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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hi there,

We are very excited about sharing this new issue with you as much as we are with the fact that our favorite season is here! Please, SUMMER, stay longer than ever this time. We need you in our lives!

We are totally in love with our new cover shot by Alessandra Fiorini with one of our all-time favorite young models, Stephanie Peterson, who we are convinced a very bright future is waiting for her.

But as much as we love the cover, we are also thrilled to show you some beautiful stories, created with passion by amazing and talented teams.

We are also thrilled to be featuring the young and beautiful Tetona Saba Jackson in our magazine. Please, don't miss our interview with her.

Once again, we thank each one of the professionals who are constantly supporting QP. We wouldn't be able to make it without you, guys!

THANK YOU!!

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Dress EVA FRANCO
Shoes SHOEDAZZLE



Black Crop Top
BIANCA AND BRIDGETT
Laced Gown **ENVY ROOM**
Leather Shorts **PREM**
Boots **SHOEDAZZLE**



Laced Top **PREM**
Pants **I'M BTFL**
Boots **SHOEDAZZLE**





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Jeans **SHOEDAZZLE**
Shoes **HEY LADY SHOES**







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Gold Pants **WOW COUTURE**
Earrings **IRIS TRENDS**



Beige Lace Bodysuit
WOW COUTURE







Earrings IRIS TRENDS









Earrings IRIS TRENDS

SUMMER ROMANCE

By SHARON JANE @sharon.js

For this long awaited summer, one of the trends to try is to channel the dreamy, artsy, and romantic gal in us; the one with paint on her hands, a bow in her hair, and Paris on her mind. These sunny days ahead will invite us to ask, “What would Brigitte Bardot wear” and to relish every day like we live by the Côte D’Azur. If you also believe in dreams, like Doris Day, then grab a cup of café crème or lavender tea, softly play some French jazz and tune in for these 7 romantique looks that you will hopefully be enamored with:

1. Bows, barrettes, Bardot...

For the first summer trend, let’s be inspired by France’s ultimate It Girl: Brigitte Bardot. Add some petit decor to your hair that will make a magnifique statement. Some accessories to try can be barrettes and clips in all shapes and sizes. Wear you hair half up with a Chanel script clip or clip back your hair on both sides with some pearl snap barrettes by stores or boutiques like Pixie Market, Valet Studio, Open Project Studio, or The Outlier (just to mention a few). You could also be a dream and wear your hair half up or in a messy ponytail with a ribbon or a bow scrunchy like Atelier Des Femmes has. Bardot also made headbands iconic as she wore famously for the Jean-Luc Godard film she starred in, “Le Mépris.” If the fun goes into the sun, you could wear a baker boy hat a la Ruslan Baginskiy style, a Gucci wide brim “Raffia” hat or go all out with a “La Bomba” Jacquemus straw hat or Eliurpi’s “Le Grand” hat.



Jacquemus straw hat - “La Bomba”



Chanel script clip

2. I want a Sunday kind of pants

This summer will call for finding pants that make you feel like how Etta James's "A Sunday Kind of Love" makes you feel. Practically every fashion week around the world has been telling us that wide lounging pants are simply in, whether it be Palazzo pants, culottes, or simply something Françoise Hardy would wear. You can find the perfect slouchy pants in brands like Posse, Namelazz, Net-a-Porter, Chloe, Faithful the Brand, Max Mara and more! You can pair these wide pants with a one-shoulder top, a cropped peasant top, or with a treasure you find while vintage shopping from stores like Na Nin Vintage, Depop, or your local thrift store! To be fully on trend, wear neutral-toned Linen sets like Posse has.



Faithful The Brand Monette floral pant



Max Mara cotton drill trousers



Reformation Jackie cropped belted leopard-print linen wide-leg pants

3. One of a kind touches

If there is a way to define what French style is, I believe that it is simply wearing something classic but adding an extra something that completes the outfit extraordinarily and effortlessly. One way to do this is by wearing unique jewelry like Mara Paris has which includes accessories that seem to be inspired by Picasso's and Matisse's line art. Mix matching earrings is also a fun way to play with this trend by expressing your style with it! Pair a classic outfit like a summery white dress or a linen shirt and shorts set with some unique sandals like the "Nude Ostrich Tanya Mule" by New Classics or almost any pair of mules and sandals Zyne offers. The unique touch can also be achieved by playing with prints and textures like simply wearing a top with polka dots a la Catherine Deneuve or wearing a silk slip dress that drapes wonderfully.



Zyne shoes



4. Petite purses

What could possibly be more delicate and fun than adding a mini purse to your outfit? Look to Ciel°I to find hand-made all-pearl bags. For a more nighttime look, the Shrimps “Willow Gingham” pearl bag will give any outfit that special touch. If you ever wondered what a glam takeout bag looked like, Pop and Suki has got your back. They honestly have the cutest and most femme takeout bags that are to die for. For a more classic style, opt for “Le Chiquita Mini Leather Bag” by Jacquemus available on Moda Operandi or the even more petite “Le Vanity Bag” also by Jacquemus available on Ssense. For the trendy gals, you can check out what has been the rage on fashion week: the mini bucket bag like the Nanushka “Minee Faux Leather Bucket Bag”.



Shrimps “Willow Gingham”
pearl bag



Jacquemus “Le Chiquita
Mini Leather Bag”



Nanushka “Minee Faux
Leather Bucket Bag”

5. The White Blouse

What could be the epitome of French fashion is the classic and timeless statement white blouse. A statement white blouse could have a line art print, a low cut, puffy sleeves, decorative buttons, mutton sleeves, Bardot neckline, square neckline, off the shoulder, over-sized, avant-garde cuffs, and so much more. Let the blouse tell a story, move like an artist’s paint strokes, be soft as cotton, smooth as silk, flow like the wind, or have cloud-like curves. You may find the white blouse of your dreams with the following brands: Saint Laurent, Jacquemus, Simonett, Mode Operandi, Shop Bop, Verge Girl, Zara, Asos, Rouje, Tory Burch, or by vintage shopping. To find some inspiration, check out these accounts that follow the cool French girl style to a T: @yoshinomia, @jolielot, @louise_grdd, @anainparis, @myparisdiaries, @glamourgoal, @simple.affairs, @onparlemode, and @mode.damour among many.



Jacquemus Santon white cotton shirt



Namelazz blouse

6. Flower Power

The flowers have bloomed and we will look at them for inspiration. Try implementing flower-inspired colors into your wardrobe, colors such as hydrangea pinks, lilac pastel purples, dainty daisy yellows, blush colored peonies, cotton off whites, and oat beiges. Live la vie en rose by wearing clothes with colors that remind you of your favorite flowers and maybe even opt for floral everything: hair clips, prints, nail polish, a floral fragrance and more!



Yasmine Mansour



Yasmine Mansour

7. Le Mini French Reverie

Be fun, flirty and thriving in a dreamy mini dress. What does the dreamy mini dress consist of? Mainly an A-line, skater, or a wrap/slip cut with decorative sleeves (off the shoulder, puffy sleeves, etc.), sweet colors and prints that are also paired with a sweet or daring neckline. If you're looking for something to wear at la plage, check out Bleu de Vous, which is a beautiful brand, created by Chloé Lecareux, a French globe trotter, model, designer, influencer and fellow dreamer. For more daytime chic dresses, check out Verge Girl, Reformation, Lisa Say Gah!, and With Jean that could all of course be paired with some of the aforementioned trends. For nighttime looks, check out romantic classics like Erdem, Zimmerman and Giambattista Valli who will be coming out with a new collaborative collection with H&M which will be released worldwide on November 7, 2019.



