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The heated pool at Crown Towers Melbourne



Old-timers

In the world of watches, what's old is new again. These 2017 releases combine modern technology with classic appeal. By **Bani McSpedden**.

YOU'D BE forgiven for thinking that the latest timepieces have taken a step back in time. In the face of competition from smart, connected watches, it seems an industry once eager to capture the spirit of the future is now looking to the past.

Is this fashion or a lack of vision? Probably a bit of both. But it's not the first time that manufacturers have turned to history for inspiration and, in this climate, it's understandable. The export of new watches from Switzerland – considered the barometer of the industry – has contracted by about 10 per cent since 2014, while interest in vintage pieces has grown worldwide, as evidenced by the shortage of early Omegas, Rolexes, TAG Heuers, Longines and Seikos, the prices of which dwarf their original RRP. Early Rolex "Submariners", for example, once a few hundred dollars brand new, now fetch about \$10,000 or more if the box and papers are intact.

Then there's the look; contemporary watches tend to be bold and flashy, whereas older styles are refined, restrained, rakish. Perhaps that explains why Tudor's "Heritage Black Bay" collection – a mashup of the brand's early dive watches – is its most successful launch of late, appealing to a new generation of watch-lovers.

Here's a selection of 2017 models that offer a vintage feel with the benefit of modern internals and water resistance – in other words, the best of both worlds.



↑ PERFECT PITCH

ulyssse-nardin.com

One of four vintage releases from **Ulysse Nardin** this year, the "Classico Paul David Nardin" (\$13,900) is named after the founder's son and based on a 1945 model. Back then it spanned 33mm – traditional for the time – but has now been expanded to 39mm.

It's wonderfully proportioned, with a high glass dome. Inside, an impressive in-house movement features silicon for the hairspring and ancillary parts.

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RARE RESTRAINT

longines.com

Aptly called "The Longines Heritage 1945" (\$2350), this re-creation of a 1945 **Longines** model makes no concessions to modern, showy design. Apart from a slight resizing from 38mm to 40mm, its original understatement remains. A self-winding movement powers things but it's those curvaceous looks and the subtlety of the execution that win the day.

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MUSEUM PIECE

tissotwatches.com

Design features such as a "railway track" encircling the dial to indicate minutes distinguish this "Heritage 1948 Chronograph" (\$2075), a newcomer based on a watch in **Tissot's** museum. It's available on a Milanese bracelet but would look even more vintage on a leather strap.



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VETERAN TOOL-WATCH

🌐 omegawatches.com

Omega's "Seamaster Aqua Terra Railmaster" first appeared in 1957 and was indispensable to scientists, engineers and anyone whose work brought them into contact with magnetic fields, as it resisted up to 1000 gauss. The beauty of this new 40mm version (\$6525), apart from its looks, is that its Master Chronometer movement ups that protection by 15 times (yes, to 15,000 gauss) – handy if you're near a computer room.

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LOCAL CONNECTION

🌐 rado.com

In 1962, **Rado** released the "Captain Cook" collection as a tribute to the explorer's "pioneering spirit and groundbreaking achievements". This year sees a return of the "HyperChrome Captain Cook" (\$2475), available in his (45mm) and hers (37mm) sizes. It combines arrow-shaped hands and bold indexes with modern touches such as a ceramic bezel.



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STEEL AND GOLD

🌐 tudorwatch.com

Tudor's "Heritage Black Bay" models replicate details first seen in its dive models of the 1950s and '70s. Joining the line-up is this 41mm "S&G" (\$5990) with gold accents on the bezel, crown and centre links of the optional riveted band. The movement is thoroughly modern, COSC-certified with a silicon balance spring but, again, the looks will do wonders for your wrist.



