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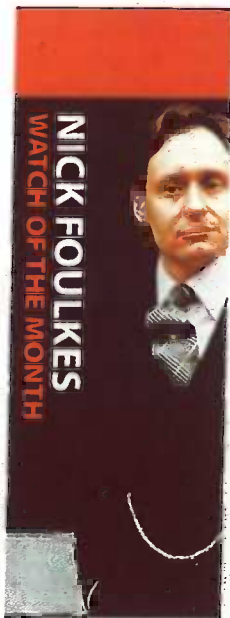
CASE STUDY

square mile's pick of the best bags for a weekend away



1 Delsey All Around, £95 This classic 30s-styled case has a rock-hard shell; perfect for transporting valuable documents, precious items or just plenty of duty-free booze. www.delsey.com 020 8731 3530 **2 Samsonite Black Label Bayamo Suiter, £655** This is the first weekend bag from the Samsonite's stylish Black Label. Soft yet strong - sounds like a toilet paper ad. +44(0)20 7245 8261 **3 Tumi Alpha Carry-ons, £255/£455** To celebrate the rugged Alpha range, Tumi are buying forest in Indonesia in a carbon-offsetting

exercise. 0207 493 4138 **4 Delsey Protexi Laptop Case, £179** The sultan of shoes has turned his hand to gloves. These two-toners are perfect for a country drive or for avoiding germs on the Tube. www.delsey.com **5 Mandarin Duck, £145** Simple idea: a rucksack that has wheels for when it gets a bit too heavy. Nice. shop.mandarinaduck.com **6 ZERO Halliburton packing case £715** The ultimate indestructible aluminium case. 0207 730 1234



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WATCH OF THE MONTH

AS STATUS CONFERRING mechanical objects go; the wristwatch is a lot less harmful to the environment than a sports car with a V12 engine under the bonnet. (But the status-anxious needn't fret; your expensive watch can easily cost as much as, if not more than a trophy motor with the bonus that you can wear it indoors, whereas it is little difficult to bring your Ferrari into a nightclub). Yet, for all the current concern about our planet, so far only one luxury watch company that I know of has started to bruit its environmental friendliness about, and that is IWC, which has made itself carbon neutral and supports the work of environmental-pinup and eco-campaigner David de Rothschild. As well as having impeccable green credentials, Rothschild has good taste in timepieces: he can often

be seen wearing an updated version of IWC's classic Ingenieur; a design originating from the 1970s, which achieved such a cult-like following among collectors that a couple of years ago there was a reissue of this historically important hunk of steel [pictured right], housing a movement featuring IWC's revered Pellaton automatic winding system with integrated shock absorption; protected from magnetism by a soft iron core. Since then we have seen a Jumbo Ingenieur featuring an eight day movement, which has become a hot watch too.

