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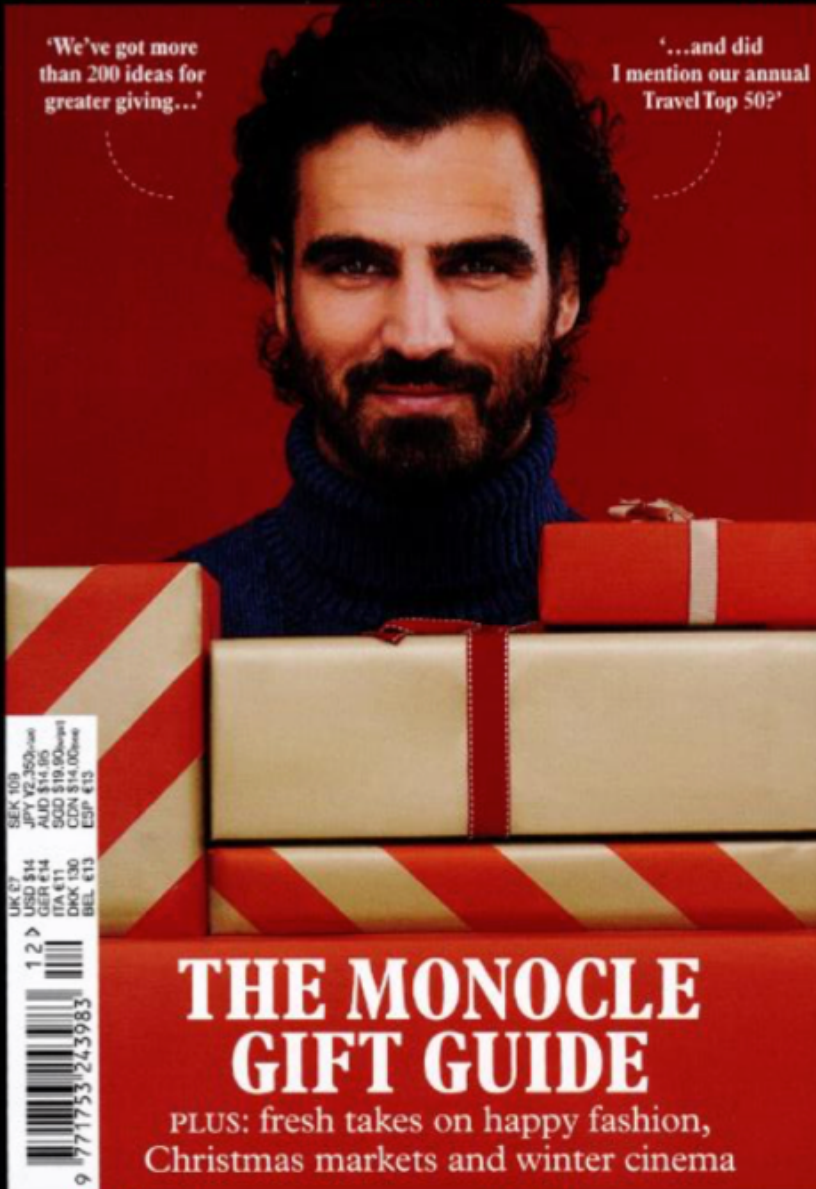
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Cosiest cocktail spot

- Scarfes Bar
- London

There's no question about it: Scarfes Bar at the Rosewood Hotel on High Holborn is an unparalleled spot for cosying up with a contact and an after-hours cocktail. Named after British caricaturist Gerald Scarfe, whose work has featured in *The New Yorker* and *The Sunday Times* among many others, it features more than 70 of the master's satirical sketches.

The shelves are packed with books and mysterious bottles selected by head barman Greg Almeida. The seats are velvety, the mood convivial and drinks delectable. — MSS
scarfesbar.com



Best Belgian discovery

- 1898 The Post
- Ghent

"If you just do the same thing a bit better or a bit cheaper, in time you will lose — you have to bring a different story." Words of a man talking from experience: Arnaud Zannier, founder of Zannier Hotels, only appeared on the hospitality scene in 2011. He's successfully opened three venues since, in the French Alps, Cambodia and, his latest, in the Belgian city of Ghent.

On the upper floors of what was once a post office, 1898 The Post opened in August 2017. The building had stood empty from 2001 to 2014 when developers bought it; having added retail and F&B elements on the ground floor, they needed a hotel. Who better to call than a French hotelier who, having married a Belgian, had lived in the country for more than a decade?

"I wasn't planning to open a hotel in Ghent," says Zannier. "But in the next five years it will be the best city in this country. It's a good mix: you've got students but also history. And we're in the Flemish heart so you've got a lot of strong family businesses."

The serendipitous result is a boutique hotel with characterful duplex rooms, interiors decorated with antique furniture picked out at flea markets, a smart cocktail bar called The Cobbler and a kitchen that serves breakfast and afternoon tea. Zannier, meanwhile, has two hotels opening in Namibia in 2018 and one in Vietnam in 2019. With the small matter of a shoe business to look after too, what's next? "I'm fine for the moment," he says, smiling. — DP
1898thepost.com



Post modern
Arnaud Zannier's
new Belgian
bolthole ticks all
the boxes