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VINTAGE CLASS

🌐 vacheron-constantin.com

This year, **Vacheron Constantin** has chosen a 1950s "Patrimony" model for the "Collection Excellence Platine" treatment. Its dial, in the distinctive grey sheen of 950 platinum (a material that's resistant to oxidation), has a sand-blasted finish, complemented by white-gold hands and hour markers. The mechanism carries the Hallmark of Geneva and is visible through a sapphire caseback. Only 150 pieces, priced at \$55,500, are on offer.



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SEVENTIES DUO

🌐 oris.ch

In the '70s, "Chronoris" models were powered by Oris's first in-house chrono movement. Today's Oris internals are based on a Sellita manufacture but the retro looks remain. The new orange-tinged "Date" model (above; \$2500) spans 39mm. Or choose one of only 12 "Williams 40th Anniversary Limited Edition" 40mm models (right; \$5500), which also comes with a grey NATO strap.



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PILOT'S PREFERENCE

iwc.com

IWC's historic "Pilot's Watch", the "Mark 11" model from 1948, returned this year as the "Mark XVIII Edition (Tribute to Mark XI)". While it looks much the same and a fabric NATO strap adds to the period feel, inside a modern self-winding movement – with a soft iron cage that protects against magnetic fields – keeps things ticking. There's also a date indication. Priced at \$6400, it's limited to 1948 pieces.

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TRIM SAILOR

panerai.com

Panerai's first chronograph model was designed in 1943 for the Italian Navy and spanned an almost unwearable 52mm. For its 2017 comeback, it has been resized to 42mm. The "Mare Nostrum Acciaio" (\$13,850) preserves the feel of the original, down to a hand-wind, COSC-certified, ETA-based movement. The case is steel and frames a striking blue dial with faux-patinated markers.

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POPULARITY WINNER

tagheuer.com

Enthusiasts told TAG Heuer they wanted to see the brand's 1960s "Autavia" model again. So the sports chronograph (\$6800) is reborn, more than a half-century later, in much the same guise. The case now spans 42mm rather than 39mm and the bezel is a bit wider, while the movement has been upgraded and gains a date display. The watch is water-resistant to 100 metres.

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MID-CENTURY DIVER

blancpain.com

The Blancpain "Fifty Fathoms MIL-SPEC 1", identified by an orange-and-white disc that acts as a moisture-alert indicator, is prized by collectors. It was first seen on early interpretations of the 1950s diver and returns in this 40mm "Tribute to Fifty Fathoms MIL-SPEC" version (\$17,650), which houses a state-of-the-art two-barrel mechanism.





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NEW CHARMER

🌐 bulgari.com

Bulgari has reimagined its "Serpenti" collection, starting with the colourful leather "Serpenti Skin" models (from \$5650 to \$14,200), based on a 1940s bracelet watch.

The watch is presented in steel or gold, with optional diamond trim, and mix-and-match straps (two are included). The crown is set with a cabochon-cut pink rubellite and power is quartz.



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BACK ON THE PROWL

🌐 au.cartier.com

Cartier's "Panthère de Cartier", first seen in 1983, is back as the ultimate bracelet watch in a raft of 22mm and 27mm iterations designed to be worn looser. There's the familiar square bezel attached with screws, the "railway track" minute markings and prominent cabochon on the crown. The "Panthère" – in steel, gold or a mix and adorned with enamel or jewels – ranges from \$5600 to just under \$200,000.



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FIFTIES
FAVOURITE

🌐 breitling.com

The 1957 **Breitling** "Superocean Héritage II" turns 60 this year, its face covering a chronometer-rated movement with a power reserve of 70 hours. The 42mm and 46mm cases are available in a variety of straps, including this handsome steel-mesh number (\$6310). Dials come in black, blue and bronze. ●

Beauty Spots

Melbourne

From shaves and shoeshines to brow-shaping and serum cocktails, these are the city's best places to be primped and pampered. By **Melissa Singer**.



