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Global Eye

Things to do, buy, see and try.

1. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND: Responding to the world's fascination with vintage jewellery and watches, Vacheron Constantin has released its version of a contemporary pocket watch. Complete with the prestigious "Hallmark of Geneva", the Patrimony pocket timepiece combines complications, decorations, elegance and modern twists like water-resistance. www.vacheron-constantin.com



2. KRUGER PARK, SA: Luxury safari resort Singita, winner of numerous international hotel awards, is passionate about both its commitment to conservation and uplifting local communities. Its cooking school offers an 18-month training programme for youngsters, which includes instruction by the renowned chefs who produce daily cuisine to Singita's Relais & Chateaux standards. www.singita.com

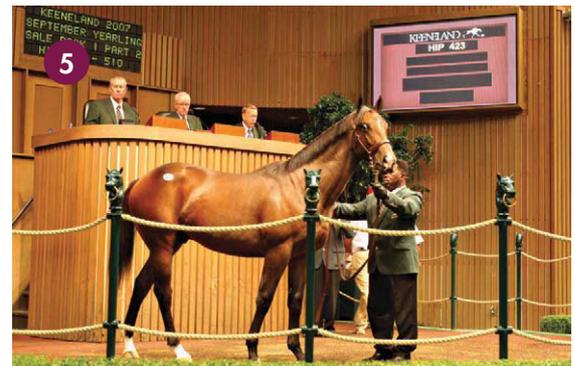
3. CAPE TOWN, SA: Australian bodycare brand Aesop, launching this month in SA, gives customers an entirely honest account of its product ingredients, emphasising that some laboratory-created vitamins are far more beneficial and durable than natural ones. Founded by beauty entrepreneur Dennis Paphitis, Aegis combines premium skincare with whimsical touches – for example, its "poo-poo drops", which contain citrus flavours. Its latest product, a Pettigrain Hydrating Body Gel, cools the body after exposure to the sun. www.aesop.com



4. JOHANNESBURG, SA: Italian watch brand Panerai, dating back to 1890 in Florence, introduces its 1940 42mm timepiece in this country this month. Combining artistry, intricate complications (including no fewer than 144 components), elegance by way of 19 jewels and hand-wound mechanisms, the Radiomir Royal Italian Navy watch is a triumph of horology. www.panerai.com



5. LOUISVILLE, USA: Put on your glad rags and fancy hat and make your way to the Keeneland race track and auction company, which hosts the renowned Kentucky Derby on 3-4 May. Known as "the most exciting two minutes in sports", the event carries the highest racing stakes in the USA and has been attended by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, among other famous horse-lovers. The race covers 2km and colts and geldings carry 57kg, while fillies carry 55kg. Don't miss this extravaganza of adrenaline, haute couture and fun. www.keeneland.com



6. NEW YORK, USA: This year's exhibition by the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art is entitled *Punk: Chaos to Couture* and runs from 9 May-14 August. Examining punk's rise in the 1970s and its collision with high fashion, the event features designer Vivienne Westwood's ram with the Sex Pistols, Patti Smith's music and celebrity designer Hedi Slimane, all paying homage to the movement's liberating quality through more than just a couple of safety pins. www.metmuseum.org

