



## Classic Nokia makes a comeback

**NOKIA BRAND RIGHTS** owner HMD Global made headlines at Mobile World Congress with its new version of the classic Nokia 3310.

The feature phone is being marketed as a "modern classic reborn" and comes in a new bright plastic design that is available in four colours with a mixture of matte and glossy finishes. It boasts a 2.4-inch colour display and maintains its predecessor's impressive battery life – capable of lasting a month on standby or 22 hours' talk time.

HMD executives expect the device to revive the feature phone market and say its long battery life means it can be used in conjunction with a smartphone as a backup or as a replacement on weekends to disconnect from emails and other distractions. Whether the device can match the hype will be shown in the second quarter, when it launches with a price tag of around \$52.

*Robert Anderson*



## Three of the Marina best

**LEADING FOOD CRITIC** Samantha Wood (foodiva.net) selected her three favourite venues in Dubai Marina during a recent 'Dine Around' tour.

### **RU YA DUBAI, Grosvenor House Dubai (starters)**

**Concept** Colin Clague's 'modern Turkish' restaurant continues to attract rave reviews.

**Highlight** I loved the fresh Pide when I came for lunch, but tonight's pleasant surprise was the duck kibbeh. "If you only have one night in Dubai, eat here," recommends Wood.

**Accompaniments** Ruinart Rosé Champagne, Soho Jagger Pinot Gris, 2014 Marlborough, New Zealand

### **MARINA SOCIAL, InterContinental Dubai Marina (mains)**

**Concept** Jason Atherton's British-European menu remains popular judging by the full house tonight. With the open terrace and sax playing, and an appearance from the man himself, it felt a good night to be out.

**Highlight** The BBQ veal short rib and Black Onyx beef rib eye would be the obvious choices, but I couldn't stop picking at the fresh beans.

**Accompaniment** Achaval Ferrer, Malbec, 2013 Mendoza, Argentina

### **BICE, Hilton Dubai Jumeirah (desserts)**

**Concept** Wood has a "soft spot" for this Italian, which opened shortly after she arrived 17 years ago (it's been renovated recently). It serves traditional Italian classics.

**Highlight** Small but wonderful chocolate soufflé, the rectangular plate also had a tiramisu and millefoglie with lavender Chantilly cream.

**Accompaniment** Chateau de Cabidos, Cuvee Gaston Phoebeus Petit Manseng Doux 2011, Pays Tolosan, France



## Chic backpacks from Tumi

**TUMI HAS ROLLED** out a limited-edition Voyageur Leather line, available in black and cornflower blue, for female travellers. The Calais Backpack, which contains a 15-inch laptop pocket, is designed for business and everyday excursions (priced AED2,385); the Halle Backpack can hold a 12-inch computer and contains plenty of inside pockets and two exterior zip pouches; and the Daniella Backpack also targets the 'busy woman on the go' with space for 'daily digital essentials'. Other eye-catching additions include the Tristen Crossbody (carried or worn on the shoulder or across body), Bermuda Slim Brief, which has laptop and iPad pockets and space for documents, and Oslo four-wheel compact carry-on (padded laptop pocket).



### **SPA REVIEW: SHINE SPA, SHERATON GRAND HOTEL DUBAI**



There can't be many spa experiences higher than the Sheraton Grand's, perched on the 52nd floor (my ears popped in the lift up). On arrival, we were presented with a small glass of strong ginger tea and aromatic-soaked towel, both of which prompted the senses into shutdown-spa mode.

**First impressions** A stand on the desk promoted Natura Bissé (Barcelona) products. For a city hotel, the welcome area is broad and changing area, spacious, large enough for a Jacuzzi, and alongside a large oval sofa opposite the lifts is a more discreet, opulent lounge near the changing rooms. Both the hotel and spa were fairly busy; we visited Saturday lunchtime.

**Treatment** We had a couples treatment comprising a thorough 30-minute scrub and soothing one-hour massage (I went for Balinese, my partner had deep tissue). The spa offers three different treatments under Journeys (105-minute My Way and 120-minute Divine Citrus), Hands On (five massages) and Saving Face (seven facials) categories.

**Room** A convenient space with separate showers (after the scrub), toilet and the centrepiece show-stopper, a Jacuzzi just about large enough for two.

**Treat** While soaking in the tub, an ornate tea tray with sandwiches and pastries was wheeled in, with two pots of Newby tea. A lovely indulgent finale.

**Price** AED1,200

**Opening hours** 9am-10pm daily

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