LA PRAIRIE CELLULAR HYDRALIFT FIRMING MASK, \$225, LAPRAIRIE.COM.AU **DOVO SOLINGEN SILVERTIP BADGER BRUSH WITH BUFFALO HORN**, \$280, MENSBIZ.COM.AU

**Best barber****KINGS DOMAIN**

Even at 9am, the well-stocked bar at Aaron Chan's modern barber shop (kingsdomain.com.au) might look tempting to anyone braving the cutthroat shave but there's also complimentary coffee if it's a little too early. There are three outlets: at the "Paris end" of Collins Street, in South Yarra and in Prahran. *The Bachelor's* Sam Wood is a client.

Best shoeshine**MEN+CO**

Nothing says boardroom-ready like a pair of buffed brogues. Pull up a chair at this new CBD barber shop (menandco.com.au) and a complimentary Russell's Reserve whiskey will be in your hand within moments. Add a shoeshine to your haircut or shave for an extra tenner.

Best shave**GENERAL ORDER**

Simplicity reigns at this minimalist barber shop (generalorder.com.au) in Cremorne, where you can get a tidy-up and a coffee on one of the most happening strips in the city. Third-generation barber Paolo De Marco and his team prep the skin with a hot towel and hand-whipped shaving cream. The premium service extends to the take-home products from brands including American Crew and Kevin Murphy.

Best facial**CROWN SPA**

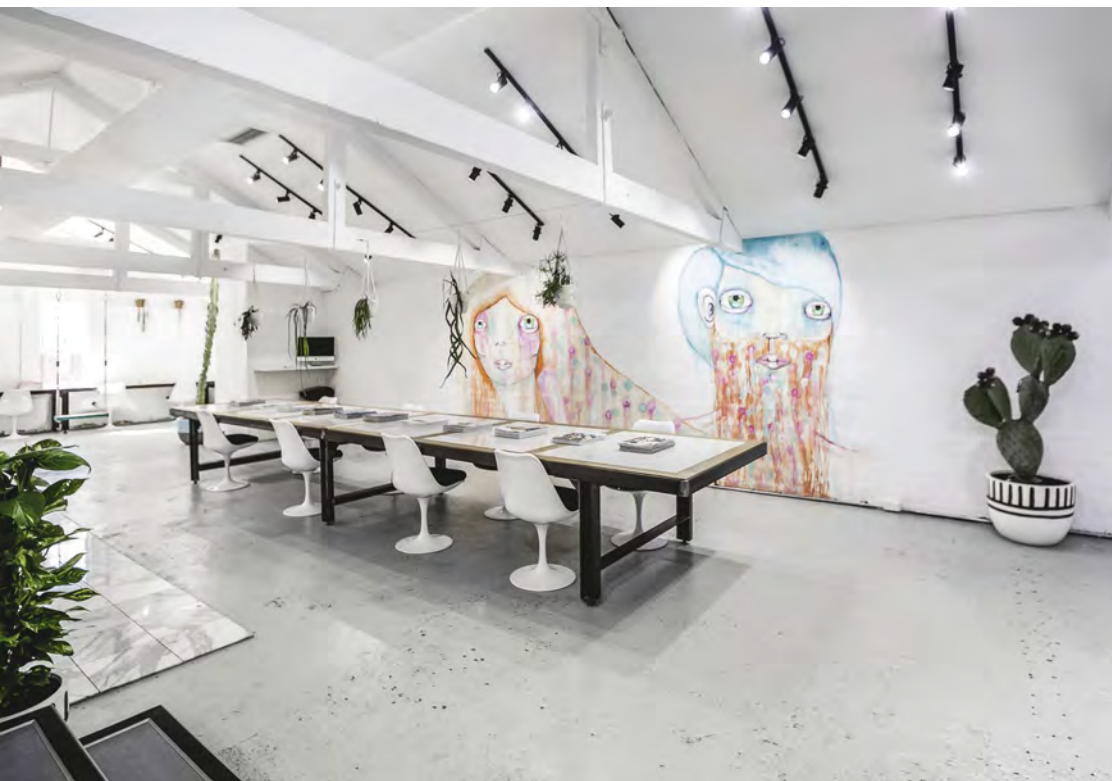
Non-hotel guests are welcome at this city oasis (crownhotels.com.au), where you can enjoy the Aqua Retreat's pool, steam room and rain showers before your facial treatment. The La Prairie Cellular Hydrating Facial for stressed skin is an effective post-flight tonic. Staying in-house? Book an evening treatment for a sweet slumber.

