

Delhi welcomes two royal hamams, and a carbon fibre shave set from Hommage. . . .



REGAL REJUVENATION * Even a simple activity like bathing was an act of indulgence for maharajas. The two recently introduced **Hamam Baths** at The Spa, Aman New Delhi hotel (www.amanresorts.com)—one each for men and women—aim to replicate that royal experience today. The regal aura inside the hamam rooms is enhanced by mosaic ceilings and the use of Jaipur *khareda* and *katni* marble on the walls and floors. Each hamam is segregated into three chambers, which are heated to 30 degrees Celcius, 38 degrees Celcius and 46 degrees Celcius, respectively. The first one also features a hot and cold plunge pool. To obtain the hamam's full benefits—which include the release of toxins from the body and exfoliation of dead skin cells—it is advised that you spend at least 20 minutes in each chamber. The Spa encourages visitors to bring along their friends for a communal hamam experience, just like in the days of yore. A 90-minute ritual costs ₹8,000 per person. . . .

CLOSE SHAVE * When it comes to lathering up for a close shave, luxury

is using a brush with ultra-fine badger hair bristles. But for those who must have more, only silvertip badger hair, the naturally white-tipped and very supple hair from the animal's neck, is widely accepted as the pinnacle of shaving indulgence. Hommage's (www.hommageshoponline.com) **Carbon Shave Set** includes just such a brush, whose high water retention capacity



ensures a luxuriant lather. The handles of the brush and accompanying razor (which is compatible with Gillette Mach3 blades) are made with hand-woven carbon fibre and finished with a zinc alloy, copper, nickel and chrome plating, lending them high tensile strength, flexibility, and a sleek look. A magnetised stand with a rubberised base completes the \$500 shave set. . . .

WHEELS OF STEEL * George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. introduced the Ferris Wheel to the world when he built the 'Chicago Ferris Wheel'



for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Since then, numerous wheels have come up all over the world and are regarded as iconic landmarks. Dunhill (www.dunhill.com) pays tribute to these 'observation' or 'pleasure' wheels, as they are sometimes called, with its **Ferris Wheel cufflinks** (price on request). The intricate details on this pair of stainless steel cufflinks contribute to its eye-catching appeal. Apart from the fact that the wheels actually rotate, the stationary Alfred Dunhill logo in the centre adds a classic touch. . . .

Clockwise from top: Hamam bath at Aman New Delhi; Dunhill's Ferris Wheel cufflinks; and Hommage's Carbon Shave Set.