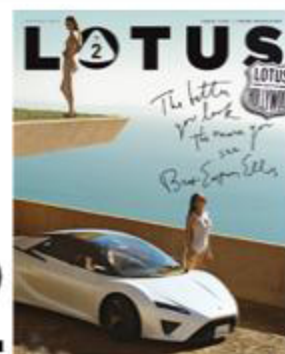


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Even native Parisians need someone to keep them informed about the latest fashion trends and new boutiques, restaurants, and soirees. Au Boudoir de Babou is like having your very own style butler: They'll give you a wealth of inside shopping choices, put you on the list for the best parties, and have a supercar waiting for you at CDG — and they can get you to the front of the queue should Valentine's Day suddenly demand a discontinued (and cat-fought over) Hermès Kelly bag.

#### How do you define French style?

Classic chic: glamorous, but not bling-bling. The typical Parisian is elegant and well-groomed, dressed in muted tones. Lots of greys — even our cars are all grey. I'm passionate about French style, though it's nice to go to London sometimes just to see people wearing colours.

#### Who is your style icon?

Grace Kelly, Audrey and Katherine Hepburn. Very few famous women today

exhibit that level of style and class — maybe Sophie Marceau.

#### Which men's brands do you favour?

Marc Jacobs (34 rue de Montpensier, 1<sup>eme</sup>) is great, though my personal preference is Zilli (48 rue Francois 1<sup>er</sup>, 8<sup>eme</sup>) and Hermès (42 ave George V, 8<sup>eme</sup>). They know how to dress a man. All my Russian clients like Zilli.

#### And who do you wear?

Hermès and Escada (53 ave Montaigne, 8<sup>eme</sup>), because they cater to women who aren't slim like a baguette.

#### Where are your favourite places to eat, drink and be merry?

The mojito royals at the Plaza Athenee are fabulous. To eat, I like La Plage (Port de Javel, 15<sup>eme</sup>), which sits on the Seine — there are lots of beautiful women and men to stare at. The best clubs are Le Baron (6 ave Marceau, 8<sup>eme</sup>) and Le Cab (2 pl de Palais Royal, 1<sup>eme</sup>), which both attract a lot of beautiful women.

#### And to relax?

The Trianon Palace Hotel (1 blvd de la Reine, Versailles), 30 minutes from Paris, has a wonderful Guerlain spa. And La Bulle Kenzo (1 rue du Pont Neuf, 1<sup>eme</sup>) has a cocoon spa and great Japanese-inspired music. Also, I've been riding competitively since I was 10 and was given a horse — Gypsy — for my birthday four years ago, and I love to ride in the Bois de Boulogne



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