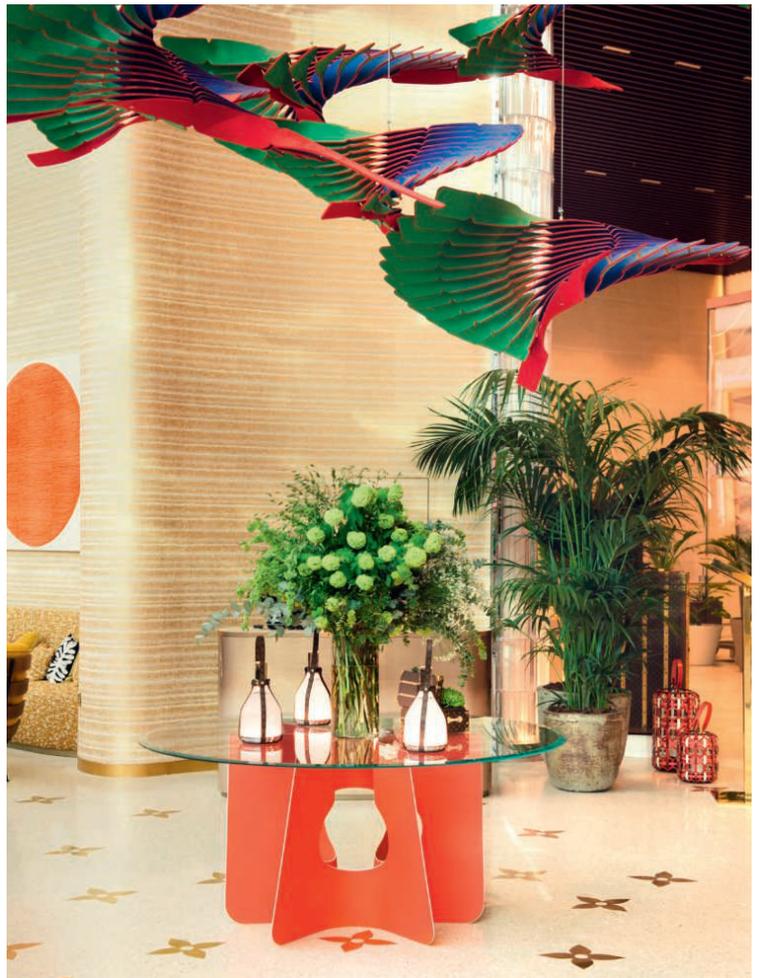


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Clockwise from top left: Bacha Coffee; Singapore's Changi Airport; Aēsop. Opposite, clockwise from top left: Hamad International Airport; Louis Vuitton Lounge there; Presentedby; Bacha Coffee

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A NEW FLEET OF AIRPORT RETAIL CONCEPTS BY LOUIS VUITTON, AĒSOP AND MORE ARE GIVING TRAVELLERS A REASON TO CHECK IN EARLY

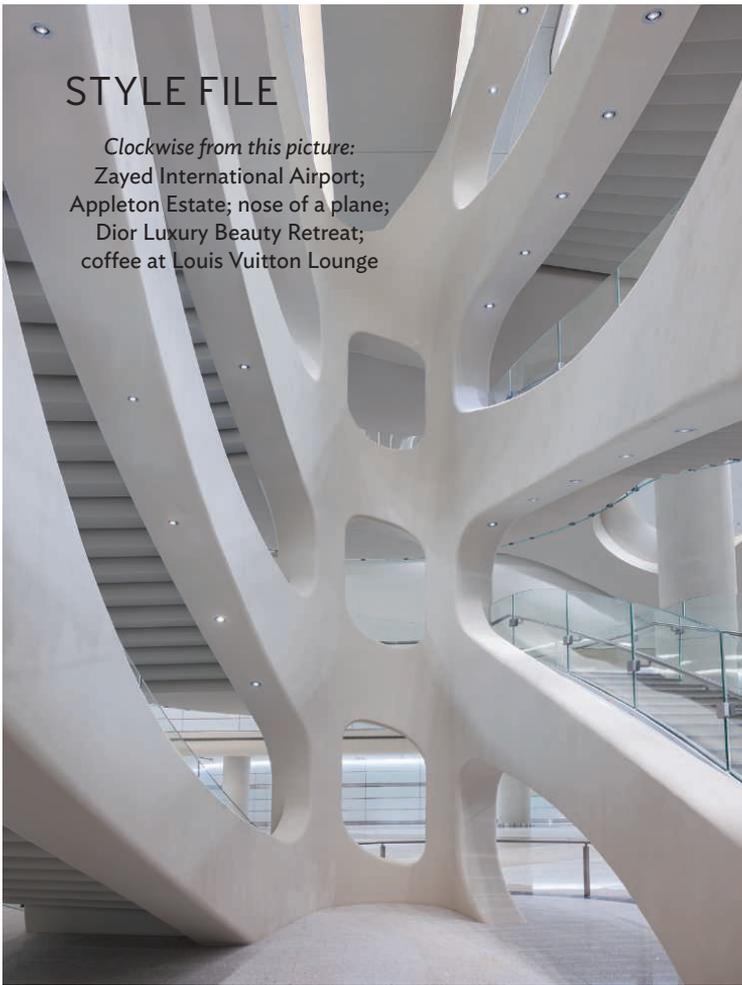
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Clockwise from this picture:
Zayed International Airport;
Appleton Estate; nose of a plane;
Dior Luxury Beauty Retreat;
coffee at Louis Vuitton Lounge



HAMAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, QATAR

The lush indoor orchard brimming with boutiques and dining spaces makes a layover at Doha's Hamad International Airport an inconvenience to look forward to. **Souq Al Matar** is a modern reimagining of Qatar's traditional markets. Designed by architect Ibrahim M Jaidah, it channels the alleyways of old Doha with shops selling abayas and sweet confections. The **Louis Vuitton Lounge** functions as much as a sanctuary as a show-room, with a menu by multi-Michelin-starred chef Yannick Alléno. For facials, massages and a barbershop, there's the cocooning **Dior Luxury Beauty Retreat**. And Lancôme's **Café de la Rose** is a hybrid of beauty counter and Parisian pâtisserie. Inspired by the brand's iconic rose logo, the space blends pink-washed interiors with rose-infused rituals.

KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAPAN

Set on an artificial island in Osaka Bay, Kansai International Airport is admired for its sweeping architecture – and now it's turning heads with the refreshed Terminal 1.

A new boutique from Aussie favourite Aesop, inspired by paper walls and Isamu Noguchi's lamps, has its honeyed glow softened by washi paper, the material used in centuries-old lantern rituals. And it's more than just skincare, with curated books, a soothing travel playlist and local tea. The **Gacha Matsuri** shop tempts anime fans with rows of gashapon capsule machines, and **Kansai Tabinikki** brims with fantastical sweets and regional snacks.

CHANGI AIRPORT, SINGAPORE

Changi Airport has built its reputation not only on its indoor gardens and koi ponds, but also on a retail mix that evolves as quickly as Singapore does. At its heart is **Jewel**, a vast lifestyle hub connected to the terminals. While Instagrammers flock to Rain Vortex, the world's tallest indoor waterfall, another real draw is the shopping, with **Bimba Y Lola**, homegrown favourite **Charles & Keith** and sportswear labels **Fila** and **New Era**. Global brands including **Pokémon** and **Uniqlo** stand alongside Singaporean names such as **Hooga** and **I Love SG**. The most

spectacular branch of **Bacha Coffee** sits beneath soaring glass arches, its interiors a study in Moroccan-style maximalism. For connoisseurs and collectors, the annual **World of Wines & Spirits** event transforms duty free, offering treasures such as The Macallan 72 Years Old in a Lalique decanter, limited edition Hennessy bottles and rare Japanese whiskies.

SANGSTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAMAICA

Shopping at Sangster is all about local flavour. The newly renovated **Appleton Estate** airport boutique celebrates Jamaica's most famous rum just 50 miles from where it's distilled. Designed as an immersive space, the shop has a central tasting bar with brand ambassador hosts, interactive digital displays, and travel-retail exclusives, all overseen by Dr Joy Spence, the first woman in the world to hold the title of master blender. Elsewhere there's a striking central **Rum Vibes** area that spotlights the country's finest spirits, and **Reggae Mart's** selection of Scotch Boyz hot sauces offers the ideal souvenir of Jamaica's heat and vibrancy. ➤

