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*ELIZABETH HURLEY on fame and family
PLUS: Watch and jewellery special;
and a food focus with Antonio Carluccio,
Michel Roux Jr and Tom Parker Bowles*



A FIRST FOR F&M

Guests including HRH the Duchess of Cornwall,

Claudia Winkleman, Tess Daly and Hugh Bonneville gathered in the Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon at Fortnum & Mason to celebrate the launch of Fortnum's first ever cookbook. The book's author, Tom Parker Bowles, celebrated with Fortnum's CEO Ewan Venters and chairman Kate Hobhouse at the launch party, among guests Angela Hartnett, Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley, Kelly Hoppen and Pierre Koffmann. Attendees enjoyed bite-sized samples of recipes from the book, while a Scotch egg station gave a nod to Fortnum's rich food history as inventor of the snack.



Michael Squire (Squire & Partners), Andrew Dunn (Finchatton), Alex Michelin (Finchatton) Henry Squire (Squire & Partners)

Twenty Grosvenor Square tops out

Last month saw the topping out ceremony of Twenty Grosvenor Square – the former US Naval Headquarters. The development, which is being co-ordinated by Finchatton, will see 37 apartments including magnificent penthouses completed in the spring of 2018. The historic

building will be the first standalone residential building in Europe to join the Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts portfolio, providing hotel-style living in the heart of Mayfair. Residents will enjoy world-class service and amenities including a 25-metre pool, luxurious spa, gym, cinema room and underground parking. Grosvenor Square is fast becoming the most desirable square in central London, and the confirmation of the new five-star hotel conversion of the American Embassy, coupled with new schemes such as that at Twenty Grosvenor Square and Lodha's redevelopment of the Canadian High Commission, are likely to drive pound per sq ft values sky high.

As Wetherell's latest report states: "Grosvenor Square has long been one of the dazzling jewels in Mayfair's crown – looking back at the best in market transactions over the last 10 years, Grosvenor Square sales have accounted for half these sales. Now with luxury developments on the site of the US Naval Base and Canadian High Commission, there is an exciting opportunity for change."

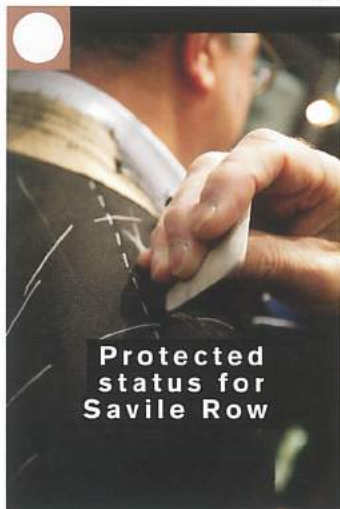


Walpole gongs for luxury

Ralph & Russo was honoured with the "Outstanding Achievement in British Luxury" award at the 15th annual Walpole British Luxury Awards at The Dorchester. The other winners were: Burberry (The Champion of British Luxury Overseas); Charlotte Tilbury (British Luxury Brand of the Year); Anya Hindmarch (Digital Innovation in British Luxury); Rolls-Royce (Best British Luxury Craftsmanship); Soho House Group (The Champion of British Luxury Overseas); Sunseeker (The Champion of British Luxury Manufacturing); The Royal Collection Trust: Fashioning a Reign Exhibit at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Holyrood House; and Vanessa Kingori, publisher of GQ (The Walpole 2016 Leader in Luxury).

The Walpole 2016 Emerging British Luxury Talents award went to Gary Card (set and interior designer); Kathryn Sargent (bespoke tailor); Mother of Pearl (womenswear); and Ben Murphy (chef).

Pictured, from left, are: Tamara Ralph, Michael Russo (Ralph & Russo) and Michelle Emerson, CEO of Walpole



Protected status for Savile Row

The fabric of Savile Row is set to be secured for future generations, as Westminster City Council is implementing protective policies in order to retain the character of the street.

The Special Policy Area status will allow the council to reject planning proposals from global brands that could threaten to change the make-up of the Row. Councillor Robert Davis, deputy leader of Westminster City Council and cabinet member for the Built Environment,

said: "The 17.5 million people who visit London each year come to experience our capital's distinctive character. It's unthinkable that world-renowned destinations such as Savile Row, synonymous with quality tailoring, could become indistinguishable from any other high street. Special Policy Area will ensure we retain and nurture the world leading expertise that made these areas famous in the first place."