Fashion designer
Giambattista Valli to launch
a new collection in
collaboration with H&M

Now, I was actually wrong about there being 7 romantic trends to try for the summer. The eighth and last one is basically not fashion related but related to what you love. This summer, remember to embrace something you love and try something you have always wanted to try. Soak up the sun, learn how to play the piano, begin a journal, paint on your jeans, write poetry, or simply pour your heart into something you adore or haven't discovered you adore yet.

Stay dreaming, always.

COVER

YOU GOT THAT SOMETHING

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Suit RALPH LAUREN



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INTERVIEW

TETONA SABA JACKSON

Epitome of Beauty

By VANESSA MAPES @vanessa.mapes

Inspiring actress Tetona Saba Jackson knew since she was young that she wanted to be an actress in the entertainment industry, what she didn't expect is how quickly she'd rise to become well known throughout the industry for her roles in BET's original series "Boomerang", the spin-off of the same named 1992 romantic comedy, and the Hulu original series "All Night". We were thrilled to have the opportunity to talk with Tetona about her earlier years, her stratagem of empowerment, and what lies ahead.

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PRODUCTION: BELLO MEDIA GROUP x MAISONPRIVEE PR LA

Dress Shirt worn as
a Dress **MALAN BRETON**
Butterfly Belt **KERRY PARKER**
Earrings **CHARLES & RON**



Jacket and Skirt **ONE TRIEU YEU**
Earrings and Rings **IRIS TRENDS**



When did you first know you wanted to be an actress?

I knew I wanted to be an actress at a very young age. When I was in elementary school during the summers, my parents both worked and would leave me at my cousin's house with her grandma. We would always come up with skits and make our parents watch when they got home from work. But...I knew I wanted to be in entertainment ever since I was little. My dad is a jazz musician and he would take me on his gigs. I would sit backstage and watch legends like Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, and The Four Tops perform.

Who is your biggest role model?

My biggest role model is my mom! Growing up in a single parent's household and watching her work two jobs to allow me to do what I wanted to do in life was always inspiring!

Who is your dream director you'd love to work with?

After working with Dime Davis it's really hard to top that. Haha But I'd really love to work with Mike Flanagan. I would love to play a character in one of his scary movies or shows. I loved "The Haunting of Hill House", "Gerald's Game" and "Hush".

What was it like to get cast as Simone for the tv series reboot of the hit 1992 movie Boomerang on BET?

I am still in utter shock. I am so honored to be a part of this project with this cast and this group of people.

How would you describe Simone in three words?

A "Boss", Determined and Vulnerable.

What music do you like to listen to on set?

It depends on the mood in the scene that I am getting ready to shoot. But, some of the artists I would listen to on set were 6lack, Drake, Cardi B. Specifically, "Made for Now" by Janet Jackson was my anthem through season 1!

Do you have any ritual warm ups you practice before shooting?

No, not specifically but again depending on the scene that we were filming I went into the day accordingly.

What do you do to keep yourself empowered?

I definitely had to have some "me" time. There were moments it definitely helped to be around women and people on set that were very empowering and uplifting.

What do you do to de-stress after a long day of shooting?

Sometimes, I would go to the gym depending on what time we wrapped. Sometimes, destressing after a long day of filming is simply coming home and sitting in silence.

Do you relate to Simone? Would you say its easier or harder to play a character you relate to?

I do relate to Simone. I think like Simone; I am very determined in my career. I am also similar to her in that I tend to hide my feelings behind certain walls that have been built.

What is it like to be a role model yourself so many girls look up to?

Oh My God! I don't even think of myself as a role model so it's crazy to think of myself as a role model. But I am so humbled and honored to be considered a role model to many young girls.

When did you start ice skating?

I started around the age of 5.

What was it like to be the Disney princess Tiana for the phenomenal ice-skating show Disney On Ice?

It was so much fun. I was actually the first Tiana to ever show face. Our show opened before the movie came out and before the park princess came out. So, it was a lot of pressure but also so much fun to play her! I loved that Tiana is sassy and spunky and very determined; similar to Simone!

How would you describe your personal style?

Cute and Comfortable! If left up to me, I'd wear jeans and a t-shirt to everything.

What can we expect from Tetona Jackson in the future?

I am excited to announce season 2 of "Boomerang" and am looking forward to doing some features as well!

"I think like Simone; I am very determined in my career"

Top ADA ZANDITON
Pants MALAN BRETON





Dress MALAN BRETON
Earrings IRIS TRENDS





A fashion photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black and white off-the-shoulder dress with a large white collar and a large white floral brooch. She is also wearing black high-heeled sandals. She is standing in front of a white door with a brass mail slot and a silver doorknob. To the right of the door is a brick wall with a large bush of red flowers. The woman is leaning against a black metal post. The background is a brick wall with a large bush of red flowers.

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STREET STYLE

UPSCALE YOUR LOOK

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Dress FAITH CONNECTION
Earrings SAINT LAURENT
Sunglasses YSL
Bag HERMES CONSTANCE BAG
Heels YSL





Jacket LTH JKT
Top WOW COUTURE
Pants LILY SIDONIO

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Top WOW COUTURE
Skirt MOLLY BRACKEN
Necklace IRIS TRENDS

CHROMATIC

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Dress **UMBERTO FODDIS**
Boots **CHARLES&RON**

Jacket and Shorts OTT
Top ONE TRIEU YEU
Boots CHARLES&RON





Top OTT
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Merveilles Watch
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with Gold Logo Print
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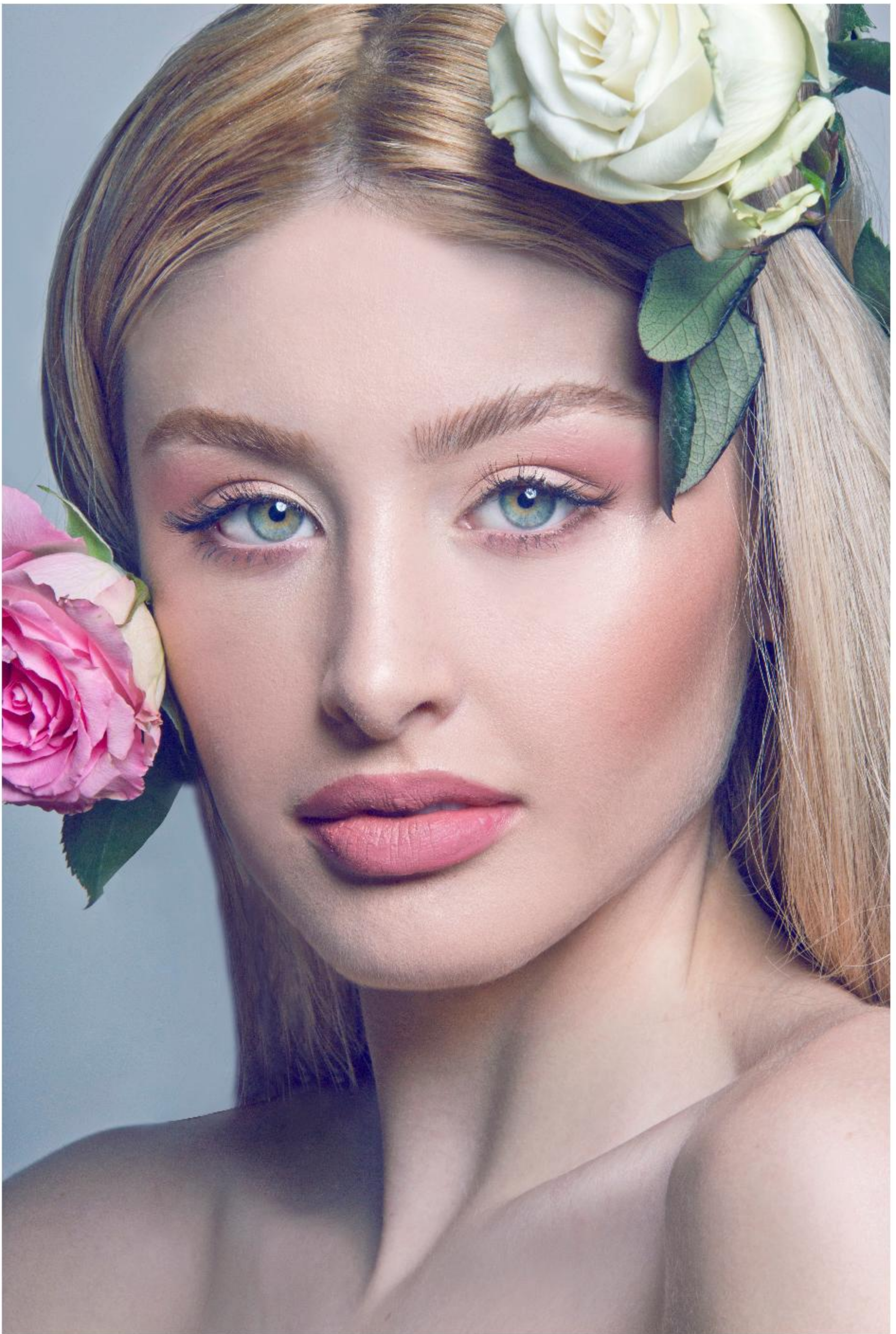
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Oval Enamelled Buckle
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Sterling Silver Mercer Link
Pavé Halo Hoops
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Lingerie
VICTORIA'S SECRET