Best massage**NORBÜ URBAN RETREAT**

At The Olsen hotel in South Yarra, Norbū (norbu.com.au) is all about health, which means no-nonsense treatments in neutral surroundings. Remedial massage therapists can iron out kinks or ensure relaxation – your choice – and an infra-red sauna will continue the decompression. Keep an eye out for Channel 10 stars (the studios are nearby) and retired AFL players.

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Men+Co on Little Bourke Street is a one-stop shop for a haircut, shave and shoeshine (above); the vitality pool at Crown Spa's Aqua Retreat (top)



Best cut

EDWARDS AND CO

Set in a bright, industrial-style space in a laneway off Chinatown, Edwards and Co (edwardsandco.com.au) is Melbourne's hair hotspot. Open late midweek, the salon is a favourite of Zoë Foster Blake, Olympia Valance and various Instagram beauties. Most of the stylists have their own Instagram accounts so a quick search should narrow the field and help you find the perfect fit. Wi-fi and wine are included.

Best brows

THE EYEBROW QUEEN

With more than 30 years' experience, Carmen Duma has seen every brow calamity known to womankind. Her daughter, Diana, also works at the salon (eyebrowqueen.com), where they aim for a natural shape that's low-maintenance. The salon is located just off Chapel Street in South Yarra and while its fit-out is basic, the service and results are topnotch.

Best post-flight treatment

MASQUE DAY SPA

This cute salon (masque.com.au) in a converted terrace in Albert Park offers treatments and products from cult French skincare brand Mary Cohr. For frequent flyers, the CatioVital skin treatment repairs and rejuvenates stressed and sallow skin through deep cleansing and a serum cocktail.

Best nails

TROPHY WIFE

Skip the cheap nail bars and have a gel manicure and the undivided attention of Trophy Wife founder Chelsea Bagan. Her Richmond salon (trophywife.com.au) specialises in nail art, from the basic to the outlandish. Bagan is ready for any creative challenge; the strangest image she's painted on a nail is a lamb on the spit. ■

Hers.

SISLEY BLACK ROSE
SKIN INFUSION CREAM,
\$230, SISLEY-PARIS.COM.AU



Best facial

MELANIE GRANT

You know you're in good hands with Melanie Grant (melaniegrant.com) when her client roster includes Nicole Warne and Jessica Gomes. The famous facialist can address an encyclopaedia of skin concerns, from dehydration to pigmentation. Go à la carte or leave it to Grant and her team of nurturers to create a bespoke experience. A visit to her stylish Armadale clinic isn't cheap but the quality of the service and the hand-picked products from Sisley and boutique brand Cosmedix add bang for your buck.



Where the stars get styled: Melanie Grant salon (left) in Armadale and Edwards and Co hairstylists (above) in the CBD



Mineral water from a nearby spring fills this hot tub in the treetops at Salus Spa at Lake House

Best for... luxury

SALUS SPA AT LAKE HOUSE

📍 4 King Street, Daylesford 🌐 hotel.qantas.com.au/lakehousedaylesford

The thrilling combination of boutique hotel, multi-award-winning restaurant and serene spa, triangulated in one of Central Victoria's most picturesque settings, makes Lake House a magnet for pleasure-seekers of all stripes. The spa is perched over waterfall-fed tumbling streams to embrace views of the birch-lined lake. Relaxation begins in one of two private tree-house rooms, where a bubbling mineral-water bath for one is accompanied by views and the sound of nearby geese. Then move on to one of the seven treatment rooms for a massage followed by a facial using deliciously aromatic Elemis products, based on first-press essential oils. Our suggestion: avail yourself of a package then enjoy a meal made with local produce in the Hamptons-style dining room before retiring to an art-decorated suite. Sweet.

