

# CONCIERGE

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SOFITEL  
HOTELS & RESORTS

LONDON ST JAMES

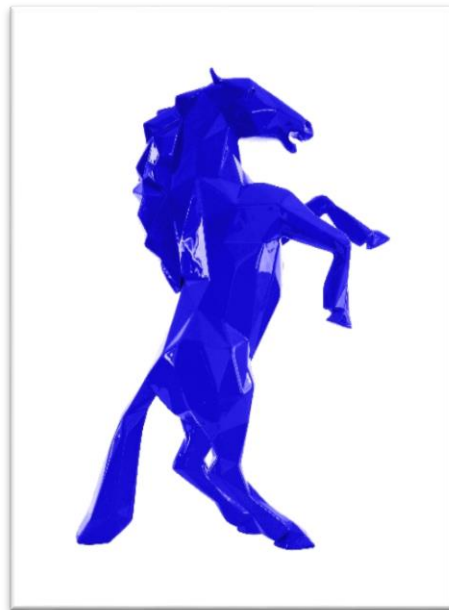
## DEAR GUESTS

We wish you an enjoyable stay at one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, a symbol of French elegance around the world.

This letter presents the Sofitel programme for the month of September.

We are delighted to recommend some Magnifique local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Joe Rodrigues,  
Head Concierge



## HOTEL EVENTS NEWS

### BORN WILD EXHIBITION

21/09/2017 – 10/11/2017

On 21<sup>st</sup> September, Sofitel London St James will unveil an exceptional exhibition by one of France's most acclaimed contemporary artists, the sculptor, Richard Orinski.

The imposing and colourful sculptures, exhibited in collaboration with Unit London gallery, will be displayed in the lobby until the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Richard Orinski's passion is to make art accessible to the widest possible audience; he has exhibited his larger-than-life animal-themed pieces in public spaces such as Courchevel in the French Alps and in cities like Paris.

The artistic partnership reflects Sofitel's reputation for skilfully blending art and hospitality, and creating magnificent moments for international travellers.

## CITY EVENT

### LONDON DESIGN FESTIVAL

16/09/2017 – 24/09/2017  
ACROSS LONDON

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, the London Design Festival celebrates and promotes London as the design capital of the world. The annual festival has been showcasing the work of designers, architects, artists and retailers since 2003.

You will discover hundreds of large-scale installations, exhibitions and events in many spaces across London, from local studios to museums. The V&A takes centre stage and will host talks, workshops and exhibitions.



## CITY EVENT

### BASQUIAT: BOOM FOR REAL

23/09/2017 – 28/01/2018  
BARBICAN CENTRE

'Basquiat: Boom for Real' is the first large-scale exhibition of the American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat in the UK. Bringing together an outstanding selection of more than 100 works, including a partial reconstruction of his first work exhibited in 1981, the exhibition is meant to be a stirring experience.

Basquiat was a graffiti artist in his teenage years; in the Eighties, he was then taken under the wing of Andy Warhol, becoming one of the most celebrated painters of his generation with bright, wild and inspired paintings.



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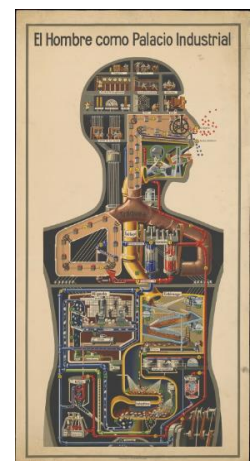
### CAN GRAPHIC DESIGN SAVE YOUR LIFE

07/09/2017 – 14/01/2018  
THE WELLCOME COLLECTION

From 7<sup>th</sup> September, The Wellcome Collection explores the relationship between graphic design and health with 'Can Graphic Design Save your Life' exhibition.

With over 200 objects including flashing pharmacy signs, digital teaching aids and anatomical pop-up books from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the exhibition highlights how graphic design has been used to communicate and shape our environment and health.

The Wellcome Collection is a free museum located on Euston Road that aims to create opportunities for people to think about the connections between science, medicine, life and art.



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## TOURISM INTEREST

### TOTALLY THAMES FESTIVAL

01/09/2017 – 30/09/2017

September brings the return of the Totally Thames festival, an annual celebration of the River Thames with a full month of arts festivals, community events, regattas, river races and environmental activities.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September, do not miss the Great River Race with 300 crews from all over the world participating in the London's River Marathon that takes place from Millwall to Ham. The festival will also celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Handel's Water Music and target the issue of plastic pollution in rivers and oceans.



### THE RIDE

04/09/2017 – 04/09/2018  
BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE, CLERKENWELL



One hundred years ago, the Post Office built a secret railway to link the post offices across London. Going from Paddington to Whitechapel, the six and a half mile long driverless electric line used to carry up to four million letters a day.

Opened in 1927, in response to heavy traffic on the streets of London, the railway was closed in 2003. A section of it is reopening as part of the new Postal Museum in Mount Pleasant, Clerkenwell, giving the opportunity to board one of the trains for a 15-minute underground ride and discover historical objects from the postal service.

### SOFITEL WINE DAYS

21/09/2017 – 31/10/2017

As the ambassador of French elegance, Sofitel not only showcases art and culture but also celebrates the French Art de Vivre with gastronomy and wines. Starting on 21<sup>st</sup> September, the Sofitel Wine Days are a tribute to the wine harvests and the wine culture across all the Sofitel network.

Until 31<sup>st</sup> October, the St James Bar will propose carefully selected Alsatian wines paired with delicious amuse-bouches. The Balcon will suggest interesting wine pairings with the plats du jour, while, Born Wild, a refreshing signature champagne cocktail will pay tribute to the stunning Richard Orlinski exhibition.



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## LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

### IN QUEBEC

#### FOCUS ON SOFITEL MONTREAL GOLDEN MILE

Located in the heart of the city, next to the beautiful Mount Royal Park, the renowned McGill University and the Museum of Fine Arts, the Sofitel Montreal Golden Mile is ideal for business travellers and art lovers.

Offering 241 elegant and stylish rooms and 17 suites, the 5-star hotel is a masterful blend of minimalist and warm sophistication. Inspired by French cuisine and infused with international flavours, the restaurant Renoir offers inventive cuisine using local Montreal products. A spacious terrace allows to enjoy al fresco dining during warm weather.

September is an idyllic time to be in Montreal, temperatures are still clement to explore the city and enjoy beautiful autumnal colours. This month is full of vibrant events and activities such as Gardens of Light, one of the leading attractions of the season starting on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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## SHOPPING ADDRESSES

### LES SARDINES

42 QUEENSTOWN ROAD  
TUBE: QUEENSTOWN ROAD

Les Sardines Antiques & Interiors is a lifestyle interior shop offering an ever-changing collection of elegant 19th Century painted French furniture, as well as an exquisite hand-picked and unique collection of new homewares.

More than a shop, it also provides a bespoke interior design and styling service tailored to each individuals.



### THE BUTTON QUEEN

76 MARYLEBONE LN  
TUBE: MARYLEBONE

The Button Queen is the UK's most respected and established button shop. For 60 years, the family business has been a destination for the creative and fashionable, selling buttons to fashion designers and students, Savile Row tailors, film, opera and theatre costumers.

The everlasting reputation of the shop is made by the diversity of its collection, its extensive range of vintage and modern buttons, as well as its collector's pieces dating back to the 18th Century. You can also find belt buckles, coat toggles and much more.



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