BLISSEFUL CHAOS

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Bodysuit FASHION NOVA
Jewelry GUESS



Lingerie
VICTORIA'S SECRET

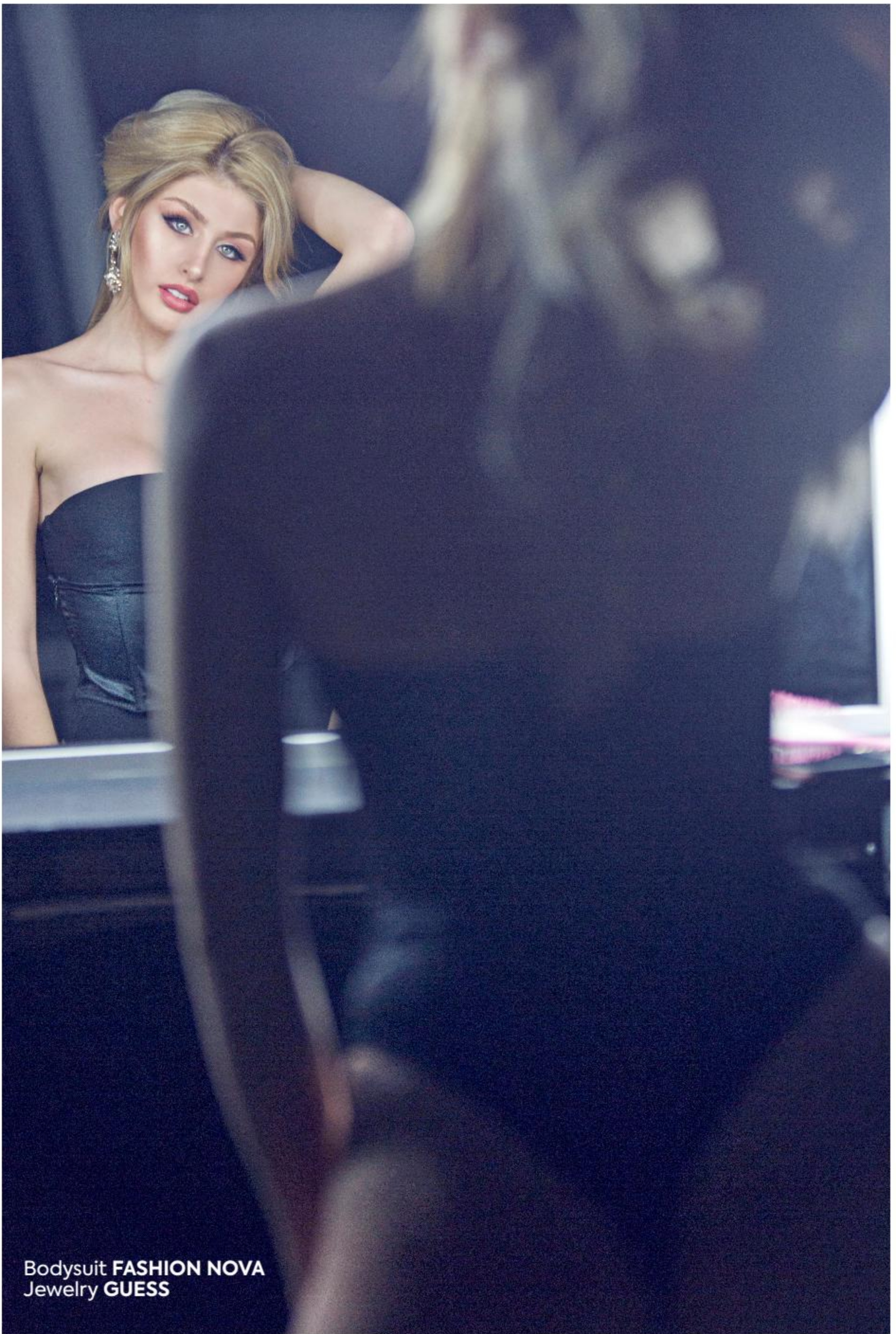


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VICTORIA'S SECRET
Jewelry **GUESS**





