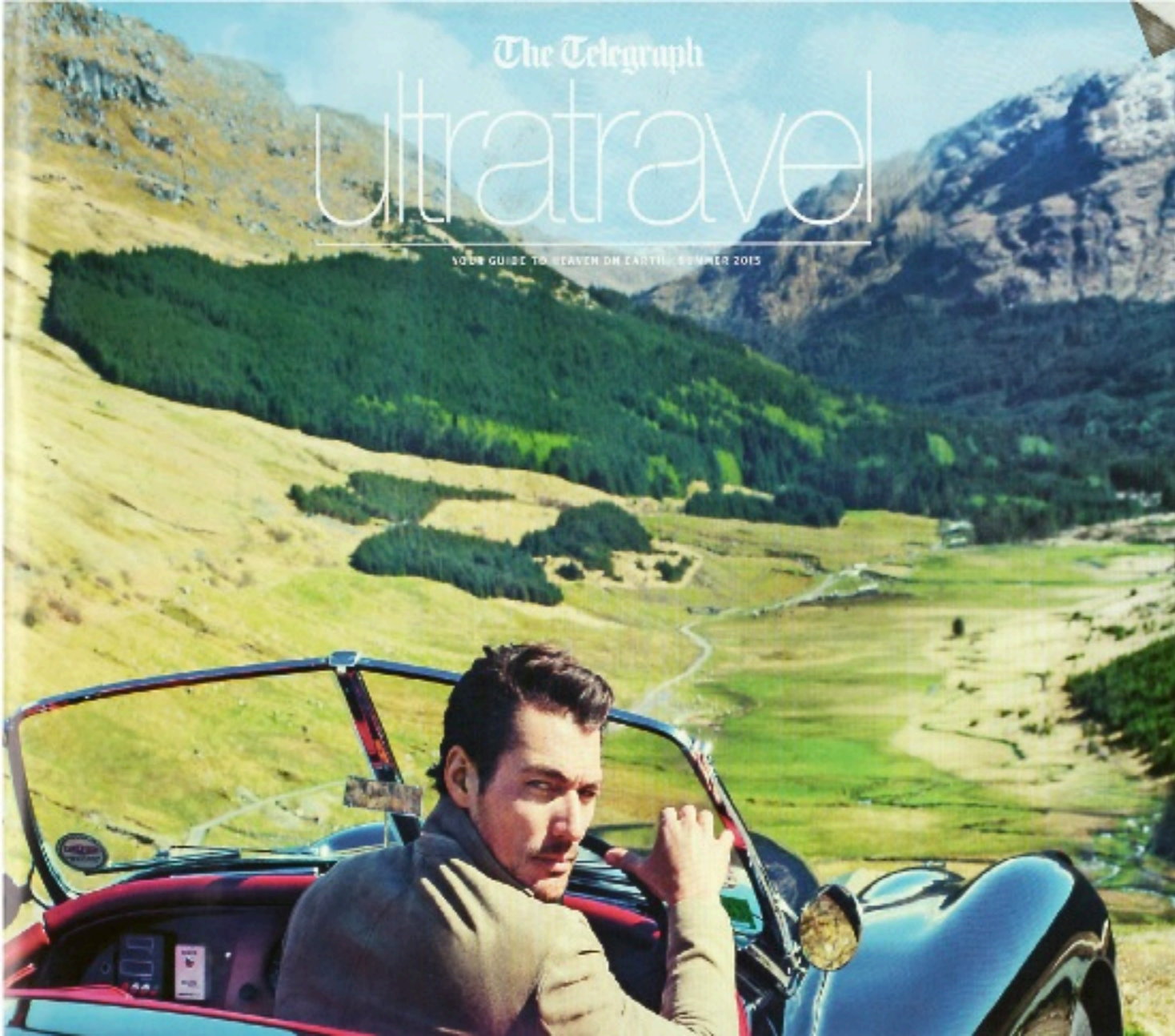


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the next BIG THING

A PLACE IN THE SUN  
The village of Gordes in  
Provence, home to  
a sublime new hotel,  
La Bastide de Gordes



NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

From July, the Gainsborough Bath Spa ([thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk](http://thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk)) will offer the first natural thermal spa in a British hotel. For the most immersive experience, book one of the hotel's three Spa Bedrooms, where special taps in the baths will provide instant access to those restorative waters.

Those visiting this year's Expo in Milan have the option of staying at the city's new Mandarin Oriental hotel ([mandarinoriental.com](http://mandarinoriental.com)), which opens on July 1. It occupies a quartet of 19th-century buildings

moments from La Scala and will feature one of the city's best spas.

One of the prettiest villages in Provence, Gordes, can now also claim one of the region's most luxurious hotels. Standing on 12th-century ramparts, La Bastide de Gordes ([bastide-de-gordes.com](http://bastide-de-gordes.com)) contains 39 bedrooms and suites, a Pierre Gagnaire restaurant, a Sisley spa and 4,000 pieces of locally sourced art. It opens on June 17.

Among a proliferation of new long-haul destinations is Angama Mara ([angama.com](http://angama.com)), a safari lodge perched on the edge

of Kenya's Great Rift Valley. It opens this month and will offer a design studio and access to hot-air balloon flights as well as numerous top-notch safari experiences.

Opening off the coast of Zanzibar in June is Pemba Island's Aiyana resort ([theaiyana.com](http://theaiyana.com)), which features 30 villas – all with sea views – set amid lush gardens. It's followed in July by Chiang Mai's 30-suite Akyra Manor ([theakyra.com](http://theakyra.com)), a boutique five-star hotel which features a rooftop bar, glass-walled pool and an outdoor hot tub for every room.