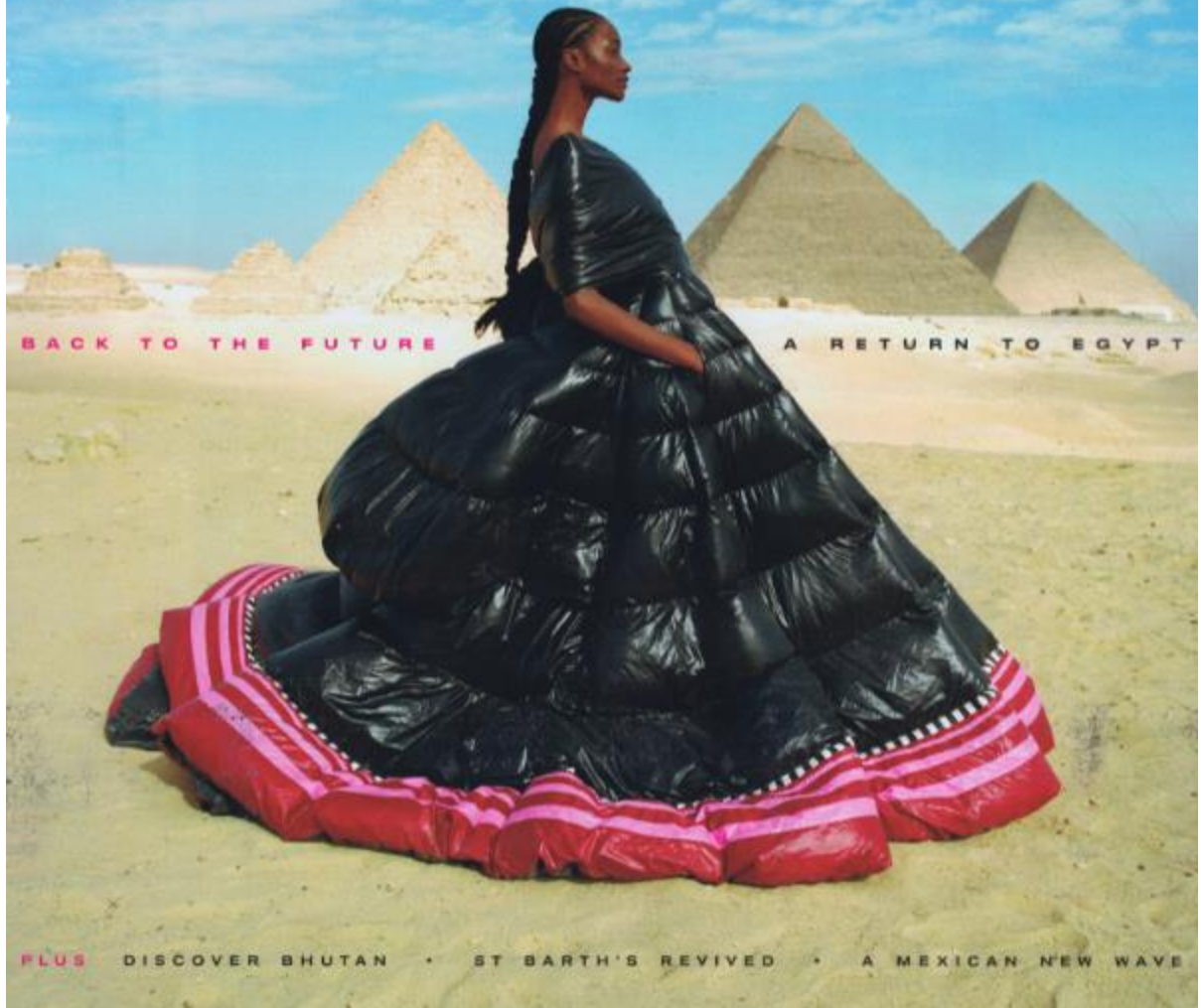


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# HEADS UP

Copenhagen conversions, Brazilian villas and spas in Buxton By Francesca SYZ

It's exciting to hear that Copenhagen's lovely Central Post & Telegraph Head Office building next to the Tivoli Gardens, which dates back to 1912, is being transformed into the new hotel **Villa Copenhagen**. Opening in April, by the people behind Amerikalinjen and The Thief in Oslo, it will have a restaurant focusing on raw and Nordic food, a bakery, bar and café. [villacopenhagen.com](http://villacopenhagen.com)

● Elsewhere, **Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok** at Chao Phraya River will finally open on 1 April, with a series of cascading waterfront buildings, multiple courtyards, suites with garden terraces and a private jetty. There will also be an urban spa and two river-facing pools. [fourseasons.com/bangkok](http://fourseasons.com/bangkok) ● **Half Moon** in Jamaica's Montego Bay is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and this month it unveils **Eclipse at Half Moon**, a new 57-room hotel in addition to the existing hotel and villas, housed in a series of low-rise plantation house-style buildings, with a spa with overwater treatment rooms and a private beach with a swimming cove.



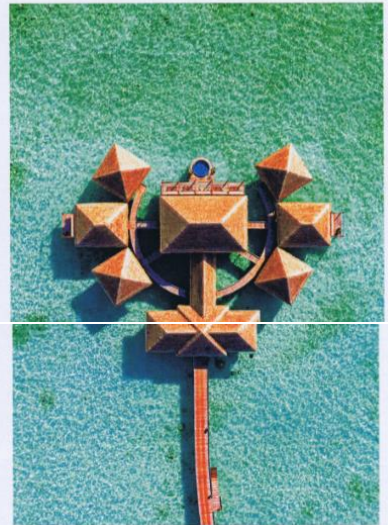
**GREAT DANE**  
The transformation of Copenhagen's former post and telegraph head office into a luxury hotel retains the building's original features, while adding 21st-century flourishes

[halfmoon.com/eclipse](http://halfmoon.com/eclipse) ● Further south in Brazil's Trancoso, UXUA will open a new villa next month – **Casinha**, a one-bedroom house on the 16th-century village square, originally restored by hippy Brazilian filmmaker Augusto Sevá, who designed it as 'a garden with a house'.

Beautifully revamped by UXUA owner Wilbert Das in his signature bright colours, it retains its indoor-outdoor living spaces. [uxuaalma.com](http://uxuaalma.com)

● In the Maldives, the new overwater spa on **Velaa Private Island** features a tailor-made series of three- and five-day wellness programmes, hosts globally acclaimed hypnotherapists, nutritionists and personal trainers, and features products by the cult spa brands Kotoshina and Dr Burgener. [velaaprivateisland.com](http://velaaprivateisland.com)

● Back on home turf, one of the UK's most exciting restoration projects is nearing completion: the transformation of the Grade I-listed Georgian Buxton Crescent in the Derbyshire spa town of Buxton into the five-star **Buxton Crescent Hotel & Thermal Spa** run by health-spa specialists Ensana, due to open this spring. Expect a 27C thermal pool fed by a nearby ancient mineral spring, pools indoor and out and an 81-room hotel with a spa café, restaurant and bars. [buxtoncrescent.com](http://buxtoncrescent.com) ● And there's also the new observation tower launching imminently at Sutton Hoo, the Anglo-Saxon burial ground considered one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time. Go see it and stay at the **The Harbour Master's House**, a five-minute drive away on Woodbridge's bustling waterfront. [suffolkcottageholidays.com](http://suffolkcottageholidays.com)



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Velaa Private Island's overwater spa in the Maldives is the perfect place to relax and unwind



**MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUXTON**  
The Georgian crescent in this Derbyshire town is being remodelled as a five-star hotel and thermal spa