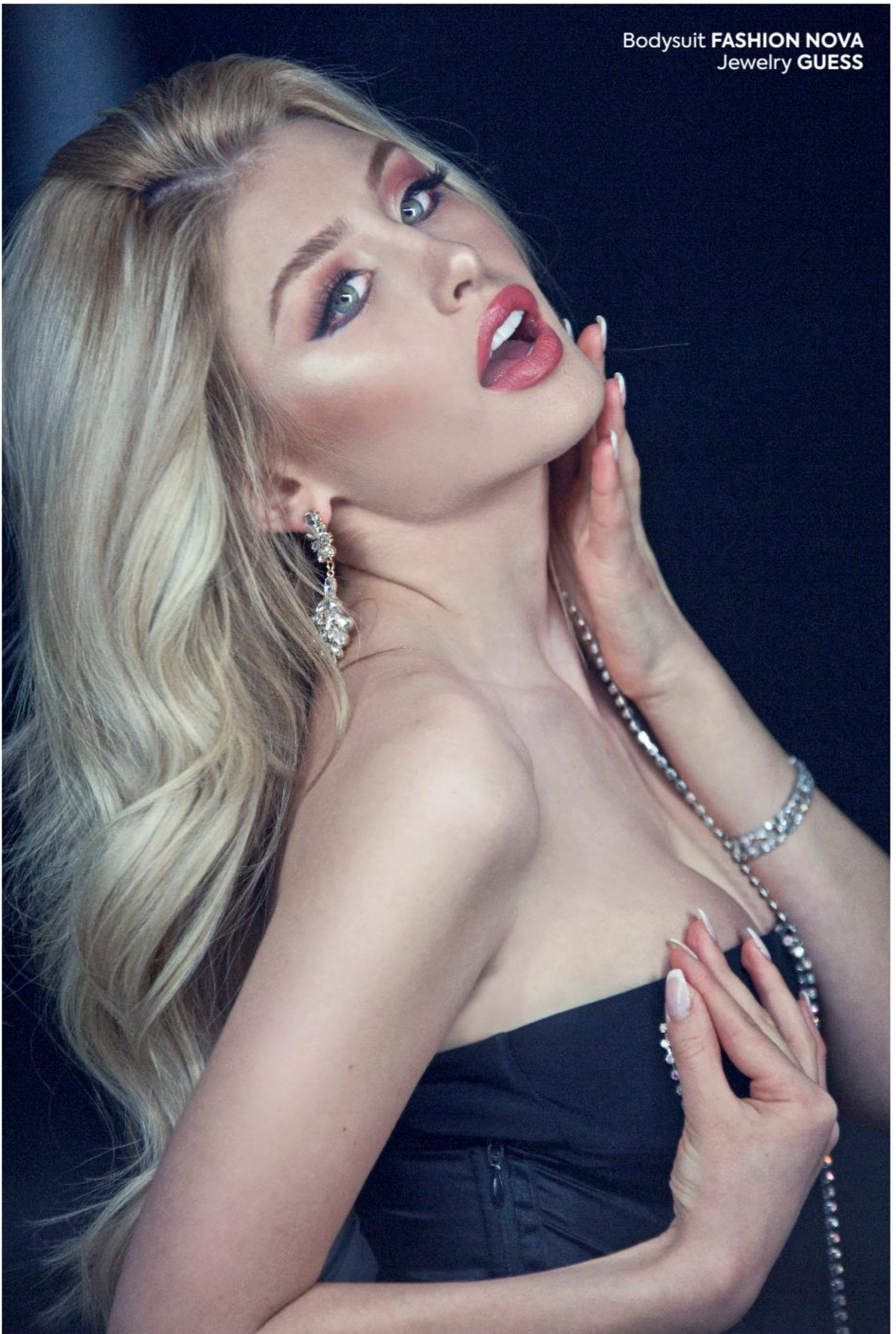
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VICTORIA'S SECRET
Heels YSL



Bodysuit **FASHION NOVA**
Jewelry **GUESS**

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Bodysuit **FASHION NOVA**
Jewelry **GUESS**



10 TRAVEL DAYS IN BALI

BY VALENTINA SOLCI @valentinasolci

FIRST NIGHT

*I*t was around eleven in the evening when we had landed at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar, Bali. My friend and I had voyaged all the way from New York City and were sitting in anticipation and excitement throughout the full 23 hour trip over to the island. We were welcomed to the DPS airport with two extremely long customs lines. So, if you are planning on flying to Bali for the first time, expect to dedicate some time in the customs line upon arriving. From there we found our driver, who we booked in advance through our airbnb's recommended transportation service, amongst the sea of faces who were filled with local taxi drivers trying to hail over a new client.



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Right page: Photo by Raj Eiamworakul on Unsplash



Throughout our time in Bali, we stayed in two different villas, both booked through Airbnb. The first villa was called Abian Biu and was located in Mengwi, Bali, a city-like area surrounded by other nearby lively towns. By the time we arrived in Mengwi and checked into the villa it was about four in the morning. The calm sound of the infinity pool in combination with the humid air and star filled sky made for the perfect opportunity to take a nighttime swim. In general, the Indonesian government has been doing an excellent job in preserving the natural roots of the island, all the while allowing for Bali's south-

west touristic area to grow and enhance as an international hub. Because of this natural preservation, Bali isn't overwhelmed with harsh, artificial lights, allowing for one to view and enjoy the stars at night. Though I wouldn't recommend for anyone to take a night swim in the ocean, I would advise for one to take advantage of the opportunity to swim at one of the many pools that exist within the hotels or private properties. After our pool dip, we went straight to bed and called it a night, as we were drained from our travels and the huge time difference.

DAY 1

Abian Biu is actually a shared villa with a hotel feel. The building structure is two stories high with outdoor access to each of the eight rooms. Additionally, Abian Biu has a 24-hour security/front desk service alongside a restaurant, which is opened for the majority of the day. Our villa, in particular, was on the first floor and faced the infinity pool. Therefore, we woke up to the view of greenery and fresh flowers surrounding the sunlit, still blue pool. The first thing we did was grab some breakfast at the villa's restaurant. We both ordered a simple pastry platter with fresh guava juice and Balinese coffee. From there, we prepared to head out and explore the surrounding city area of Seminyak. For this trip, we relied on a Balinese app called GRAB, which is the equivalent to UBER or LYFT, rather than taking the local blue taxi. Though this application was very convenient for us to use, it is important to keep in mind that most Grab drivers only stick to the touristic areas of southwest Bali (which includes Seminyak, Canggu, Kuta Beach, and Denpasar) and central Bali (which mostly includes Ubud). For the sake of our trip to Seminyak, though, Grab was an ideal form of transportation as it quickly took us to Seminyak Village, an outdoor shopping mall filled with both local market shops and high end, foreign businesses. This is a great spot to browse by foot because of the variety of shops, offering clothes, delicious eatery, spa services, and nighttime bar scenes. We spent most of our afternoon at Seminyak Village and ended the night at Char Char Bar & Grill, which has an open aired, escalated seating area that faces the streets of Seminyak. Char Char is dimly lit with natural vines encompassing the walls; it is a great spot to have a quick dinner and enjoy a tropical drink.

