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Sharp Dressing — Drinking — Dining — Travel — Design

Game, set, match: — We start at the Belvedere Bellagio, where the cool shade of a green-and-white striped parasol helps to make Lake Como's bright colours pop. Then we're off to São Paulo for a touch of retail therapy courtesy of Copan's female entrepreneurs and we talk with Copenhagen-based jewellery designer Sophie Bille Brahe. Plus: we uncork a bottle of Catalonia's garnatxa blanca, prepare a hearty Madeiran *macarronada* and tune our ear to the sound of luxury flip-flops. Taking the first serve in style is Konfekt's editor, Sophie Grove.

“For me, the mere flash of white poplin, especially on grass or clay, can turn a knock-about into something that feels like an event.”



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Stay here / Belvedere Bellagio

The icing on the lake

Sitting on the picturesque promontory dividing the branches of Lake Como, the pastel-hued Belvedere Bellagio has been owned by the Martinelli-Manoni family since 1880. In addition to its 60 rooms, the hotel also features four apartments that honour the women who shaped its history: Antonietta, Lucia, Maria and Tiziana. Having recently taken the reins, Giulia Martinelli-Manoni is the latest in this line to set a new course, spearheading the hotel's redesign. "We wanted this house to keep the warmth of a family home but with all the ease of a hotel," she explains.





As a child, Giulia would sneak into the kitchen for scoops of gelati or hide beneath the sprawling canopy of the garden's magnolia tree. Today, she invites guests to stroll past the azaleas, stretch by the pool or lounge in the shade of green-striped parasols. Inside, marble bathrooms are softened by cream fabrics and dark oak panelling in the redesigned rooms. "A lot of thought went into our material choices," she says. "We replaced the historic drapery and rugs with lighter textiles, allowing the rooms to breathe." Cassina tables sit alongside Maxalto armchairs and wooden pieces crafted by the region's artisans. Come evening, diners gather at Albòri restaurant, where chef Marco Mulas weaves recipes from his native Sardinia with ingredients sourced from the lake and its shores.

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