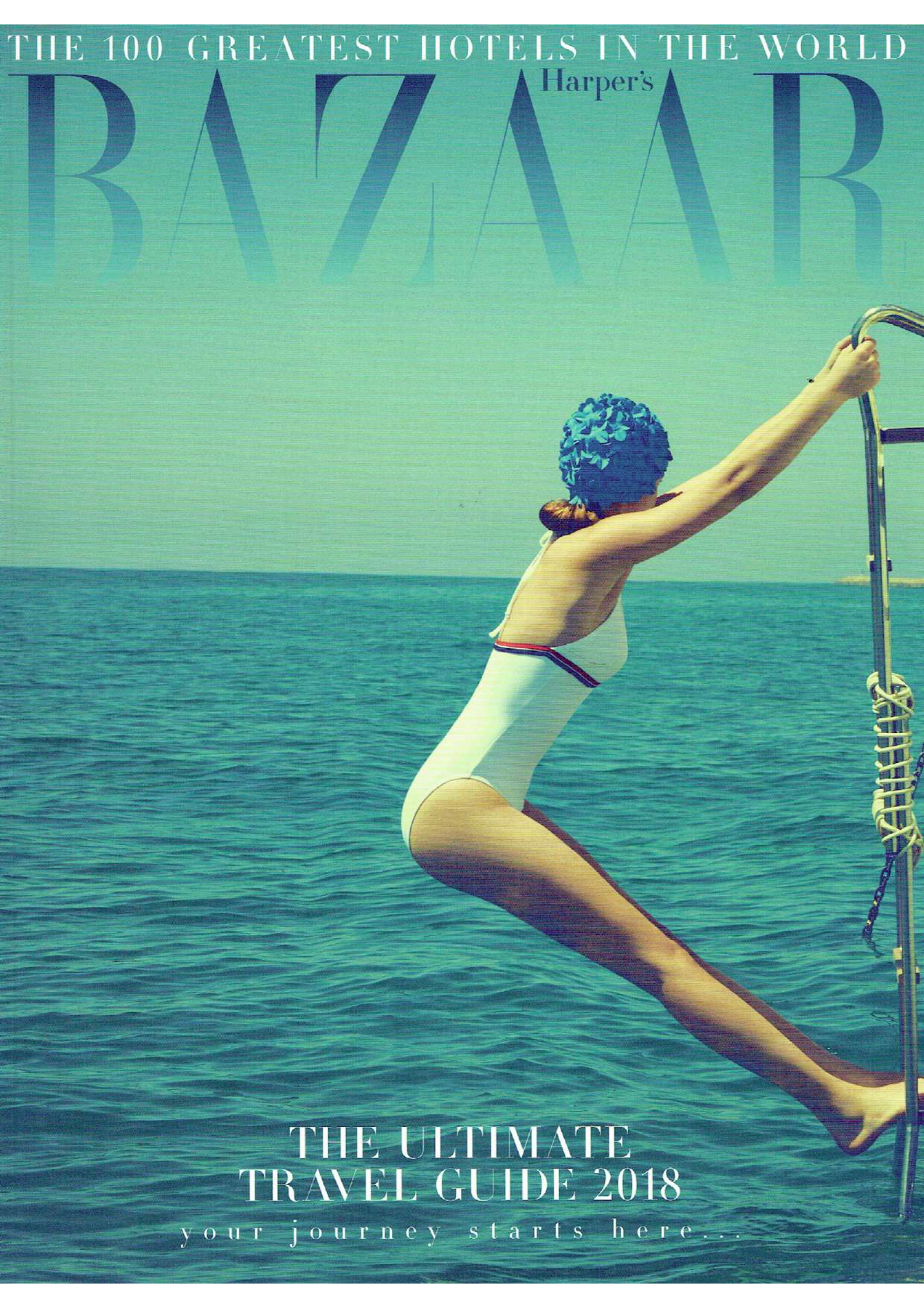
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Soho Beach House

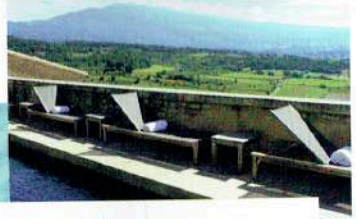
[MIAMI, USA]

Miami Beach's most exclusive hotel, Soho Beach House is located in an art deco building updated by Martin Brudnizki. Fifty individually designed rooms draw inspiration from 1940s Cuban elegance. Relax poolside on the rooftop with incredible views of the setting sun, or under palm-trees down by the beach, where you can sip cocktails from the Tiki Bar. You'll also find a Cowshed spa and Cecconi's restaurant on site.

From about £240 a room a night (www.sohobeachhouse.com).







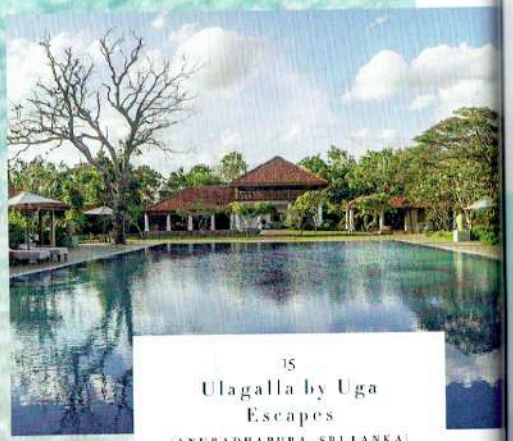
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Hôtel Crillon le Brave

[PROVENCE, FRANCE]

In a quiet Provençal village, the Crillon le Brave has converted seven ancient stone houses into serene accommodation, with whitewashed walls and pale-blue shutters. There are bikes for energetic guests, but most prefer to lie on a sunlounger by the picturesque swimming pool, lulled by the scent of lavender. There are also restorative massages and facials available in the little spa; and delicious food at the hotel's restaurant and bistro, made using local produce and served with the best of the region's wine.

