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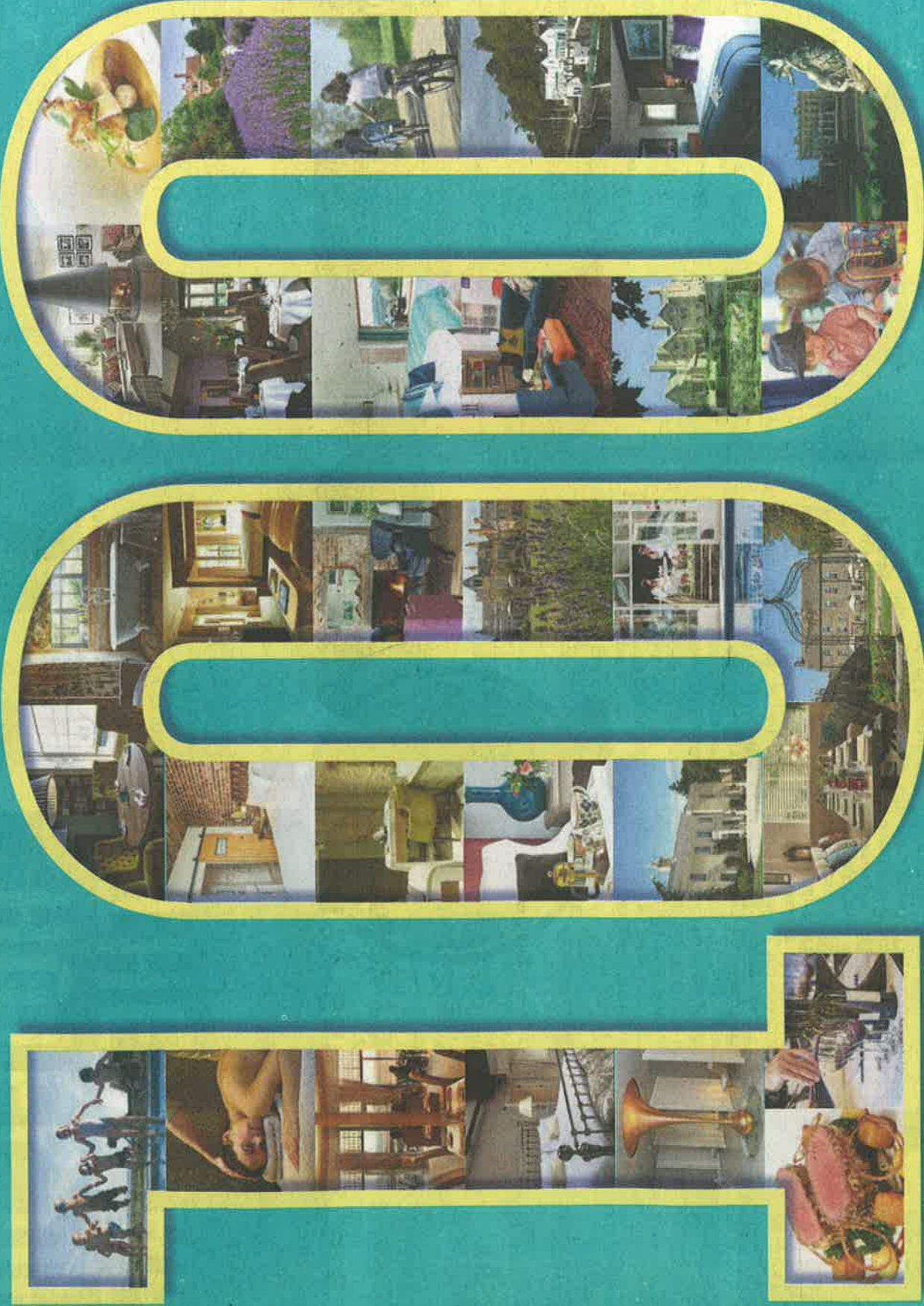
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**CHapel House** **A**

**CORNWALL** – NEW OPENING

This six-bedroom B&B in Penzance is like walking into an Elle Deco cover story: its airy Georgian architecture and antiques are complemented by Ercol furniture and bespoke modern beds. It's all sheets and chic, with some wow-factor features. One room has a bathroom with a glass ceiling that retracts, bringing the spire of a neighbouring church almost within touching distance. Locals love booking in for the communal weekend kitchen suppers, which give them a chance to touch base with DFLs (Down From Londons) and provide insider tips for visitors. Chapel Street is full of historic houses and arty shops, punctuated by the odd heart-stopping glimpse of St Michael's Mount. *Doubles from £150, B&B; chapelhousepz.co.uk*

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WINNER

**TREWORNAN MANOR** **E**

**CORNWALL** – NEW OPENING

This grade II\* listed house near the mouth of the Camel estuary has been coaxed back into luxurious life with a combination of posh beds, huge sofas and canny buys on eBay; the sunburst mirror in the breakfast room sets the tone. Two of the four rooms are as large as five-star suites, and just as plush. Outside, a stone-flagged courtyard leads to an eight-acre garden. You're just a few miles from foodie Padstow and, in the other direction, Port Isaac, with its Nathan Outlaw restaurant. No wonder the manor is already booking up with gastronomes. *Doubles from £100, B&B; trewornanmanor.co.uk*