Wellness

Hit refresh

Soothe yourself – body *and* soul – at these five blissful retreats in greater Melbourne and its surrounds.
By **Larissa Dubecki**.

Best for... Zen

SHIZUKA RYOKAN

📍 7 Lakeside Drive, Hepburn Springs
🌐 hotel.qantas.com.au/shizukawellnessretreat

An authentic slice of Kyoto only 90 minutes' drive from Melbourne, Shizuka sets the dial to Zen from the minute you step through the door. This unique retreat in the heart of Victoria's Spa Country features minimalist guestrooms – rice-paper sliding doors, tatami flooring and no television sets. But what the ryokan lacks in digital technology, it more than makes up for in organic-produce-driven *omakase* (chef's choice) dinners, while the day spa lets guests relax to the max. Book a traditional Geisha Facial, which uses white tea, lotus root and nightingale droppings (true); have your body polished and buffed to gleaming Rolls-Royce perfection; or go the holistic route with a reflexology massage that kneads pressure points on the feet that correlate with other parts of the body.



Best for... a "me change"

SAMADHI RETREAT

📍 *Daylesford area* 🌐 hotel.qantas.com.au/samadhiwellnessretreat

Fancy an exclusive retreat with one-on-one yoga classes, meditation sessions, health workshops and... er, alpacas? This holistic retreat sets out to realign its guests' chakras via customised programs devised with owners Wayne and Annah Mirananda. Located in a bucolic Central Victorian setting, the lodge's resident herd of South American camelids graze among modern sculptures. The half-day to week-long escapes are all about wellbeing. Indulgent spa therapies include a Himalayan salt scrub, while organic meals are courtesy of herbalist Annah (her signature dish is baked salmon with a Meredith Dairy goat's fetta and pistachio crust). Whatever ails you on the inside is up for discussion, too, with counselling, sound therapy and guided visualisations. This me change comes with comfortable accommodation: the two guest wings are designed as private sanctuaries with open fires and East-meets-West décor.

Best for... treatments

MANSION HOTEL & SPA AT WERRIBEE PARK

📍 *K Road, Werribee* 🌐 hotel.qantas.com.au/mansionhotelwerribee

This grand Italianate mansion, set among four hectares of neatly clipped grounds on Melbourne's western outskirts, dates back to the 1870s but the spa is pure indulgence, 2017 style. Popular with bridal parties and for girls' weekends, the treatment menu will address your beauty woes – or simply ease your tired body into a state of blissful relaxation. The obvious solution to wellness indecision is to cover all bases: start with a hot-stone massage, follow it with a calming facial and finish on a fragrant orange note with a hair treatment you'll be loath to wash out. The après-treatment experience is nonpareil, too. Stay in your slippers and fluffy bathrobe and sip herbal tea (or champagne) in the softly lit lounge area, surrounded by the latest fashion magazines. Really, the only pressing reason to leave is for dinner at the hotel's modern-European dining room, Joseph's Restaurant & Bar.



(From top) Relax at the Mansion Hotel & Spa at Werribee Park; enjoy the sunrise at Peninsula Hot Springs' Hilltop

Best for... water-lovers

PENINSULA HOT SPRINGS

📍 *Springs Lane, Fingal* 🌐 peninsulahotsprings.com

"How's the serenity?" Relax in the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Hilltop Pool, which has 360-degree views of the Mornington Peninsula, and try *not* uttering the famous line from *The Castle*. Located 80 minutes' drive from Melbourne, this multi-award-winning wellness venue has 25 pools (meaning your peace is assured) set amid 17 hectares of lush greenery. Rich in healing minerals, the water is naturally about 50°C before it's cooled for soaking. You can easily spend an indulgent couple of hours (or four, or five...) sampling the bathing smorgasbord, which includes a traditional Turkish hammam, cold plunge pools, an underground sauna and a pressure massage under thermal showers. And for those who jealously guard their serenity, the Spa Dreaming Centre is open only to those aged over 16. ●

Design Passport

Amsterdam

Jacu Strauss, creative director of the Pulitzer Amsterdam hotel, finds inspiration in every corner of the Netherlands' capital. Aside from Dutch Masters and boat trips on its waterways, here are his favourite finds in the city, including a few that he thinks you should take home.