From £300 a room a night (www.crillonlebrave.com).



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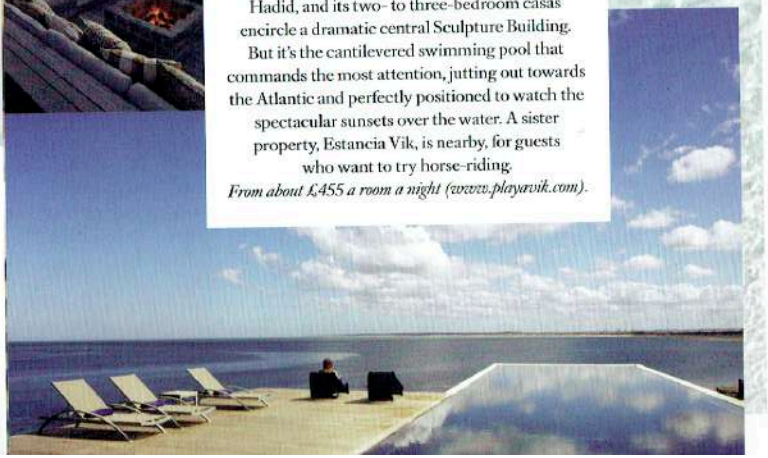
Playa Vik José Ignacio

[MALDONADO DEPARTMENT, URUGUAY]

The ultra-modern Playa Vik is part of the Vik Retreats collection and is located on the most coveted stretch of the Uruguayan coastline in the fishing village of José Ignacio. The hotel showcases a range of leading contemporary artists and designers including James Turrell and Zaha Hadid, and its two- to three-bedroom casas encircle a dramatic central Sculpture Building. But it's the cantilevered swimming pool that commands the most attention, jutting out towards the Atlantic and perfectly positioned to watch the spectacular sunsets over the water. A sister property, Estancia Vik, is nearby, for guests who want to try horse-riding.

From about £455 a room a night (www.playavik.com).





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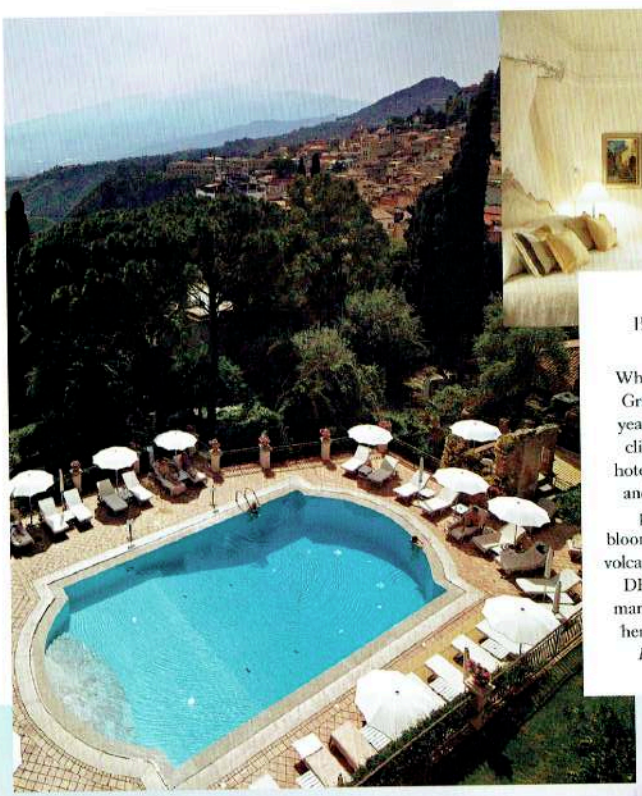
Ulagalla by Uga Escapes

[ANURADHAPURA, SRI LANKA]

At the heart of Ulagalla is a graceful century-old mansion, situated within expansive grounds that are also inhabited by wild monkeys, peacocks and the occasional elephant. The vast swimming pool is one of the loveliest in all of Sri Lanka, and the ideal spot for birdwatching (dozens of different species alight in the garden). In between gliding through the crystal-clear waters, or luxuriating in the exceptionally comfortable rooms, guests can venture out on bicycles – a good way to discover the surrounding area, which includes the ancient temples and Buddhist monasteries of Anuradhapura.

From about £205 a room a night (www.ugaescapes.com).

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Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo

[TAORMINA, SICILY]

When Truman Capote checked into the Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo he ended up staying for two years. Who could blame him? Set into the rugged cliffs over the mediaeval town of Taormina, the hotel's 71 guest-rooms have double-height ceilings and elegant shuttered windows, and the inviting pool is bordered by white parasols and lush, bloom-filled gardens. After a day touring the region's volcanic vineyards, return to the hotel's terrace where DH Lawrence wrote *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, and marvel as the sun slips behind Mount Etna, turning her slopes from vivid green to the deepest purple.

From £420 a room a night (www.belmond.com).



Alila Villas Uluwatu

[BALI]

If you want to feel like you're floating above the Earth during your morning swim, then dive into the 50-metre infinity pool at Alila Villas Uluwatu, which hangs dramatically off a cliff edge at the resort. With panoramic views over the Indian Ocean and the Bukit Peninsula's lapping waves, it's a glorious place to spend the day sunbathing before dining on authentic Indonesian cuisine at the poolside restaurant, Warung. The rest of the eco-friendly resort is equally impressive and has been designed using only locally sourced, sustainable materials such as flat lava rock for the roofs and bamboo ceilings.

From about £575 a room a night (www.alilahotels.com).