



## ETERNAL

## BOND

THE LOVE STORY of Joséphine and Napoleon Bonaparte has long been a recurring influence on French jeweller Chaumet's exquisite offerings. Encapsulating the house's flair for romance, the iconic Chaumet Liens family — which includes Liens d'Amour, Liens Évidence, Jeux de Liens, and Liens Séduction collections — continues to reinterpret the symbolisms of ties between two people with its multifaceted incarnations of jewellery.

The latest additions to the Liens Évidence collection see the maison opening up to the male market with a masculine spin to the Liens Évidence bracelets. The collection's single row rings also received a playful splash of colour, featuring red, green or blue lacquer that juxtaposes against the elegant white and pink gold body.

Elegant and timeless, the new additions are crafted with versatility in mind, meant to complement Chaumet's other offerings and appeal to both genders.



## Send Kelp

THERE ARE CERTAIN skincare products that, over the years, have taken on almost mythic properties. La Mer's The Concentrate is one such product. Created by aerospace physicist Dr Max Huber, it was initially conceived as a treatment for burns, and today, it is still used to soothe the skin post-laser treatment and to calm redness and irritation. It's now housed in a new bottle, topped with what looks like a stylised strand of sea kelp — a nod to one of the main ingredients in the brand's proprietary complex: the concentrated miracle broth. Whether you want to incorporate this strengthening and restorative serum into your skincare routine on the daily, or save it for emergencies, there's no denying its efficacy and addictive, velvety texture. — Renée Batchelor

La Mer The Concentrate from \$265 to \$885.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: CHAUMET (2), LA MER

## PLAYFUL CARRYALLS



LAUNCHED IN 1999 by architect Gene Miao and apparel designer Yvonne Roe, much of New York-based Ro's creative muse is derived from the energy of the dynamic city. Also at the forefront of Ro's eclectic selection of coveted bags, which run the gamut from formal briefcases to casual clutches, is Miao's flair for blending materials together.

Its latest Urbanite collection features an interplay between refined leather and high-quality canvas, a fitting complement to the brand's signature soft, curved contours that add a spirited touch to the otherwise austere facade.

On the less formal end of the styles that Ro offers sits its lineup of Lasso bags — each style in the lineup is named after a food that resembles its shape.

Constructed with brass and rope, in place of the usual zips and buttons, new renditions to its family include a shoulder bag, horizontal pouch, and vertical makeup pouch, each named after various cuts of cheese — think Gouda, Gruyere, and Brie.

Adopting Miao's environmentally friendly philosophy, Ro's handbags that are visibly worn can be brought in to be refurbished, retouched and restored into timeless staples. — Kames Narayanan



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: RO, LA MAISON BLEUE, CASTELLO DI SPALTENNA, TABACÓN THERMAL RESORT & SPA, RO (3)



## NOW BOOKING New World Wonders

A WORLD-AWAY from the hustle and bustle of cities, the Small Luxury Hotels of the World Group's new curatorial of hotels across the globe are the ideal under-the-radar getaway.

**La Maison Bleue, El Gouna, Egypt** Renowned for its scenic waterways, lagoon and sandy beaches, the Red Sea resort town of El Gouna is also home to La Maison Bleue, a 19th century Mediterranean mansion set on the northern shores of Mangroovy Beach. Designed by antique collector



and interior designer Amr Khalil, the mansion features 11 tastefully designed luxury suites, each imbued with a distinct personality infused with art influences from the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

Savour a pre-dinner tippie at the shaded terrace that sits against a backdrop of the Egyptian sun (and its pink-stained skies) as it sets behind the distant Red Sea mountains, before feasting on scrumptious gourmet fares and fine wines at Le Restaurant. The luxurious mansion also boasts a picturesque outdoor swimming pool, secluded beach and a luxury spa, where guests can relax in absolute privacy.

**Castello di Spaltenna, Chianti, Italy** Perched atop a landscape of undulating hills with extensive Sangiovese vineyards within its proximity, time seems to stop within this 18th-century Tuscan castle. Classic terracotta flooring and Tuscan furniture pieces are dotted throughout the castle's country-style apartments while contemporary western decor furnishes the hotel's classic suites.



Despite moving with the times, the historic elegance of the former monastery is preserved and is as captivating as its surroundings, which comprise a magnificent spectacle of cypresses, olive trees and wild woods. The home to wine, extra-virgin olive oil, cultural festivities and castles boasting medieval architecture, a trip down the idyllic countryside region of Gaiole in Chianti is one not to be missed.

**Tabacón Thermal Resort & Spa, La Fortuna De San Carlos, Costa Rica**

To stay at Tabacón Thermal Resort & Spa is to immerse in a secluded tropical paradise. The boutique hotel, with its spacious and contemporary interior, offers guests a unique mix of adventure and relaxation. Surrounded by more than 900 acres of lush rainforest reserve and flanked by the magnificent Arenal Volcano, guests of Tabacón are often bewildered by the region's extensive network of naturally flowing thermal mineral springs. Aside from the opportunities to soak in the different hot springs, the hotel also has a world-class spa, and guests can also try out



balneotherapy in the comfort of their private bungalows. From scarlet macaws to howler monkeys, the Arenal Volcano National Park is where guests can witness the exotic Costa Rican wildlife in all its glory. — Sng Ler Jun