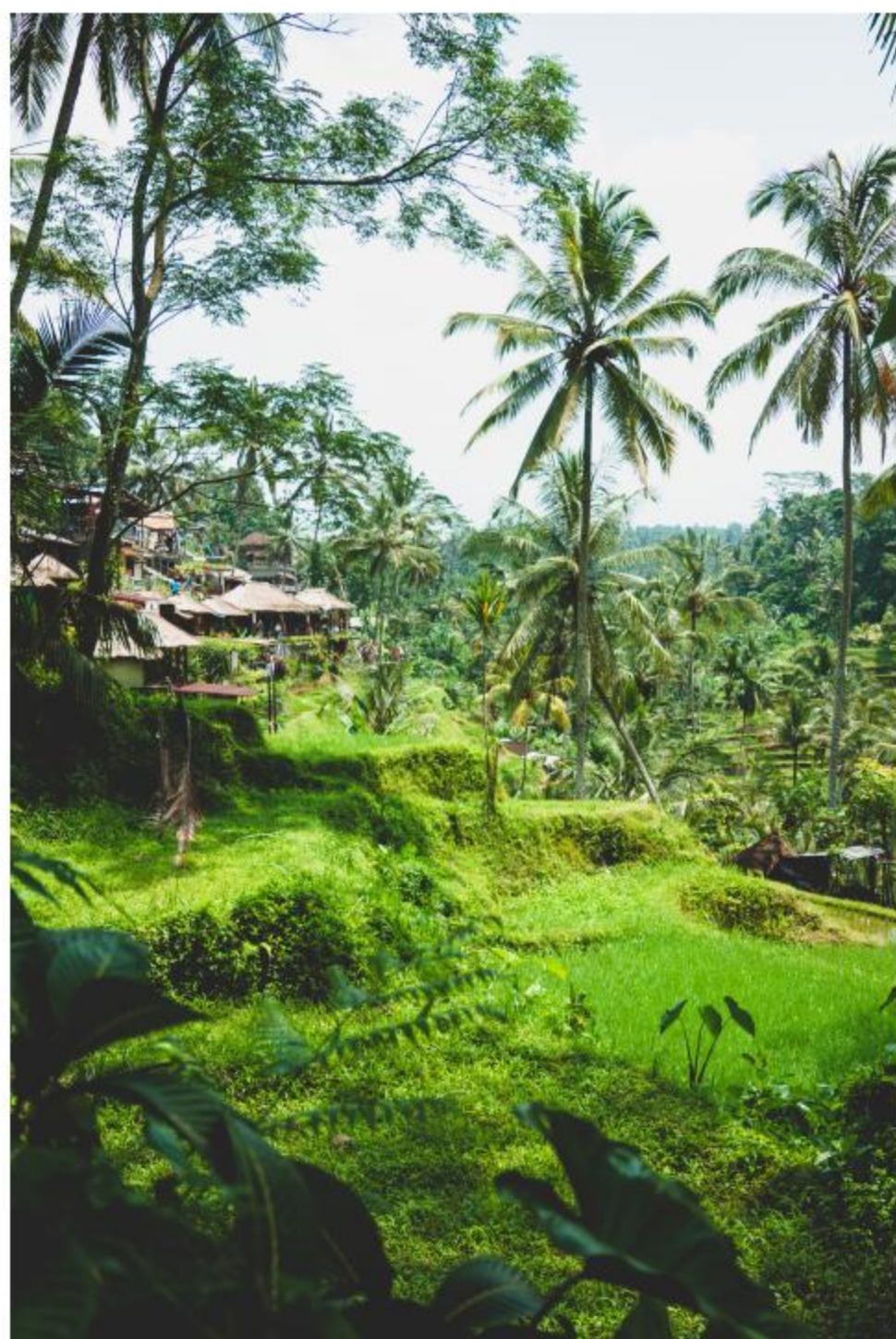


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DAY 2

After breakfast, we found a driver to take us westward to Lumbung Sari House of Luwak Coffee. Here, we had a private tour of the coffee, tea, and plant fields. Though tea is a favorite amongst locals and visitors, coffee cultivation is widespread amongst the island. The cultivation and exportation of coffee in Bali began during the late 1600s and has grown over the centuries, due in part by the island's well-suited climate that's heavily effected by its distance to the equator. We were walked through the garden and were shown how particular herbs, such as lemongrass and hibiscus, are harvested. Additionally, our guide led us through the journey of explaining how the coffee is grown, broken down, and prepared for release into the marketplace. It is through this process that one realizes how unique Balinese coffee is. The process begins by having the Kopi Luwak, also known as the Asian Palm Civet, digest the coffee beans. This mammal is native to tropical Asia and is specifically used by coffee cultivators for this process. Once the beans have been digested, the Kopi Luwak release the remains in the form of feces. This very feces then hardens and is broken down into smaller pieces. The next step is to roast the digested beans above an open fire to prepare for the crushing of the beans, which is done manually by using a wooden stick and sifter. Finally, the grinded coffee beans is packaged up and prepared to be sold to consumers.

The tour ended with a sample tasting of all the teas and coffees that are harvested at Lumbung Sari House of Luwak Coffee. The flavors ranged from mangosteen tea and lemongrass tea to vanilla coffee and ginger coffee. The sample platter also came with a bowl of plantain chips, a cup of hot water and lemon, and a tropical flower for decor.

From there, we ventured out to the famous Monkey Forest Ubud. In general, the experience was definitely more on the touristy end as visitors are attracted by the forest and river terrain that the monkeys are free to roam through. Though the monkeys are heavily watched and checked upon by Balinese and international universities for cases of Rabies, it is advised that visitors don't look the monkeys in the eyes because, in doing so, one can entice the monkey into jumping on you and, potentially, biting you, depending on the emotional state of the monkey at the time of interaction.

Our final location for the day was at a viewing spot overlooking the Ubud rice fields. It began to heavily rain, however, which led us to end the day a little bit earlier than anticipated. With that said, it is important to note that Bali has a tropical monsoon climate, divided into two seasons: the dry (May to September) and wet (October to April) periods.



ULUN DANU BERATAN TEMPLE IN NORTHERN BALI
Photo by Dennis Rochel on Unsplash



LEMBONGAN ISLAND

Photo by Jeremy Bishop on Unsplash

DAY 3

After a night of rainy, we woke up to clear skies and strong sunny weather. Therefore, we decided to spend our morning hours were spent by the pool. We ordered breakfast to eat by the pool while we soaked up every bit of the Balinese summer sun.

Towards the early afternoon hours, we took a GRAB to an outdoor shopping center in Canggu. Here, we went on a hunt for bikinis and ended up purchasing a few items from Billabong.

In that same area, we came across Cafe Organic, a restaurant specializing in fresh, healthy cuisine. For lunch, my friend and I had ordered ginger lemon water, a dragon fruit bowl, toast with pumpkin spread, salad, goat cheese, and sunflower seeds, truffle fries, and a Mediterranean salad. This cafe is optimal during the daytime and is great for winding down/cooling off. The clientele are mostly foreigners from Australia and Europe, which gives the cafe a much more international atmosphere.

We then took a GRAB to nearby Kuta Beach for sunset hour. At the entrance of the beach, there's an extensive

outdoor market to pick up unique small goods. Access to the beach from the main road was under construction, so we resorted to climbing down the terrain manually. Kuta Beach, alongside other beaches like Legian and Lovina Beach, is one of the most ideal spots to enjoy watching the sun set as both locals and tourists surround the area, and the sound of the distant music from the nearby beach club excites the mood for the rest of the night.

That night we had to vacate our first villa and commute over to east Bali to check in to the second Airbnb, called Rumah Kelapa (also known by the owners as Coconut House). On the way over, our GRAB driver was kind enough to pull over to Indomaret, a boutique local grocery, so that we could purchase several liters of bottled water. We did so because, generally, it isn't safe for foreigners to drink or consume any items containing non-bottled water while in Bali because it can lead to traveler's diarrhea and vomiting. With that said, upon arriving to Rumah Kelapa, our hosts greeted us with a fruity "welcome drink" and a bowl of traditional fresh flowers (known as Canang Sari, which is used daily as a form of offering in the Hindu religion).



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DAY 4

One thing to keep in mind, when traveling to Bali is that transportation across the island can be time consuming, costly, and difficult to arrange. Thus, it is important to do some research on the location of the main activities you may want to do. Even if your desired activity list may not all be in the same area, at least you can mentally prepare ahead of time for having to find a driver to take you around. As mentioned previously, GRAB is most efficient when in areas with high levels of tourist populations. Most of North, East, and Southeast Bali are dominated with the local population who typically have their own transportation vehicles, that being in the form of a scooter or Vespa. The local areas of Bali are referred to as villages and, when at home, are engulfed by the sound of birds chirping, roosters crowing, and the distant sound of scooters driving by on the main road.

Rumah Kelapa is a property on the east end of Bali, specifically in Karangasem, Bali, that is walking distance to Jasri Beach. The property is owned by an Australian couple but is run by a Balinese manager and employee. The staff at Rumah Kelapa is very friendly and helpful as they can advise you on what's best to do around the area and can answer any questions you may have about Bali and Indonesia. Additionally, the property consists of four villas and includes a dining area which serves breakfast and dinner daily.

Our villa is called Villa Senang and was a perfect size for two people to occupy. Each villa comes with an outdoor seating area, but our villa, in particular, came with an open aired outdoor shower, a locally carved and painted wooden entrance door, and complimentary daily breakfast. The property was surrounded by lush greenery and there is a free flowing stream at the entrance. Right next door to Rumah Kelapa is a farm holding a few domestic cows and roosters.