DENHAM JEANS

It's been said that Amsterdammers live in jeans and Strauss favours local label Denham the Jeanmaker (denhamthejeanmaker.com). Its scissors logo, often on the back pocket, is crafted from 691 stitches.

ACE & TATE EYEWEAR

Amsterdam-based label Ace & Tate (aceandtate.nl) produces youthful-looking shades and specs with inexpensive flat pricing, "allowing you to change glasses for the mood you are in", says Strauss.



VanMoof bicycle

"The only way to get around the city like a real Amsterdammer is on a bike," says Strauss, who likes the lightweight frames from VanMoof (vanmoof.com). The company was founded by brothers Taco and Ties Carlier, both industrial designers born and raised in the Netherlands.

LOOKING GLASSES FROM ANOUK BEERENTS

Anouk Beerents (anoukbeerents.nl) has dealt in antique French and Italian mirrors for 30 years, restoring them using traditional methods and materials while preserving the original glass. Her studio in an old paper factory is one of Strauss's favourite places in the world.



LIVING IN STYLE: AMSTERDAM

Mendo (mendo.nl), a travel and design bookstore in the Nine Streets area, collaborated with book publisher teNeues to curate this coffee-table title. It's a loving look inside Amsterdam's hotels, apartments and historic houses.



"Smoke" series by Maarten Baas

In the galleries district of the Jordaan, Moooi (moooi.com) sells an ever-changing roster of pieces by quirky European designers. Maarten Baas made this chair and chandelier for Moooi as part of his "Smoke" series – the furniture is burnt then coated and preserved.

Plywood print stool by Piet Hein Eek

Netherlandish designer Piet Hein Eek (pietheineek.nl) prints flat-pack bar stools with well-known paintings and drawings by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Jan Asselijn and others. Strauss used the "playful" furniture to bring Dutch Masters into the Pulitzer Amsterdam's lobby. ●



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HE WEARS BOSS SUIT, \$1499,

SHIRT, \$259, AND TIE, \$149

TAG HEUER "FORMULA 1

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SHE WEARS BURBERRY

"BEASTS" DRESS, \$1950

NERIDA WINTER

HEADPIECE, \$995 GUCCI

"G-FRAME" WATCH, \$1485

PETITEGRAND "ORB"

BRACELET, \$165

CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

"SWEET CHARITY" BAG, \$3665

TOM FORD "PADLOCK" HEELS,

\$1580, FROM HARROLD'S. SEE

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SUZY O'ROURKE "MONTANITA" PANAMA, \$275
BULGARI "DIVAS' DREAM" EARRINGS, \$56,000, AND
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 AND RING, \$8,550 CHRISTIAN DIOR BAG, \$6900
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 CURTIS "HARMONY"
 BOATER, \$285 BULGARI
 "TANGLED SERPENT"
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 CHAIN, \$740, "ROCKPOOL"
 PENDANT, \$8980, AND
 "ROCKPOOL" RING, \$7680
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 MONTEBELLO" BAG, \$2180

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INDEPENDENT" WATCH, \$20,800 CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN
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"T BUCKLE" BELT, \$1190,
FROM HARROLD'S,
HARROLD'S.COM.AU

6.
THOM BROWNE
SUNGLASSES, \$675, THOMBROWNEEYEWEAR.COM

7.
PAUL SMITH "RULER"
TIE CLIP \$160, AND
"RULER" MONEY CLIP,
\$115, PAULSMITH.COM

8.
PASPALEY CUFFLINKS,
\$2780, PASPALEY.COM

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PAUL SMITH "CITY
WEBBING" WALLET,
\$285, PAULSMITH.COM



Temple and Rosetta – but it's the latter, with its grand chandeliers, marble and mahogany, that provides the best backdrop for statement millinery. The produce-driven Italian menu is disarmingly simple; the execution, seamless.

