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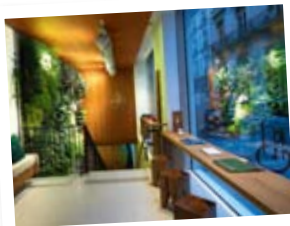
Hôtel Beauchamps, Paris

## Paris, je t'aime

Two chic new openings make for the *parfait* mini break

### Room with a view

Just a few steps from the Champs-Élysées and the designer shops of the Faubourg Saint-Honoré is the latest addition to the Paris boutique hotel scene. Hôtel Beauchamps (24 rue de Ponthieu; 00 33 1 53 89 58 58; double rooms from €137, about £120, per night) is now part of Grace Leo's stable of *haute* small hotels that span the globe from St Barts, Lisbon and London to the south of France. Leo has overseen the complete overhaul of this Haussmannien building and turned it into what is sure to become one of the capital's coolest hot spots.



Above, the entrance to Six Senses Spa; and, right, a treatment room

### Oh, bee hive!

When the shopping gets too much and you're in need of pampering, the new Six Senses Spa (3 rue de Castiglione; 00 33 1 43 16 10 10) is the perfect sanctuary. The six cocoon-like treatment rooms (crafted from oak and backlit paper resembling Japanese lanterns) give off a complete sense of calm. Try the anti-ageing facial (€140, about £120), using honey sourced from local rooftop hives!



**✳ Proudly flying the flag** for stylish Brit design, Tusting's leather Encounter, left, £470 (tusting.co.uk), is the ideal overnight-cum-weekend bag. We love this yummy orange one. Also available at Fortnum & Mason (0845 300 1707).



## The fash packer



B Akerlund

Travel tips from B Akerlund, costume designer to Madonna and Lady Gaga

**Your dream escape?** "The Amanpuri Resort in Phuket with my husband. It's the most tranquil place. You can rent your own villa with personal chefs."

**Won't step on a plane without?** "Gummy bears, an eye mask and I'm obsessive about my Evian Mineral Water Spray."

**Travel in style?** "I wear Rick Owens head to toe – comfortable, but also fashion-forward. And I have a 'travel kit' – my black Prada stroller bag, Chrome Hearts passport holder and my black Balenciaga travel wallet."

**Working holiday?** "I had the best experience in Tokyo, working on Madonna's video for 'Jump'. Everyone rolled out the red carpet."

**Best bed in the world?** "Chateau Marmont in LA has the best sheets."

**Best beach in the world?** "I prefer pools. The Hôtel du Cap in the south of France has a magical one."

**Best restaurant in the world?** "PA & Co in Stockholm for fantastic home-cooked Swedish gourmet food."

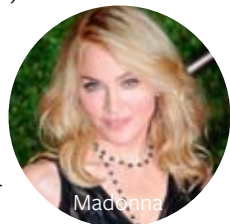
**Essential extras?** "My Forties-style swimsuit from Norma Kamali."

Everything I pack is black, so I take MAC red lipstick [right] to spice up any outfit."

**Dream holiday companion?** "My American Express card – it has no limits!"

**Luxe travel moment?** "The incredible Four Hand massage at Esperanza in Cabo San Lucas in Mexico."

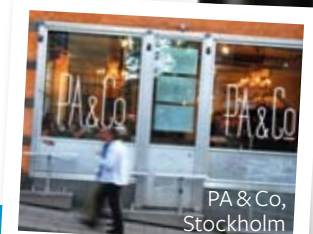
**Best souvenir?** "Black Death Vodka from Iceland. I love the bottle." ■



Madonna



Lipstick in Russian Red, £12.52, MAC (0870 034 2676)



PA & Co, Stockholm

Amanpuri Resort, Phuket, Thailand



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