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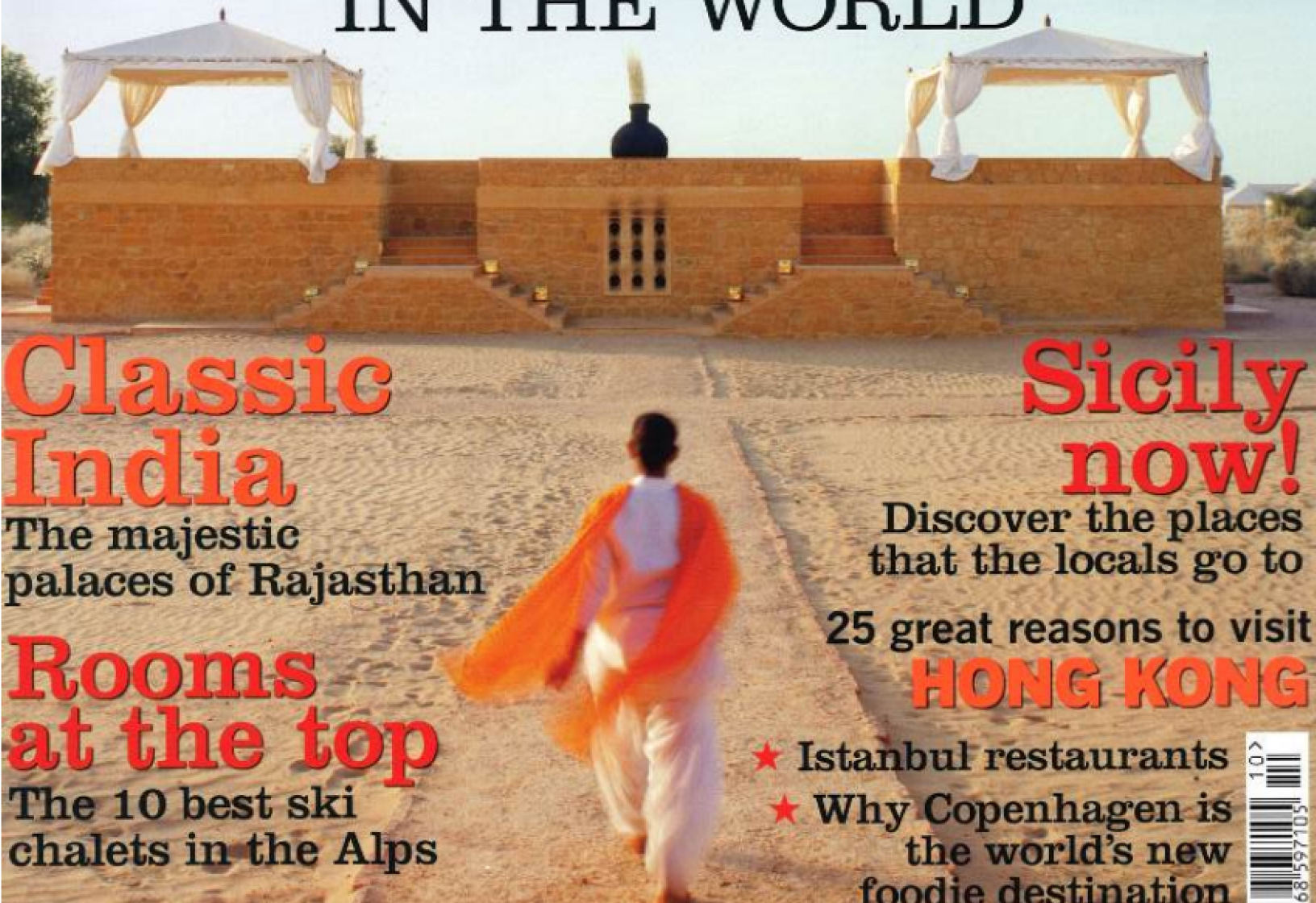
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Above, a garden and a guest room at The Ranch at Live Oak Malibu, and a picnic in the mountains after a hike

Wellbeing escape

Think of Malibu, and images of a beautiful coastline and discreet superstar retreats spring to mind. The new 14-cottage Ranch at Live Oak Malibu incorporates both, in a stunning location on a historic working ranch, three miles above the Pacific Ocean in the Santa Monica Mountains. A week-long, nature-oriented programme at this detox and fitness bootcamp provides a taste of what has put LA at the cutting edge of health and wellness, with group hikes, daily yoga, massage therapy, core training and an all-vegetarian menu prepared by the resort's 'nutritional alchemist' using ingredients from the on-site organic farm. All activities are compulsory, but downtime can be spent at the outdoor pool – a good spot for showing off that newly honed beach body.

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00 1 310 457 8700; www.theranchmalibu.com. From \$5,600 per person for one-week, all-inclusive

SAVANNAH STYLE African tribal markings and symbols were the inspiration for Wright & Teague's Nuba collection, incorporating hand-forged gold, tiny red beads and rubies in rings, armbands and necklaces (right). From £400; www.wrightandteague.com



ARABIAN FIRST NIGHTS

A glittering film festival puts Doha in the picture

Culture capital

Qatar's capital city could be on its way to becoming the centre of film-making and tourism in the Middle East, if Amanda Palmer has anything to do with it. Palmer is the executive producer of **Doha Tribeca Film Festival**, partnered with Robert De Niro's original in New York. 'The festival is part of a campaign to share stories of the Arab world with new audiences,' she says. 'It is proudly and authentically Middle Eastern in flavour but global in resonance.'

The vision for Qatar's capital is that of the Doha Film Institute president, Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, daughter of the Emir of Qatar. 'The Sheikha's forward-thinking ideas are transforming the city,' explains Palmer, who hopes the festival will bring in tourists who might not otherwise have visited. 'There's a big population of young people here who are progressive, well travelled, educated and hospitable – guests will see that hospitality is at the heart of Qatari culture.'

The response to last year's inaugural event in this compact country, a short hop from Dubai, was so impressive that a cultural village has been built to host this year's festival, which contains a stunning amphitheatre, a cinema and an opera house.

GEORGINA WILSON-POWELL

Doha Tribeca Film Festival will take place on 26-30 October (www.dohafilminstitute.com)