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STOKEHOUSE

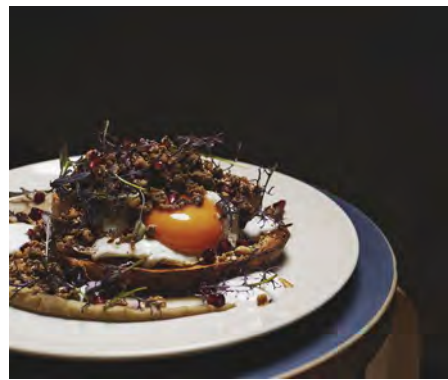
📍 30 Jacka Boulevard, St Kilda
☎ (03) 9525 5555 🌐 stokehouse.com.au
🕒 Open seven days for lunch and dinner

Stokehouse is Melbourne's party central and during big events it has the gravitational pull of a black hole for its well-heeled crowd. Reborn after a devastating fire, it now boasts a beachfront balcony and raw bar open to walk-ins, where wasabi cream coddles seared tuna and warmed ponzu anoints kingfish crudo. Sink into the dining room proper for the full Stokie treatment, finishing with the signature bombe alaska, bristling with torched meringue.

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THE SMITH

📍 213-219 High Street, Prahran
☎ (03) 9514 2444 🌐 thesmithprahran.com.au 🕒 Open seven days for lunch and dinner

After a multimillion-dollar renovation, The Smith is back – bigger, bolder and better than ever, much to the delight of its youthful clientele. Chef Michael Lambie's punchy global menu is matched blow for blow with a cocktail list best enjoyed under the retractable glass roof in the new atrium.



(From top) Neil Perry's Rosetta restaurant; Higher Ground's fry-up of lamb mince, miso eggplant and pine-nut dukkah

and pine-nut dukkah. The cherry on top? It's right near Southern Cross Station – because the smart money's on taking the train to the races.

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ROSETTA

📍 Crown complex, 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank ☎ (03) 8648 1999 🌐 rosettarestaurant.com.au 🕒 Open Tuesday-Sunday for lunch and seven days for dinner

Many Cup roads lead to chef Neil Perry's trio of riverfront restaurants – Rockpool, Spice

The stayers

THESE CULINARY HOTSPOTS WILL SEE YOU THROUGH THE MELBOURNE CUP MADNESS.
BY LARISSA DUBECKI.

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GROSSI FLORENTINO

📍 80 Bourke Street, Melbourne
☎ (03) 9662 1811 🌐 grossiflorentino.com
🕒 Open Monday-Saturday for lunch and dinner

Cup Eve lunch at the Florentino has been the golden ticket among satellite Spring Racing Carnival events since the late British racing identity Robert Sangster inaugurated the tradition in the late '70s. These days, it's Guy Grossi keeping the flame alive; his ritzy repast is reliably attended by a who's who of Melbourne's socialites, celebrities and politicians. If you can't get a ticket to the lunch, housed in the flagship Mural Room, despair not: you can hit the restaurant during the week for sumptuous Italian food with a wine list to match.

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HIGHER GROUND

📍 650 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne
☎ (03) 8899 6219 🌐 highergroundmelbourne.com.au 🕒 Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, and Thursday-Saturday for dinner

Off to the Cup? You'll be wise to carb-load with a hearty brunch. A former power station turned into Melbourne's beating café heart, Higher Ground will set you up with the essentials for a long day at the track, whether it's excellent coffee from its own Square One roastery, avocado with citrus salt and lime on toasted sourdough or a mighty minced-lamb fry-up with miso eggplant, eggs, smoked yoghurt, pomegranate

The players

RACE DAY IS ONLY PART OF THE THRILL. APRÈS-CUP CELEBRATIONS RUN (WELL) INTO THE NIGHT.
BY LARISSA DUBECKI.



