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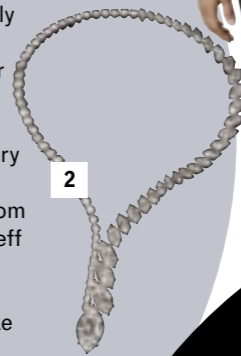
Wannabe Bond Girls looking for a smart Eid shopping break should head to London's West End, where currency fluctuations mean the British pound is looking as tasty as Daniel Craig in his Speedos

Diamonds Are Forever



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Bond villains had it right when they focused their evil intentions on all things sparkly; with stock markets in freefall, arguably one of the safest – certainly the prettiest, anyway – places to invest your cash is in a jewellery box full of baubles. London's elite jewellery stores are clustered along Bond Street; from Marcus and Moussaieff to Cartier (1) and Chopard, the lines of liveried doormen make Blofeld rub his hands in glee. Visit Harry Winston for its jewellery range, currently not sold in the Middle East, such as the show-piece Incredibles (2) range.



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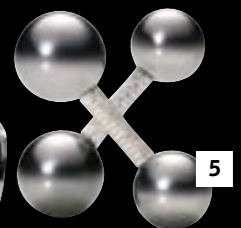
Exclusive to its Bond Street store, Harry Winston's Tahitian pearl and diamond cufflinks (5) by menswear designer Thom Browne, Dhs80,000, are the perfect way to finish off typically Bond-esque evening attire by Ralph Lauren Purple label (6). For a restaurant which is as macho as it is magnificent, head to Sketch (7). The jewel in the crown of Mourad 'Momo' Mazous (the genius behind Harvey Nichols' Almaz), Sketch's maze of rooms, Swarovski-studded bathroom pods and arty light shows make it the perfect venue for winning, dining or getting hedonistic in the sunken East bar.

With UAE-plated Maybachs parked up and down its length, Bond Street is the perfect place to pick up boys' toys for festive season gifts. Top of the list this autumn has to be Omega's James Bond collector's Seamaster with its 007 seconds hand (3), Dhs13,150. He can stash the timepiece in luxury stationer Smythson of Bond Street's Mandarin-inspired cabinet (4), Dhs21,000, which incorporates a rocking mechanism to keep automatic watches ticking on the go.

The World Is Not Enough



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Bond Street

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From Russia With Love



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If only we had a spy who loved us, we too would go wild in Dolce & Gabbana like Russian model Natasha Poly (far left), whose Chanel 2.55 bag is another must-have. Also topping the bag charts this season is Smythson's Maze (8), Dhs4,460, – the follow-up to last season's smash hit Nancy (it's not sold in the UAE, which makes it the perfect insider buy). Steal a march on next season with Mulberry's Shimmy (9), Dhs5,295, or hop the queue for Ralph Lauren's leopard print Ricky bag (10), Dhs21,000. Finally, Cartier's Marcello ostrich shopping bag (11), Dhs7,000, is the last word in stealth wealth. Factor in the alligator wallet, Dhs2,100, sunglasses, Dhs1,530, and cravat scarf, Dhs2,250, and you have the perfect undercover Bond Girl get up.

Quantum of Solace

Once the favourite haunt of Bond author Ian Fleming, Brown's Hotel is your perfect base for a shopping, spying and spa-ing mission. The chi-chi venue is nestled just behind Bond Street, and until the end of the year it is offering specially-created spa treatments such as *Goldfinger*, a honey and hot milk manicure, Dhs323, and *Moonraker*, a Lomi Jama massage which frees energy flow, Dhs587. Bond's eye for the ladies will be well indulged in the hotel's Donovan Bar, which displays photography by the late Terence Donovan, some of it strictly for your eyes only. To celebrate the centenary of Fleming's birth, the bar is serving four themed cocktails (12), Dhs80, which come shaken, naturally. Whatever you get up to in the darkened nooks of this atmospheric hideaway, confide it to the pages of Smythson's limited edition 2009 Art Diary (13), from Dhs2,000.



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MISS MONEYPENNY?

A REAL BOND GIRL FEELS THE CREDIT CRUNCH

"I am from a working class background, so I can't get my head round spending loads on clothes. I went to a Louis Vuitton party in Paris recently. It was rather posh – I didn't half feel like a piece of riffraff!"

Gemma Arterton, *Agent Fields* in *Quantum of Solace*



007 eats

BREAKFAST

WHERE: The Albermarle, Brown's Hotel, Albermarle Street +44 20 7493 6020

WHY: Stay here and wake up to a full English, which is James Bond's fave meal. And the shops are a mere stumble away. Need we say more?

LUNCH

WHERE: Benares, 12 Berkeley Square, +44 20 7629 8886

WHY: Atul Kochhar was the first Indian food chef to receive a Michelin star. Sample his work where it started, ahead of his star billing at Raffles Dubai's Wine, Food & Arts Experience here in Dubai from November 18 to 21.

TEA

WHERE: Claridge's, Brook Street, +44 20 7629 8860

WHY: Last time we were here, Heidi Klum and Seal were at the next table. Star spotting, exquisite teas and the yummiest cakes and sandwiches in town make Claridge's Dhs290 afternoon champagne tea an institution.

DINNER

WHERE: Sketch Gallery, Conduit Street, +44 870 777 4488

WHY: Constantly packed, so you're always part of a hip crowd, this constantly changing art space (top) with a droolishly delish menu by Pierre Gagnaire (of Reflets in Dubai fame) is *Grazia's* all-time favourite. ■