The daily complimentary breakfast generally included: hot water, ginger, and lemon or Balinese coffee to drink, a fresh fruit platter, and your choice of either homemade banana pancakes (that came with a homemade dragon fruit jam) or a plate of eggs. My personal favorite were the homemade banana pancakes because the bananas came from local farms and the dragon fruit jam added an extra layer of sweetness. For the remainder of this trip, I had decided to only drink hot water, lemon, and ginger as I wanted to take advantage of the laidback mood that came with being on vacation. However, my friend continued to drink the Balinese coffee as she felt she quickly fell in love with the fresh delicacy.

During our first full day at the new villa, we used the beach bags and turquoise cover ups that our host

provided us with to go to the nearby Jasri Beach. Jasri Beach is known to be a local's beach and is iconic because of its black sand feature. The shoreline is mostly covered with large rocks but there is a patch of land that is purely made of volcanic sand and small pebbles. That day, the weather was on the cloudy side so the dark, stormy weather in combination with the black sand beach made for a very dramatic and moody feel. Jasri beach is right in between the Bali Sea (to the northeast) and the Indian Sea (to the southwest); the waters are quite dark, making it difficult to see through it. Also, there are no lifeguards and there's only a limited amount of beachgoers, thus, it is best to not swim too deep into the waters as it would be difficult to get assistance, in the event that an emergency takes place.

While at Jasri Beach, it ended up raining so we called it a day and spent the rest of our time at the villa. That evening, we had dinner at Rumah Kelapa's restaurant where I ordered a platter of freshly caught mahi mahi, white rice, and sautéed vegetables.



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DAY 5

For any yoga or meditation practitioners, Bali is an ideal location to bring these practiced to the forefront as many are inspired by the island's natural landscape and historical ties with Hinduism. Thus, we began this morning by doing a yoga session followed by an intensive full body stretch. We then had our breakfast at the villa and decided we would spend the day exploring Virgin Beach. The employees at Rumah Kelapa were so kind that they offered to drive us, via their scooters, to Virgin Beach, which was only accessible by journeying through a nearby mountainous village. The views from a top the mountain were one of a kind as you could see the red rooftops of all the homes, the lush palm trees and the white sand beach in which we were headed to. Along the way, cows roamed alongside the road and held such a calm disposition that it was safe enough for me to pet and be in close proximity to some of the adult ones. This beach spot is called Virgin Beach

due to its white sand fixture and pristine location just below the mountain. The beach is made up of both locals, selling fresh fruits and small handmade goods, and tourists; the local Balinese dog also roams freely along the shoreline. There is no wifi on the beach, nor is there any in the surrounding area, so be sure to have your transportation set up ahead of time so that you can exit the beach without having to climb up the entire mountain in order to reach the village area. Lastly, towards the southwest end of the beach is a cave that can be accessed by climbing a series of rocks. If you would like to attempt to do so, it would be best to wear proper water shoes to safely climb the rock and be attentive of all the crabs that lay around as you get closer and closer to the cave. Fisherman surround the entrance of the cave as waters are clear and filled with wild life. By the time we got back to the villa, we were very hungry and ordered a rice and vegetable platter from the cook at Rumah Kelapa.

DAY 6

The rain forecast was at a high on this day, leaving us with a minimal amount of choices of activities to do. So, we decided to stay in and spend the day relaxing at the villa. For anybody coming from a big city, a day in doors in the warmth of your bed is well appreciated! We originally intended to spend all of our days in Bali doing outdoor activities so that we can make the most of our time. However, we ended up really

enjoying this rainy day as it forced us to slow down and soak in the calm energy that this part of the island evoked.

We ate our meals in bed, read the books we brought along with us, and caught up on some sleep. Depending on how long you are staying in Bali, I would try to squeeze in one "at home day" for those who come from busy, hectic lifestyles.



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DAY 7

After breakfast, our manager organized a driver to take us around Bali for the day. The first stop on our itinerary was Tegenungan Waterfall. This location requires an entry fee and is mostly visited by tourists. There are outdoor shops and restaurants that align the walkway that leads towards the waterfall. The only way to access the waterfall is by climbing a series of manmade steps. The view from these steps provides different levels of elevation in which one can see the waterfall and accompanying river. It is best to visit this spot on a sunny day as the fresh river water can be quite chilly to swim in.

The next stop was the Holy Spring Water Temple. The landscape of this location was vast and the temples held a classic Balinese form with worn out coral paint. There was also a section dedicated to cleansing through the Holy Spring ceremonial waters. The only thing to keep in mind for this site is that one, regardless of gender, must use a coverup in order to enter the temple grounds.

DAY 8

The following morning, I had some quiet time to read my book and sit atop a big outdoor daybed that Rumah Kelapa had. Later in the early afternoon hours, my friend and I visited the nearby Sensatia Botanicals. I purchased three different items: a sea salt scrub called Cleopatra's Rose, a charcoal toothpaste and a cinnamon mint toothpaste. We both ordered a seafood based meal that night at the villa.

DAY 9

Knowing that the next day was going to be our final day, we decided to spend the day once again at Jasri Beach as we felt it was worth taking advantage of the fact that we were so close to a volcanic black sand beach. Towards the afternoon hours, we hired a driver to take us back towards the city-like area of southwest Bali. Our driver dropped us off at Yeh Gangga Beach for a sunset our four wheeler ATV tour hosted by an Australian company called Quad Biking Bali. This one hour tour was an intimate and exhilarating experience. Each of us got to ride our own ATV's and were led by a local who brought us along the shoreline, through the streets of the town, and paused to take our photos. I highly recommend this activity as it is fun and perfect to enjoy views of the sunset.

Half way through the day, we decide to stop by a street grocery store to purchase some snacks. We then moved forward to the third location. Here, we were in the area of Ubud and we visited the famous rice fields with the accompanying swing. Though it began to rain, we borrowed the umbrellas that the company hosting the swing rides had. In regards to the swing, there are two different levels of intensity that one can choose from: regular or extreme. Both levels allow for about 14 swings in total, giving you more than enough time to take in the views of the hills, rice fields, and river that surround you.

Finally, we ended the day in Ubud at a spa called Gisella Spa. All around Bali, spas can be found and prices vary, allowing for most visitors to be able to explore all the options. At Gisella Spa, we both purchased a package deal which included a full body massage, an ear candle waxing treatment, and a manicure/pedicure (no polish included). The deal was totally worth it and left us feeling so pampered!

