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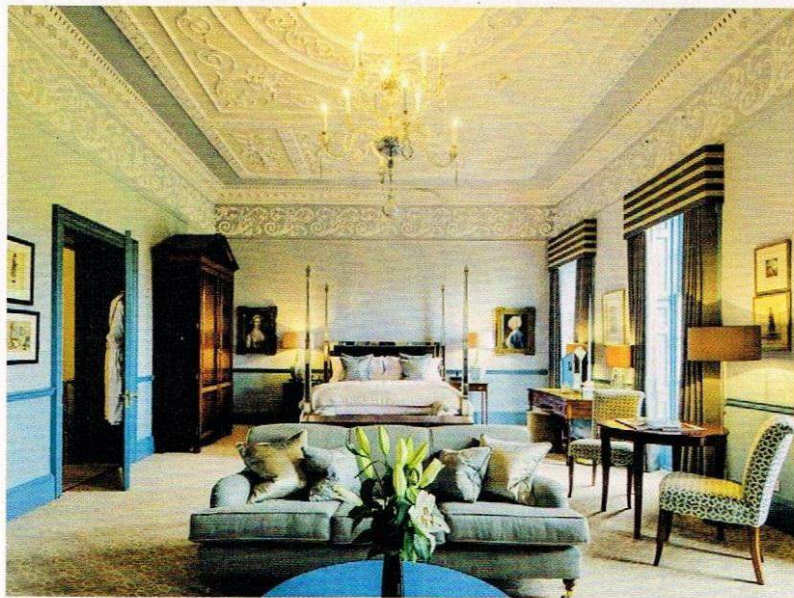
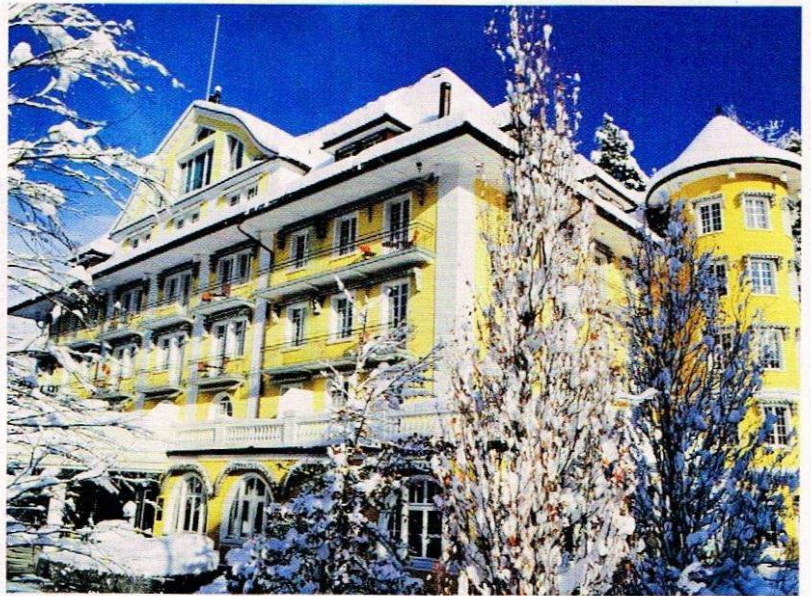
KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS ON MOTHERHOOD, MATRICIDE AND PLAYING HER MAJESTY

SNOW EXPENSE SPARED GSTAAD

One of skiing's grandest hotels, **Le Grand Bellevue** reopened under new ownership last season and now feels like a ridiculously comfortable and exquisitely styled country house. The 100-year-old building has 57 rooms (Soane and George

Smith furniture, Bamford toiletries), plus an outdoor cinema and lounge bar, a Michelin-starred restaurant and private dining room in the vaulted wine cellar. Then there's an in-house nightclub and a 2,500sq m spa complete with an ice grotto, a swimming pool and an outdoor Finnish sauna. Still not sure it's luxurious enough? How about a Bentley S3 and a Harley-Davidson to play with? We thought that might win you over. Opens 18 December.

Rooms from £410
(bellevue-gstaad.ch)



SOAKING GREAT BATH

Make like a Jane Austen character at Bath's fanciest hotel. The 45-room, Grade I-listed **Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa** has had a multimillion-pound facelift and is now stuffed to the rafters with classic antiques, four-poster beds, Regency portraits and roll-top baths, not to mention hand-stitched silk wallpaper. Suites are all named after famous Bath residents (Gainsborough, Nelson) and the rooms have restful views over the Royal Crescent or the hotel's immaculate garden. There's a small but perfectly formed

spa with a pool, hot tubs, sauna, hammam and Espa products. Toast your good fortune at the Montagu bar, before dining in the award-winning Dower House restaurant. Finally you can hop aboard the hotel's private 1920s launch, *Lady Sophina*, for a float down the River Avon. **Rooms** from £230 B&B (royalcrescent.co.uk)



GOOD MORNING, MISS CLARA STOCKHOLM

Miss Clara may look chillier than a Nordic noir drama, but this former school (named after its first headmistress) is all about hidden luxuries. Built in 1910, the hotel has had a total revamp. What its 92 rooms lack in cosiness, they make up for in cool. That means dark parquet on the floor, bentwood headboards, limestone bathrooms, and Egyptian cotton sheets. There's a bar and a restaurant run by chef Daniel Guest (formerly of The Connaught). Yes, the top-tier, two-storey Etage Suites may be housed in a

former prayer hall but don't let that put you off; this place is a seriously hip hideaway. And there's a Swedish sauna in the basement. Stop giggling.

Rooms from £124
(missclarahotel.com)

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