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LOCKDOWN BOOK

*London-based entrepreneur and philanthropist Thierry Macquet has released his new novel **Message from an Adventurous Ancestor**, which he wrote in his native island of Mauritius during lockdown earlier this year.*

The book tells the tale of two flamboyant characters from different eras tied through blood line, the social realities of their time and how humanity does not fundamentally change over the course of centuries despite wars, revolutions and pandemics.

Adrien and Charles take readers on a journey through time and the upper echelons of society – a world where drugs, money and social recognition are the “supreme rulers of a borderline decadent social order”.

London-based Macquet spends much of his time in Mayfair and, as such, the area looms large in the book. He says: “During the four months it took me to write this novel – in my beach house in Mauritius – every single part of the story that happened in London had a link to Mayfair and I could close my eyes and walk in the streets and private clubs of W1.”



FORTNUM'S NEW CEO

Fortnum & Mason has announced the appointment of former MATCHESFASHION.com chief operating officer, Tom Athron, to the role of CEO.

Athron will join the department store this month before the departure of Ewan Venters, who leaves in January. During his time at the fashion retailer for luxury brands, Athron was responsible for scaling the British business globally, leading the ecommerce, logistics, customer service and studio teams.

181 Piccadilly

CONNAUGHT BAR VOTED WORLD'S BEST

The Connaught Bar has taken the prestigious crown of 'World's Best Bar' in a virtual ceremony toasting the crème de la crème of the industry.

A mainstay of the annual list – compiled with votes by more than 540 industry experts across the world – since 2010, it's the first time the Carlos Place institution has claimed the top spot.

Agostino Perrone, director of mixology, said: "This accolade rounds off a long journey of dedication for the entire Connaught Bar team, who have never stopped believing in our work."

The bar recently unveiled a new 15-strong cocktail menu, 'Formae', as a homage to the shapes of the famous bar itself, designed by David Collins Studio.