↓ THE GEORGE ON COLLINS

📍 *Basement, 162-168 Collins Street, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 9663 7226 🌐 thegeorgeoncollins.com.au

Seemingly created with events like the Spring Racing Carnival in mind, this slick Hecker Guthrie-designed subterranean haunt is catnip for Cup sophisticates. Hang by the long granite bar while sipping a berry-and-ginger-driven Collins St Mule. Pout, repeat.

↓ MIDDLE PARK HOTEL

📍 *102 Canterbury Road, Middle Park* ☎️ (03) 9810 0079 🌐 middleparkhotel.com.au

Local businessman Gerry Ryan celebrated his Cup win (with American, trivia hounds) here in 2010 – which makes sense, because he owned the joint at the time. He's since sold the MPH but it remains Melbourne's most upmarket sports-loving pub, with screens if you can't make it to the track.

↓ KIRK'S WINE BAR

📍 *Corner of Hardware Lane and Little Bourke Street, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 9600 4550 🌐 kirkswinebar.com

Keeping it chic? This cosy corner spot channels the 11th arrondissement with insouciant charm. Kick back at an undercover terrace table while flitting through a wine menu of local indie heroes and Old World charmers.

↓ EAU-DE-VIE

📍 *1 Malthouse Lane, Melbourne* ☎️ 0412 825 441 🌐 eaudevie.com.au

This cocktail lounge is hidden down a CBD laneway behind a signless door – but persist with the GPS and you'll find a clubbish den of perfectly wicked mixology. Our tip: the half-cocktail, half-dessert Espresso Zabaione, with its frozen cap of saffron-and-vanilla mousse. Or hit the Whisky Room for an encyclopaedic list of Scottish single malts.

↓ ARBORY BAR & EATERY

📍 *Flinders Walk, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 8648 7644 🌐 arbory.com.au

Stretching 120 metres alongside the Yarra River, the open-air Arbory cleverly upcycles the old Sandridge Line that runs from Flinders Street Station. Order an Espresso Martini (it's on tap) to sip beneath the plane trees.

↓ COOKIE

📍 *Level 1, 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 9663 7660 🌐 cookie.net.au

Cup or no Cup, every night's a party here. On the first floor of the city's ageless grande dame, Curtin House, Cookie bills itself as a "beer hall, eating house and disco". Eclectic cocktails, craft beer and fiery Thai food (see page 174) coexist in cacophonous harmony.

↓ ROOFTOP AT QT

📍 *Level 11, 133 Russell Street, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 8636 8800 🌐 qtmelbourne.com

The QT hotel's indoor-outdoor rooftop bar is just begging for fancy shoes and frivolous outfits. Eleven floors up, it offers views of the concrete jungle that are best enjoyed with a Pineapple Cinnamon Caipirinha.

Pleasure palace: the Garden State Hotel

↓ GARDEN STATE HOTEL

📍 *101 Flinders Lane, Melbourne* ☎️ (03) 8396 5777 🌐 gardenstatehotel.com.au

It may have room for 800 punters but expect to queue outside this four-tiered pleasure palace. Well-planned around a central atrium, it has enough nooks and crannies to escape the madding Cup crowd. Our pick of spots? The sweetly themed basement Rose Garden.

↓ ROYAL SAXON

📍 *545 Church Street, Richmond* ☎️ (03) 9429 5277 🌐 royalsaxon.com

It's a pub within a pub – the original exterior is a shell for the ultra-modern building within. If the weather's warm, the place to be is in the courtyard, with its native fig tree. If it's not, retreat to the upstairs bar and look smugly down on the heaving masses, lychee Martini in hand. ●