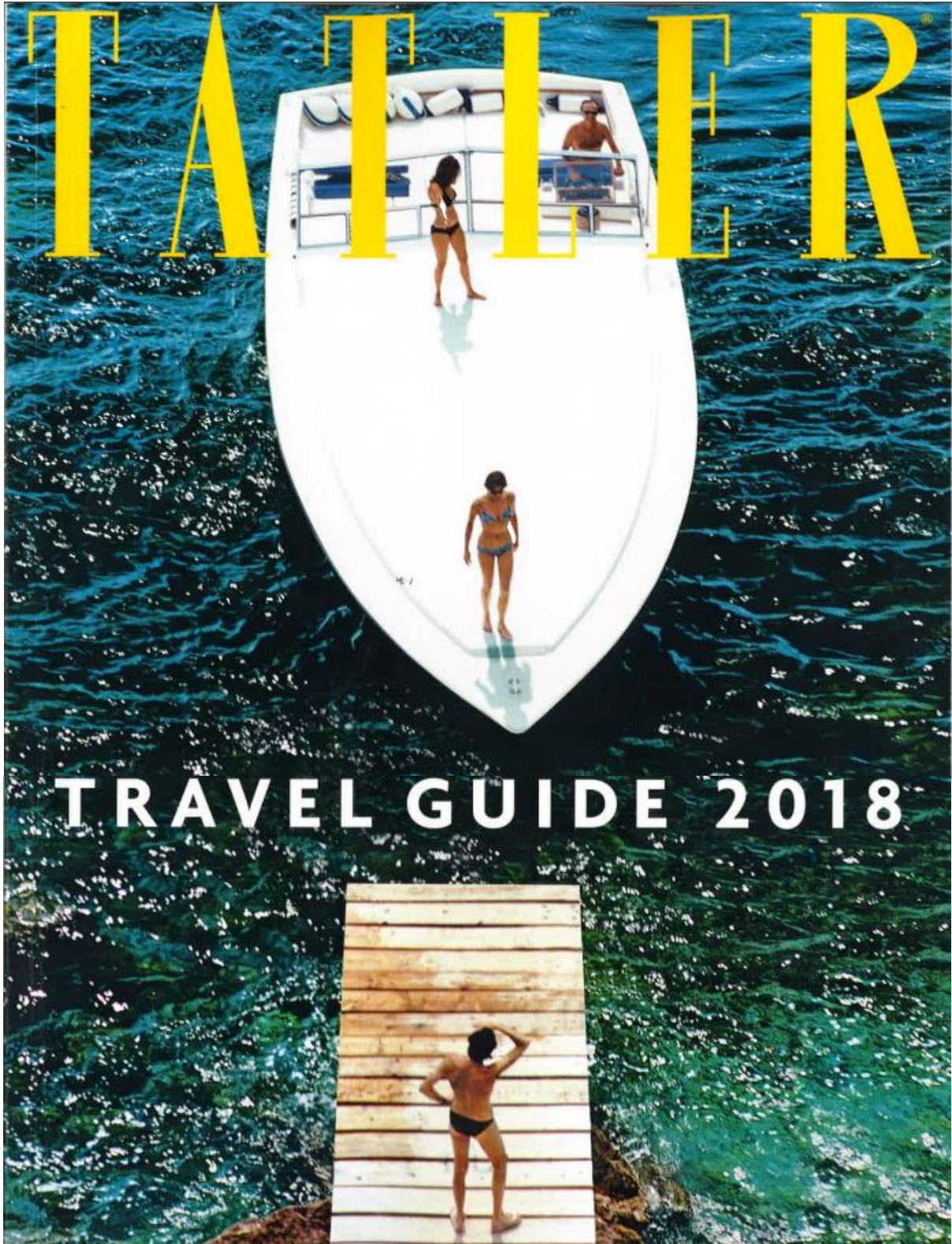


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SURREY, ENGLAND

We've rather fallen for Lord Beaverbrook's old joint. Turns out the newspaper magnate had a good nose for location, choosing this Italianate pile for its setting overlooking the rolling Surrey hills. But the reason we're properly smitten is the breathtaking design. Susie Atkinson has breathed new life into the old rooms: coir carpets, polished brass, silk wallpaper, tasselled lamps, funky art. It's a slam dunk of a place, with a cinema room, two fabulous restaurants and the very sultry Parrot Bar – all so of-the-minute that it throws the competition into the shade. But back to Beaverbrook himself, who also had a good nose for fun: Liz Taylor, Charlie Chaplin and Winston Churchill were regular visitors, and the suites are named after them. All are big, all are individual, all have beautiful views of the hills or prettily pruned gardens. Next up: a spa with a pool. We think we'll be fond of that too. *Double, from £330 (beaverbrook.co.uk; 01372 571300).*

AND ANOTHER THING Play golf on the attached greens if that's your bag, or take the children to the rollicking tree house, where entertainment comes courtesy of Sharky & George.



Right, Liz Taylor, a guest of Lord Beaverbrook



HAM YARD

LONDON, ENGLAND

Ham Yard is a testament to the soothing power of design. You feel happy just looking at the colourful art and trinkets – chandeliers shaped like ships, a miniature glass-domed Queen, dog motifs all over the place. Take a moment to watch the mesmerising multi-clock installation in the lobby, then sink into a supremely comfy sofa in the library or an equally come-hither armchair in the drawing room overlooking the twinkly courtyard. On the rooftop the trickling fountain, silvery olive trees and lamp-festooned bar will make you forget you're steps away from Piccadilly. Dinner should definitely be preceded by cocktails – It's Thyme, for us. Downstairs, the Soholistic spa and bowling alley beckon, the latter a riot of retro-kitsch with jolly Fifties tunes. If you're lazy, retreat to the serenity of your room and order a bento box from Engawa restaurant. You'll never want to leave. *Double, from £450, including breakfast (firmdalehotels.com; 020 3642 2000).*

AND ANOTHER THING Stock up on groovy jewellery, beauty products and chic Brazilian beachwear in the Ham Yard Village opposite.