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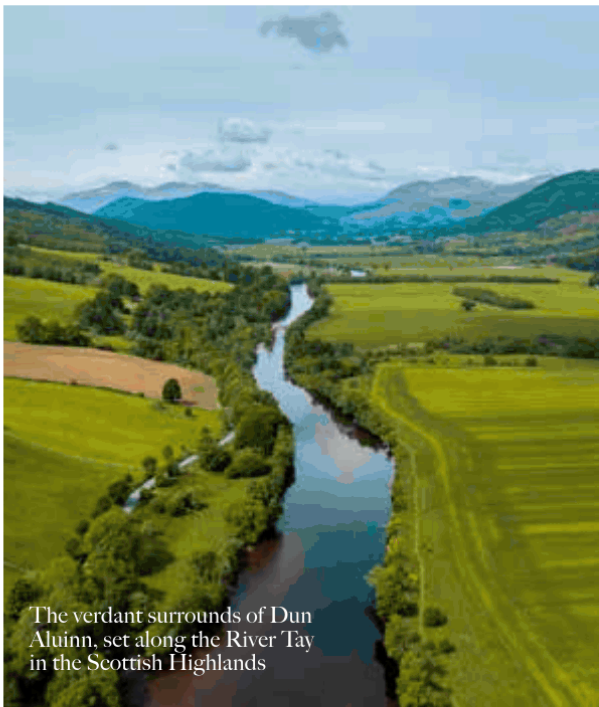
TIMELY AND TIMELESS DESTINATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE

Dining with Mediterranean
views at Zannier Île de
Bendor, a private island
retreat in Provence

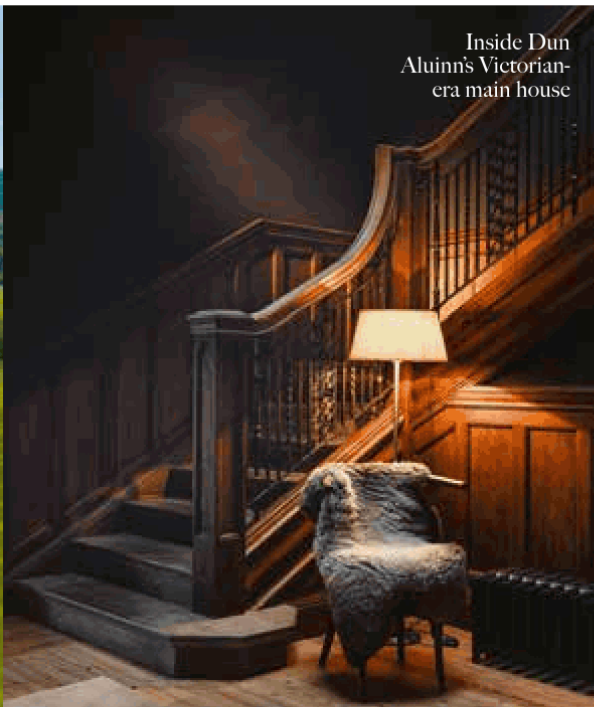
THE CENTURION 10

Classic hotels, iconic destinations and
heritage-steeped design: welcome to the
new golden age of travel

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The verdant surrounds of Dun Aluinn, set along the River Tay in the Scottish Highlands



Inside Dun Aluinn's Victorian-era main house

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GREAT HOUSES

A PLACE
IN THE
COUNTRY

Of the hundreds of historic mansions across Britain and Ireland now operating as hotels, how many still feel like real homes? Three newly reimagined estates are aiming to pair grand old bones with heartfelt contemporary hospitality. At Ballyfin (📍 ballyfin.com), in County Laois, southwest of Dublin, 21 guest rooms are individually decorated with nods to the Regency-era manor's past, while the Michelin-star restaurant spotlights local produce. In Scotland, the formerly exclusive-hire-only Dun Aluinn (dunaluinn.com) has just been renovated, and its nine rooms, now available to book separately, are prime home bases from which to explore Perthshire and the Highlands. A £25m makeover has brought a renewed sense of regal splendour to Dumbleton Hall (dumbletonhall.co.uk), set in a charmed corner of the Cotswolds between Stratford-upon-Avon and Cheltenham.



Ballyfin's ornately decorated Westmeath Room

