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Your guide this month to: **Male grooming** ★ **Global watches** ★ **Shopping in Mumbai**

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LOOK SHARP

Ahmed Zambarakji presents a global barbershop octet for men on the move in need of a world-class haircut or shave

THERE ARE always plenty of plush hairdressing salons to choose from, but the best barbers are usually a well-kept secret known only to locals. Rather than risk a follicular faux pas with a random hairdresser, hunt down these skilled scissorhands.

DUBAI: 1847

Few cultures have embraced men's grooming quite so wholeheartedly as the Middle East. While gents are spoiled for choice of single-sex spas in the postmodern metropolis of Dubai, traditional barbershop services can be found at 1847 (named after the year in which the safety razor was invented), where you will find Italian barber chairs, a snacking menu, wet shaves and a thoroughly manly mani-pedi service. *Lower level, Emirates Towers Boulevard (00 971 4 330 1847; www.thegroomingco.com/1847)*

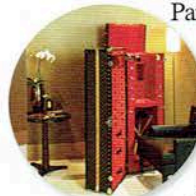
NEW YORK: FSC Barber

While Manhattan's fashion-conscious salons emasculate clients with barrel tongs and blow-dries, this Lower East Side barbershop welcomes clients with a friendly smile and a cut-throat razor. It has an old-world charm but the haircuts are perfectly on trend. *8 Rivington Street (00 1 212 673 3209; www.fscbarber.com)*



PARIS: John Nollet

As if to make themselves even more elusive (or perhaps to avoid exorbitant ground rents), the city's finest coiffeurs tend to work out of hotel rooms rather than luxurious salons. John Nollet, known for Johnny Depp's *Pirates* look, has allocated his personally trained staff to Suite 101 at Park Hyatt



Paris-Vendôme. Stylists

bring a mini salon to your room in a Vuitton trunk.

Hair Room service at Park Hyatt

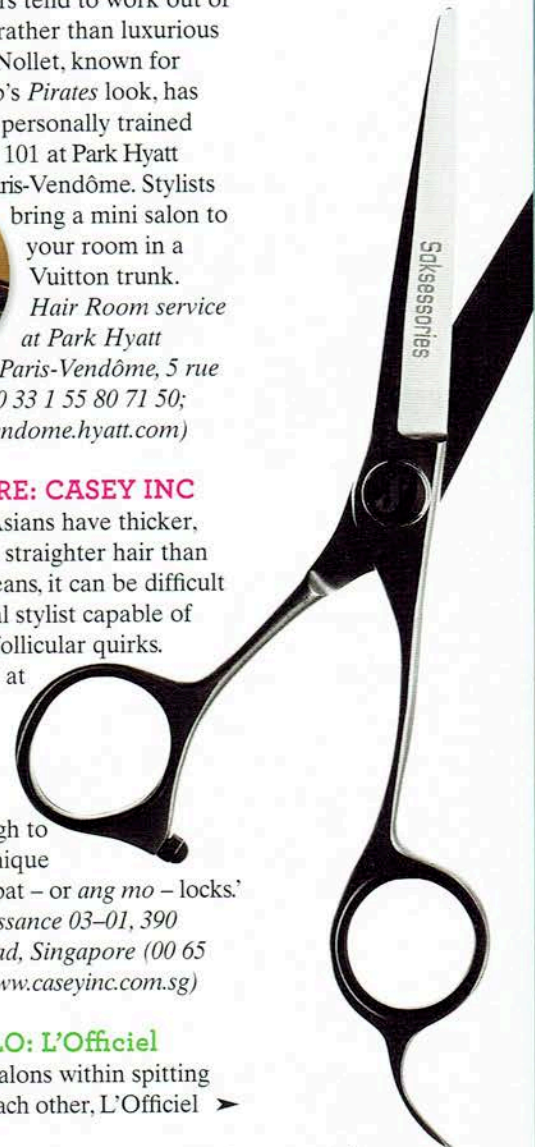
Paris-Vendôme, 5 rue de la Paix (00 33 1 55 80 71 50; www.paris.vendome.hyatt.com)

SINGAPORE: CASEY INC

Given that Asians have thicker, stronger and straighter hair than most Europeans, it can be difficult to find a local stylist capable of adapting to follicular quirks. Hairdressers at Casey Inc, who consult before cutting, are skilled enough to tackle the unique needs of ex-pat – or *ang mo* – locks. *Palais Renaissance 03-01, 390 Orchard Road, Singapore (00 65 6235 5328; www.caseyinc.com.sg)*

SAO PAULO: L'Officiel

With three salons within spitting distance of each other, L'Officiel ➤



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