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IT CAN BE HARD TO PIN DOWN QUITE WHAT we mean when we talk about “millennials”, but in the case of DAMAC, it’s seemingly anyone interested in a beachfront property in Dubai’s upcoming 4.6-million square metre AKOYA Oxygen development. How is that possible? The Beach at Navitas Hotel & Residences will open as part of the sprawling resort complex with open green spaces and a man-made beach, located out toward the Arabian Desert. Guests and residents will also benefit from access to the planned 18-hole championship golf course designed by Tiger Woods Design, the Vista Lux retail development, and Dubai’s first “tropical rainforest” attraction.

PACKING ALL THE (SUPERCAR) ESSENTIALS...

THERE’S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT travelling with a loved one – especially if your loved one happens to be a supercar. That’s why Etihad Cargo, the freight division of the UAE’s national carrier, is making a noise about its special summer offer. Drivers are now entitled to 20 per cent off air cargo rates and their seat when they book in First or Business Class and send their beloved motor to the same destination. The airline is also offering additional services this year, arranging hotel accommodation and

having the car delivered straight to the driver’s doorstep at various A380 destinations, including Amsterdam, Berlin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, London, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Paris and Zurich. Once the passenger has booked the car and flight package, a customer agent will collect the car and flight details as well as offer an array of services; from door-to-door delivery to export, customs clearance and hotel accommodation. The special offer is running until September 30, 2016.



DON'T MISS

MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE IS WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK (ALMOST LITERALLY) TO OPEN 12 HOTELS IN THE MIDDLE EAST OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THE NEW PROPERTIES WILL ADD OVER 4,000 ROOMS TO THE GROUP’S EXISTING OPERATING PORTFOLIO OF 26 HOTELS IN THE REGION



THE CAPE ESCAPE

THE GREAT CITY OF CAPE TOWN IS RENOWNED AS AN INCREDIBLE COASTAL DESTINATION, but it never hurts to venture out for some elevated respite. Luxe-villa operator SJ Villas recently unveiled this remote rental in the Bastiaanskloof Valley, set on a 6,000-acre private nature reserve, just a 90-minute drive from the city. The single-storey stone cottage may have a humble façade but it’s what’s inside that counts – such as the French oak-panelled kitchen, the large fireplace in the cosy living room and a sheltered courtyard for al fresco dining. The pool and barbecue area boast incredible views over the surrounding terrain and guests will have their fifth sense tickled with the aroma wafting in from the herb gardens and herbs and indigenous fynbos plants. The rental cottage is snug enough but the Bastiaanskloof estate and nature reserve is home to more than 800 different plants, 200 bird species and some 50 mammals, so there’s plenty to explore; try spotting a Chacma baboon, Cape grysbok antelope or perhaps even a mountain leopard while you hike, cycle or canter over nearby trails.