



It's Time to Get Lucky

Good fortune favours the bold. Follow in the footsteps of trailblazers with *Alhambra* by Van Cleef & Arpels.

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Many dream of a life straight out of a movie script. Well, the one and only Grace Kelly lived that life, first making a name for herself as a Hollywood starlet and then as Monegasque royalty. Apart from her unique stamp on history, the Princess is also well favoured by style makers for her impeccable taste. From daily outings to more intimate moments in her humble abode, it's no secret that the classy Kelly often counted her blessings with Van Cleef & Arpels' *Alhambra*. However, picking the right *Alhambra* that fits your personal style matters. Kelly embraced the familiar four-leaf clover in coral, tortoiseshell, rock crystal, and her favourite of them all, malachite. Blue agate is another series regular. First appearing in 1989, then for the coveted line's 50th year, the semi-precious gem is back. This time, the chalcedony assumes a fresh form. If you've had a bad run, entrust the hand-assembled yellow gold *Vintage Alhambra* reversible ring to make up for it two-fold. The transformable piece, first introduced in 2023, exhibits the best of the jeweller on each side of

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the flippable clover. Sitting on a half-round band encased by three rows of the jeweller's iconic beads, the first face spotlights the energising deep blue agate. Rather than its typical marbled exterior, the gem is presented in a saturated hue thanks to a delicate polishing process. For an extra dose of positive energy, seamlessly invert the lucky charm to reveal another signature: the guilloché. Set with a dazzling diamond, the flip side comes uniquely textured with the radiant sunbeam-like streaks that the maison has embraced since 1910. On the other hand, the *Sweet Alhambra* watch is a prerequisite if you want the blessings of luck and time on your side. Featuring close to double the lucky clover motifs as compared to a classic bracelet, the newest take on the jewellery timepiece from 1998 alternates between the emblems of blue agate and a diamond-kissed guilloché in yellow gold. The dainty

beaded border masks its robustness. Let's not forget, past *Alhambra* offerings have been tried-and-tested not just through the demanding schedules of royals like Kelly, but also Olympic athletes, actors, and singers. Even the auspicious watch is created through 15 successive steps. Now that you know luck's secrets, go on and harness all the *Alhambra* energy you can get.
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