



The Style List

Our new columnist **Maha Gorton** shares her address book secrets



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This summer I'll be visiting Ireland. We like to spend time on the South West coast near Kerry [5] and disconnect from everything. Everywhere you turn, the views are breathtaking. You really feel like you have escaped in such rural surroundings.

A hidden gem I recently discovered is a gorgeous boutique called Pennylu in Lake Como, Italy. It carries a few different clothing brands for women and men. I bought some trousers there last year, which have become my wardrobe staple. It's the sort of laid-back luxury that Italians do so well. *Via Alessandro Volta 1, 22012 Cernobbio.*

An indulgence I would never forgo is fresh flowers. There's something so uplifting about walking through the front door and be welcomed by a vase of lilies or white peonies [2]. My go-to store is Blooms. *Umm Al Sheif Rd, Jumeirah 3.*

The best souvenir I've brought back most recently was a hand-loomed dhurrie carpet we bought on a trip to Jaipur. We put in the main entrance of our home, and it has totally

transformed the space. I love that it has a special journey associated with it.

A place I visited that left a lasting impression was Conciergerie in Paris. I attended the launch of the Clash de Cartier jewellery collection [4] and the walls truly had energy. Conciergerie is a medieval palace where Marie-Antoinette was imprisoned during the French Revolution. The dinner was so beautiful with the most incredible floral centrepieces. The history of the venue truly added to the atmosphere.

A homegrown brand to watch is Layeur by The Modist [3]. The fabrics and cuts have been meticulously selected, with designs that make people ask 'who are you wearing?'.

If I didn't live in Dubai I'd live in London [1]. It's the only other city in the world where I feel the same cosmopolitan vibe as Dubai. When I'm in London I love to walk and get lost in the streets – it has such an incredible vibe. I always feel at home.

A guilty pleasure I started indulging in recently is dates dipped in tahina. I discovered this when having breakfast at Arabian Tea House in Bastakiya, old Dubai. It's such a delicious treat with a coffee!



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