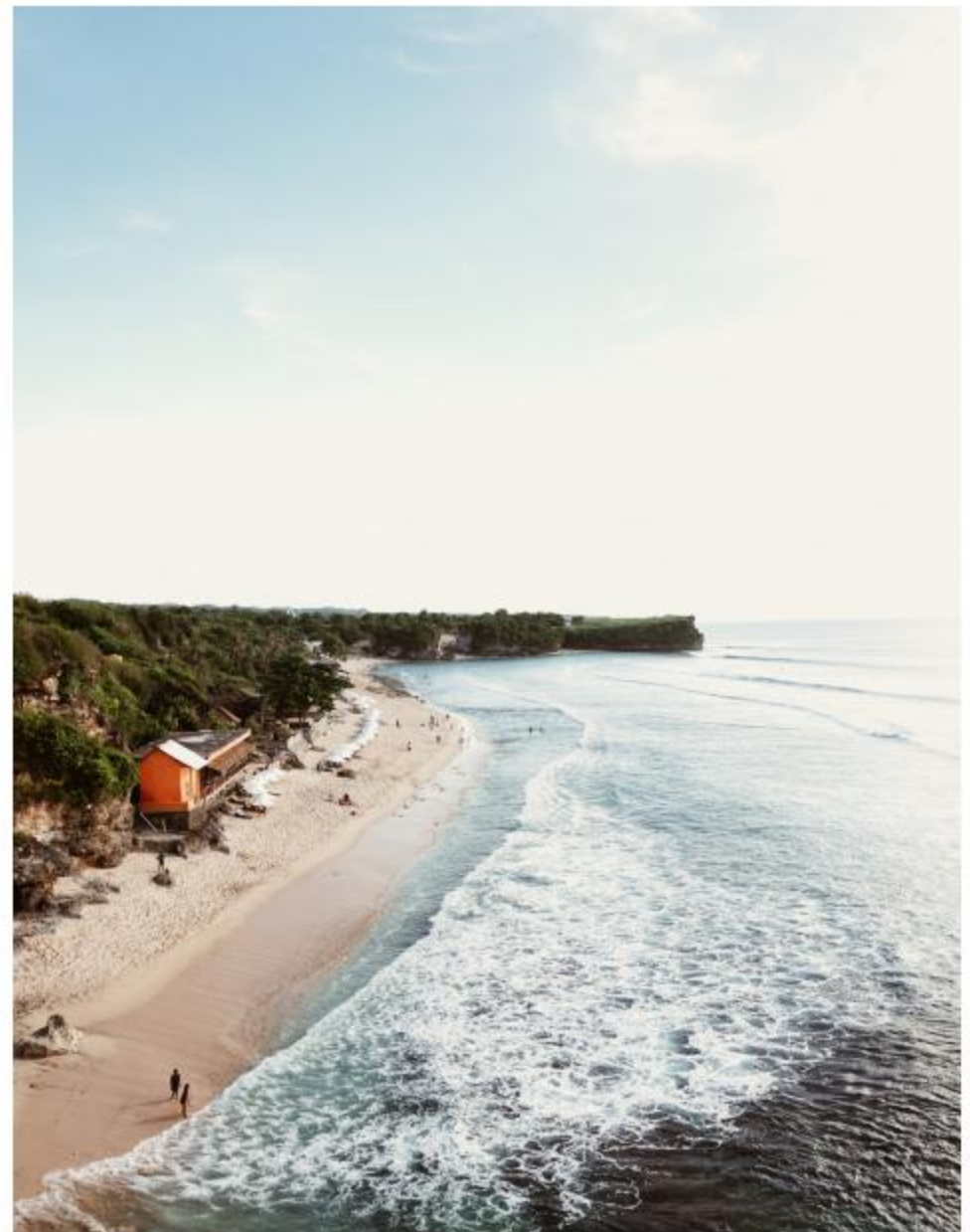


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We then had dinner at Echo Beach Club. This beach club was directly in front of the ocean and was so close that the waves were crashing along some of the tables that were most near it. That night, we both ordered virgin tropical drinks and ate from the salad and rice buffet. I, individually, also ate a fresh seafood platter and a shrimp cocktail, while my friend ate clams and a veggie kebab.

This was our final dinner in Bali and was so special for us as we got to reflect upon how much we enjoyed the trip thus far.

DAY 10

Sadly, our finally day in Bali had approached and we were hours away from our afternoon flight. In the morning, I showered under the warm sun and then walked towards a nearby resort that was on the same road which led us to Jasri Beach. It was a gorgeous sunny day and was great for staying outdoors for

our final few hours in Bali. While at Aashaya Jasri Resort, we both had a one hour full body massage. The massage area was right in front of the ocean and was decorated in all light blue and seashell bed sheet covers. The small fountain and sound of the nearby waves really added to the soothing atmosphere. The masseuse did an excellent job and literally massaged our bodies from head to toe (including the face and chest)!

After our massage appointment, we had one hour remaining to quickly pack up our luggage before our driver came to pick us up. We had to leave east Bali substantially early because the commute from east Bali to the airport in Denpasar was about 2 hours. During the long drive over, we got to drive through many towns and villages in South Bali, causing us to think about and appreciate all that we got to experience while we were there. Bali is a place filled with history, peace, rich culture, and adventure. I look forward to going back again in the near future and exploring the other parts of the island that I didn't get to visit during this 10 day trip.



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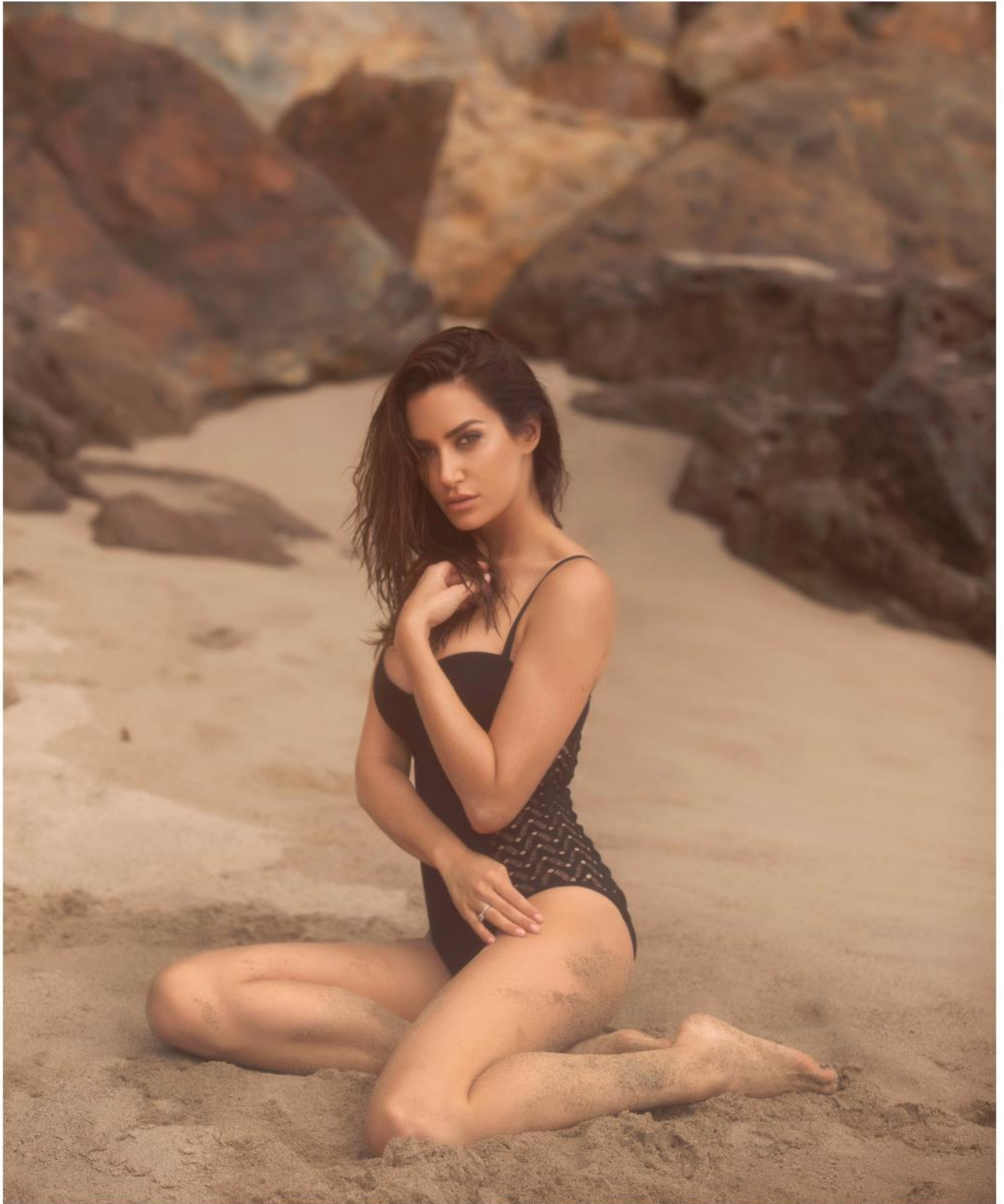


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RECOGNIZING THE EVOLVING BUSINESS

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To be a successful investor you need an understanding and instinct for what the future will bring. What this column hopes to deliver is some insight into the direction I believe the future of business is going and some great companies leading the change.

