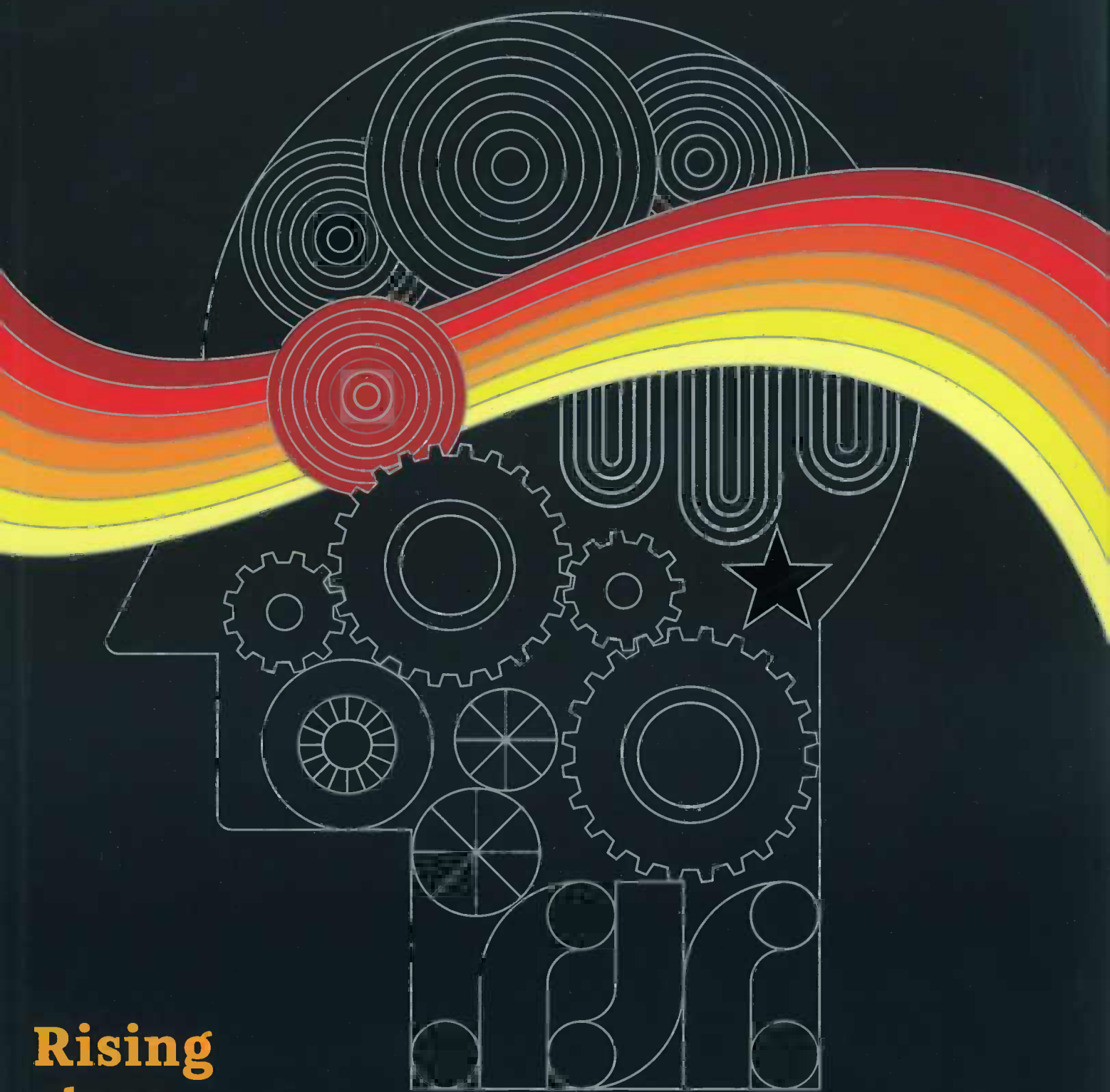


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## On the move

The finest recommendations for the refined international globetrotter

### TRUE NEW YORKER

Fedoras, zoot suits and flapper dresses may be thin on the phenomenally expensive ground, but New York's Jumeirah Essex House (above), fresh from a \$90m facelift, still reeks of Thirties' Gotham. From the mahogany and marble lobby to the mirrored engraved elevators and Art Deco detail worthy of the Chrysler Building, the hotel has been re-born as a Central Park South period masterpiece. Sure, the rooms may be functional, modern and less atmospheric, but with its impressive entrance, classic speakeasy – sorry, cocktail bar – overlooking the park, and prime New York location, this is still a memorable addition to any contact book. *Rooms start from £290 per night (jumeirahessexhouse.com)*

**Snow and rock** When is a stone not a stone? When it's a ski. The limited-edition, handmade skis created by Zai feature stone and cedarwood cores for maximum durability; not only do they look chic, they are also a joy to use, both on- and off-piste. Get in there quick; last year's versions sold out in a matter of weeks. *From £2,930 including skis, binding, poles and bag (zai.ch)*

### TAKE-OFF IN STYLE

Tumi's reputation sits at the technological forefront of the luggage world. From its abrasion-proof nylons to the barcodes that enable lost pieces to be traced back to their owners, the attention to detail has earned its reputation among discerning travellers. The new Townhouse collection merges old-world styling with modern materials. The designs are crafted from elegant grey covert cloth with understated black leather trim. The collection also includes a hatbox, shoe trunk and a selection of travel gifts. *Tumi Brompton Large Satchel, £940 (tumi.com)*



### MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS

The newly refurbished Don Carlos Leisure Resort and Spa is an oasis of five-star refinement, just minutes from the dusk-till-dawn party town of Marbella. It has 243 elegant rooms, including presidential suites and private villas. If you need to land a helicopter, or want a violinist to play while you dine on the terrace, it's not a problem. Peace and quiet is a given but, if you want to party, the resort's sister club, Nikki Beach, is at the end of the 10-acre tropical garden. Residency at Don Carlos gives you access to party nights at Nikki Beach, where you can enjoy Miami beach-glamour from a discreet corner of the Med. *(hoteldoncarlos.com)*

### LAIRD LIVING

If you want to enjoy a winter getaway without a trace of eco-guilt, Alladale Wilderness Lodge and Reserve offers a perfect solution. Located in the remote Scottish Highlands, this is a unique environmental mission to return the natural landscape to its former glory. Set amid 23,000 acres of faraway beauty, guests can explore five glens, three rivers and 10 lochs, which are home to golden eagles, red deer, and salmon. You can try your hand at deer stalking and fly fishing, or enjoy guided walks and 4X4 safaris. At the end of an active day guests can return to the private lodge and relax in front of a roaring fire, while the in-house chef creates delicious menus. Alladale has all the ingredients for an unforgettable Hogmanay celebration. *Exclusive use of the lodge starts from £2,000 a night based on 16 sharing (alladale.com; visitscotland.com)*





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