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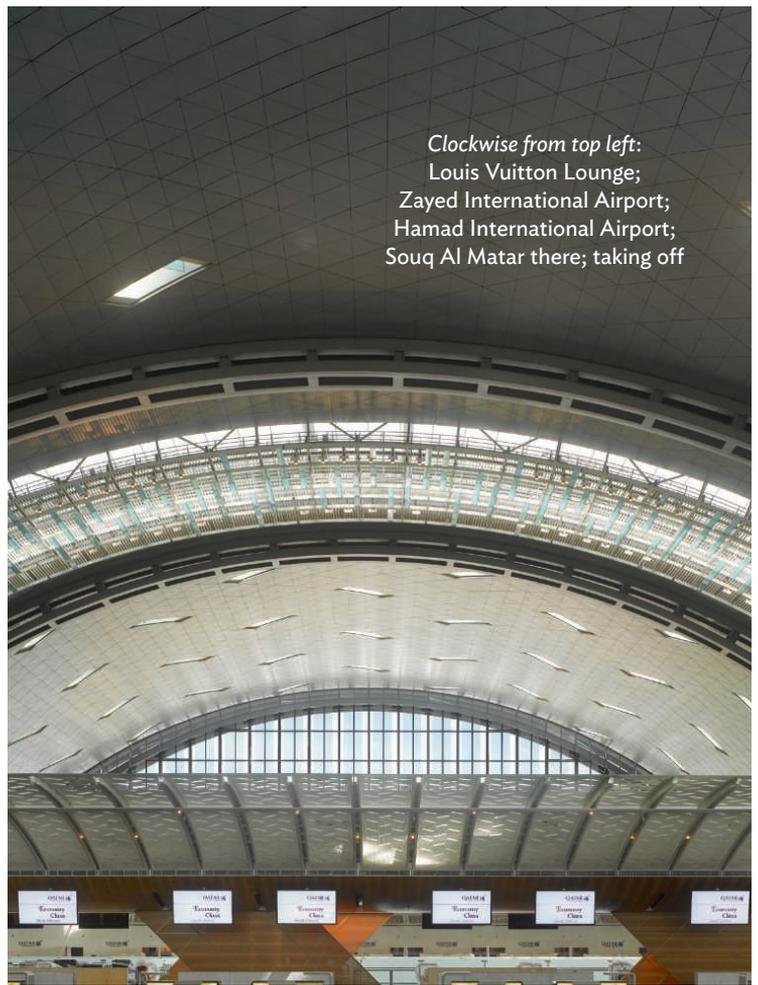
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Louis Vuitton Lounge;
Zayed International Airport;
Hamad International Airport;
Souq Al Matar there; taking off



LISBON AIRPORT, PORTUGAL

The sunshine spirit of Lisbon’s yellow trams is captured inside its revamped airport. The new **Living Azulejo** duty free concept fuses Portuguese tiles, mosaic prints, cork finishes and digital landscapes. The showstopper is a full-sized replica of Tram 28, one of Lisbon’s most Instagrammed icons. **Sabores de Portugal** sells fresh pastéis de nata and **Port Cellar** showcases more than 230 bottles in a setting reminiscent of a traditional wine lodge. The **Preloved** boutique champions circular shopping with pre-owned handbags.

ZAYED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UAE

The architecture of Abu Dhabi’s newly opened Zayed International Airport is a futuristic statement, and its retail follows suit. There’s the world’s first airport outpost of **Presentedby**, the London-born streetwear and trainer brand beloved by collectors. Open 24 hours a day, the space reimagines sneaker shopping as an immersive spectacle, and was inspired by the desert’s shifting oases. Cascading water walls, flowing sculptures and interactive digital displays create

a backdrop as dazzling as the rare stock, which includes Air Jordan 1 x Travis Scott and Dior x Air Jordan shoes, as well as cult classics from Adidas. The shop was recognised with a Platinum Award at the London Design Awards, a first for an airport store. Elsewhere, Zayed’s perfume gallery spotlights niche high-end fragrances from Creed, Diptyque and Maison Francis Kurkdjian.

PARIS-CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT, FRANCE

The modern hall at Charles de Gaulle’s Terminal 1 feels less like an airport and more like a grand Parisian department store in the model of Galeries Lafayette or Samaritaine. The great French maisons – **Chanel, Dior, Louis Vuitton, Hermès, Cartier** – stand side by side. This season **Extime Duty Free Paris** has curated a Parisian stopover with highlights such as **Parfums de Marly** and **L’Artisan Parfumeur’s** reimagined Paris apartment, where travellers can discover *Minuit à Paris*, a fragrance capturing the city’s nocturnal energy. With London no longer offering tax-free shopping, CDG is claiming its place as Europe’s ultimate gateway to extravagance.

OUR EDITORS’ FAVOURITE AIRPORTS TO SHOP IN

DENNIS BRAATZ, GERMANY

“Zürich Airport offers so many luxury shops it feels like a fashion capital. And for a break from shopping, there’s Sprüngli, the master confiserie with the best chocolates and cakes.”

SHAWN ONG, CHINA

“In Hong Kong International Airport I bought a limited edition leather pouch from Loewe – totally unplanned, totally necessary (so I told myself) – and it’s been my trusty travel buddy ever since. And I am obsessed with the pop-up snack corners at Tokyo’s Haneda Airport – dangerous for my suitcase space and self-control.”

DAVID MORALEJO, SPAIN

“Dabiz Muñoz – one of the best chefs in the world – has opened branches of Hungry Club at airports in Madrid, Barcelona and Málaga. The Bikiny Club Pastrami is my favourite meal there. In Brussels Airport I bought a most treasured possession: a large yellow Smurf.”

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