A trend I am seeing and enjoying is companies that make your life easier and more convenient. Companies like Pill Pack (recently purchased by Amazon), who not only sorts your medications but also delivers them to your door in daily and hourly packages. Chewy, a pet food delivery service. No more having to lug those big bags of dog food. And Plated, who delivers all the ingredients and recipes you need to create fun and tasty meals at home without you having to search the grocery stores for that special ingredient.

In fact, you barely need to leave your home anymore. Just about everything can be delivered to you. These kinds of businesses will continue to be great investments. But they are also creating a social impact which leads directly to the next new trend. The next group of great companies to invest in will not only make your life easier but will also add a social aspect that integrates you into a community. As our life streamlines to the point that we no longer have to leave the house, it also isolates us. So our need for live interaction and community increases. Look to invest in businesses that include and encourage social interaction and involvement.

Two companies leading the trend are We Work and Shopify. We Work is leading the pack in the co-working space. Co-working is all about community and is a phenomenon that is growing worldwide. We Work, which now has over 547 locations worldwide, is the easiest and most welcoming in the coworking category. They have taken this model to another level by organizing community events where their members (not tenants) can socialize and network regularly. They also offer an amazing app which connects all members worldwide. Need to make a connection in another city or even get a local recommendation? Just put it on your membership app and any other member can help you.

Being a We Work member makes you part of a worldwide community that can not only help your business but can also help you make new connections and friends.

I do think We Work has to be careful though to not lose the lead they have by becoming too corporate. They have a special magic by being forward thinking and creating a cool environment. As companies expand, it's easy for them to make too many rules to keep control. Those rules will change the dynamic. They are winning because they make life easy and fun for their members. Become too corporate, make too many rules and someone else cooler will come in. There can always be a better, more fun party. But for now, they rule the coworking space.



A company which understands the need for community and one worth watching is Shopify. Shopify is a service that provides websites for online stores. They now have opened a space in Los Angeles and this is my pick for huge business growth in 2019. Shopify not only makes it easy for you to start your online store, but they also give you all the tools, free classes, and networking resources to succeed.

Another company dipping their toes into social interaction is Capital One. They are opening Capital One cafes where in a relaxed social environment you can meet your banker over a cup of coffee and get the financial and banking advice you need. A great beginning. But I feel they need to go even further in this direction to make a significant difference.

Look for these three companies to continue to grow as they are recognizing and filling a new need. The need for friendship and live interaction. Want to invest in a hot stock? My money is on Shopify to see big growth in 2019.

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HAT SIGNING BY DESIGNER *JAMES KEITH*

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Founder, James Keith prides himself in providing a brand that represents class, strength and family. The event was an opportunity for him to engage with clients from all over the United States and support the mantra. With an ambiance providing sparkling wine, music and hospitality engagement, people from New York felt the warmth and welcome from the Atlanta designer. The public was able to see the brands mission in action by watching James engaged with not only clients but his employees like family. While usually staying behind the scenes James took this opportunity to do what he does best, which is grow his Keith and James family.



Designer James Keith poses with Irma Penunuri, publicist for the brand.



From left to right: Alvin Waters, Luisa Herrera, James Keith and Calvin Waters.



*Photo on the left: Jessette NYC
Photo on the right: James Keith with TV personality with Marcus Anthony Lemonis.*





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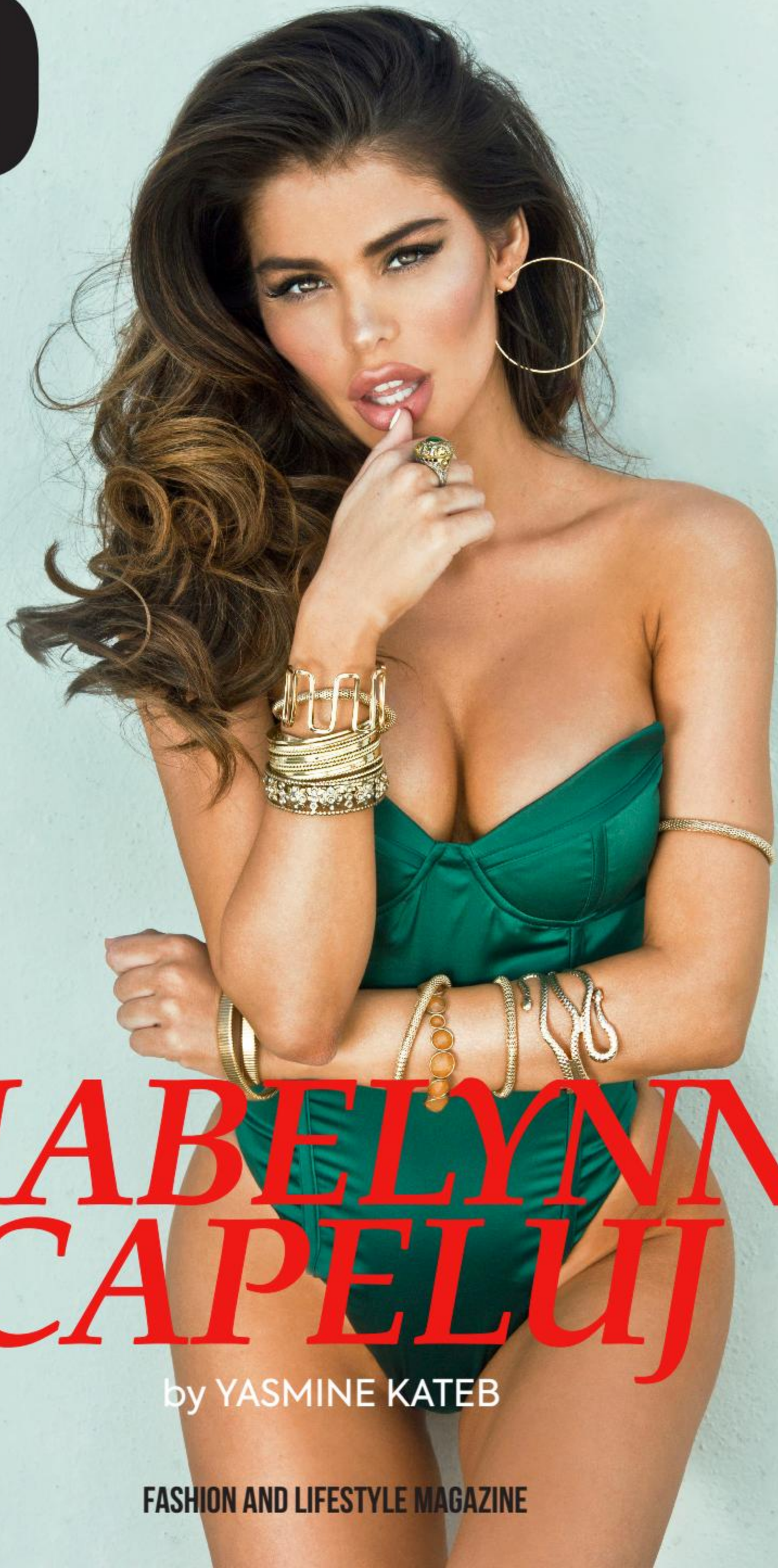


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