**DORSET HOUSE** **C**

**DORSET**

Mark Hix may rule the restaurant scene in Lyme Regis, but for our money, this Regency villa in the coastal town is streets ahead of his townhouse B&B. The owner, Lyn Martin, a former communications manager for Jaguar, fell in love with Lyme and decided to change down a gear. The sitting room has waxed floorboards, a woodburner and an honesty bar. The five bedrooms are decorated in Farrow & Ball tones, with vintage pieces and smart ensembles – you can see Golden Cap hill from the shower in Sea View. Breakfast is particularly indulgent: homemade almond and honey cake, and blueberry muffins, should certainly top up your energy levels before you hit the Jurassic Coast. *Doubles from £105, B&B; dorsethouseyme.com*

**BERDOULAT & BREAKFAST** **D**

**SOMERSET** – NEW OPENING

This elegant Bath townhouse has been a dental surgery, a school and even the green room for the next-door Theatre Royal. Now the architect Patrick Williams and his Istanbul-born wife, Neri, have peeled back the layers to celebrate the 18th-century details of John Wood the Elder (who designed the Royal Crescent). The two bedrooms –

Dorset House and, right, Chapel House. Below, 2 Blackburne Terrace



# B&B

STAY IN YOUR COMFORT ZONE



the Linley Suite and the Elder Suite – are highly individual, while the Library has 5,000 paperbacks colour-coded for maximum impact. Forgo a traditional fry-up for a full Turkish: a feast of olives, halloumi and feta, melon salad and unforgettable bogrek pastries. *Doubles from £165, B&B; berdoulatandbreakfast.co.uk*

**HANNAH'S** **E**

**WINCHESTER** – NEW OPENING

It's hard not to be impressed by Hannah McIntyre. Yes, a whopping inheritance meant the 26-year-old could buy a former dancehall, gut it and turn it into a B&B charging up to £205 a night, but she does the cooking and cleaning, and even makes her own fig and vanilla smellies. In her three bedrooms



Hannah's and, right, Berdoulat & Breakfast



Mark Austin, Samed Photography

(numbered 19, 41 and 98), she has installed heavy old-timber doors, funky welded copper pipework and bathtubs tucked up on mezzanine floors. Arrive in the afternoon for tea and cake baked by You Know Who. Her breakfast sausages are the meatiest we've had. *Doubles from £185, B&B; hammahsbedandbreakfast.co.uk*

**LILWYN HELYG** **E**

**CARMARTHENSHIRE**

There are no half measures at this upmarket guesthouse. The bathrooms are bespoke marble and limestone, does them for the Dorchester, no less), and the beds are positively regal. Best of all is the music room. This cathedral of sound was designed with a high vaulted ceiling for perfect acoustics, houses an awesome sound system and is stocked with a mouthwatering collection of vinyl. *Doubles from £119, B&B; livynthefycountryhouse.co.uk*

**MAGAZINE WOOD** **G**

**NORFOLK**

Chickens are the only threat to the peace at this tasteful flint and brick haven in the village of Sedgeford, a skipped pebble from the north Norfolk coast. The three rooms are spacious, with sofas at the end of the beds, framed prints of local seascapes, and his-and-hers basins in the ensuites. Sit out on your terrace and

study the landscape with your room's binoculars. Just out of view are the soulful stretches of beach at Brancaster and Holme-next-the-Sea. *Doubles from £105, B&B; magazinewood.co.uk*

**2 BLACKBURNE TERRACE** **I**

**LIVERPOOL** – NEW OPENING

As soon as you've got three Miles the Rhodesian ridgeback and seen the shade of blue they've chosen for the carpet, you'll know you're in for an aesthetic adventure. Feel envious of the students who, until three years ago, got to call this gorgeous Georgian townhouse home. It's camp – velvet cushions are embossed with "BT" logos – but homely, not precious. The sloe gin and macarons on arrival help with that. Repeat guests include university professors, musicians performing with the Liverpool Phil and even members of the House of Lords. *Doubles from £160, B&B; 2blackburneterrace.com*

**MILLGATE** **I**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE**

Sue and Andrew Burrell may have come late to B&B-ing, but they're naturals: effortlessly hospitable and blessed with an eye for smart, unflashy interior design. The freshly baked scones waiting in your room when you arrive, for example, are a touch of class. They've picked the perfect spot for their project, too. The historic market town of Masham is a honey-stoned dream of small-town life, with a craft bakery, an old-fashioned sweet shop, a glass-maker, two breweries and a string of antiques shops. At the prices the Burrells are charging, you won't have to just browse. *Doubles from £76, B&B; millgate-masham.co.uk*

**15 GLASGOW** **J**

**GLASGOW**

Recently reopened after a year of renovation, this listed Victorian terrace on the edge of Kelvingrove Park is a B&B in name, but a boutique hotel at heart. Five elegant bedrooms are a just-right blend of old and new, with original fireplaces and shutters juxtaposed with modern comforts such as plasma TVs, monsoon showers and underfloor heating. Breakfast – the full Scottish, with Ayrshire bacon and Stornoway black pudding, gets our vote – is brought to your room by the owner, Laura McKenzie. Then it's out to the galleries, museums and shops on your West End doorstep. *Doubles from £99, B&B; 15glasgow.com*

Be considerate of other hotel guests – trash your room by 10pm

Mick Jagger