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The Spirit of High Society

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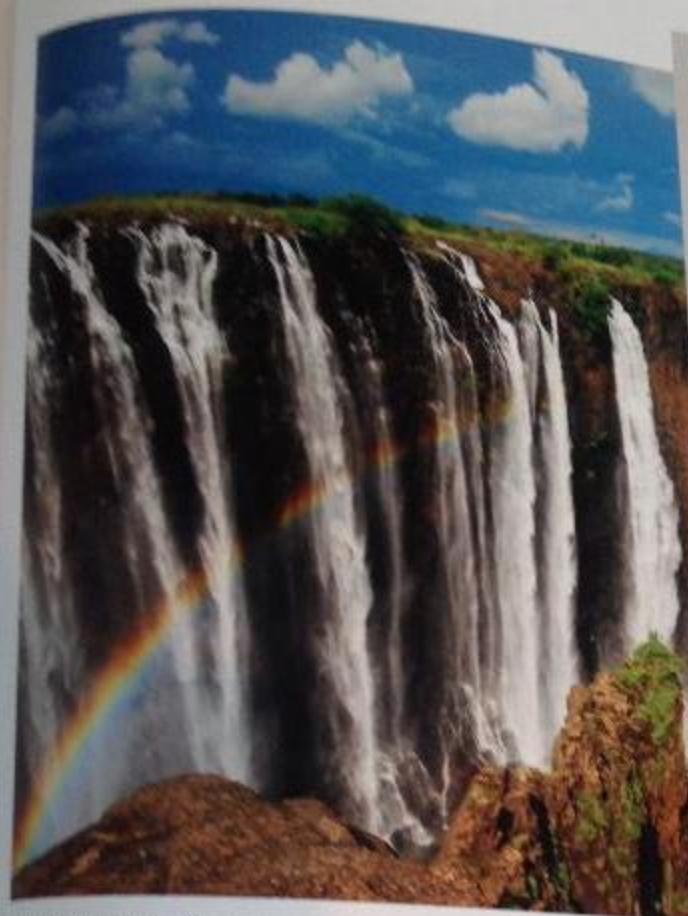
EYES ON THE PRIZE

Hotel magnate **WINNIE CHIU** expands her empire to the British capital

PLUS Go off the beaten track with these luxe holiday alternatives



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WILD BEAUTY Clockwise from left: A perpetual rainbow crowns Victoria Falls; buffalo stampede on the Busanga Plains; Chinzombo Camp; hippos wallow in the Zambezi

STAY Set on the Luangwa River, the handsome Chinzombo Camp (above) opened last year and is a welcome addition to Zambia's array of eco-luxury lodgings. Operated by Norman Carr Safaris, its six airy villas offer direct, private access to South Luangwa National Park. Wilderness Safaris and Abercrombie & Kent also run bespoke game drives across the region. normancarrsafaris.com

Zambia

KENYA

For years the adventurous have flocked to Kenya's legendary national parks, such as Maasai Mara, to encounter the Big Five—lion, leopard, buffalo, rhinoceros and elephant—in their natural environment. But on game drives now, you're more likely to encounter lumbering four-wheel-drives loaded with binocular-toting tourists. Safety has also become an issue, with threats of terrorism motivating many nations to issue warnings against travel to the East African country, and many tour operators have cancelled trips. To the southeast of Kenya, across Tanzania, lies Zambia, which describes itself as one of the "safest countries in

the world." It also happens to offer some of the most spectacular landscapes and animal life on the planet. The fabled Zambezi River rises here, providing safaris with myriad opportunities to spot birds, hippos, crocodiles, elephants and the big cats. The Zambezi also delivers another of the country's highlights when it flows over Victoria Falls, sending up a cloud of mist that sees the landscape almost permanently crowned by rainbows. Try to visit between July and September, when the falls are at their most ebullient. Don't leave without going on safari in the most majestic of national parks, South Luangwa, famed for its dramatic terrain and diversity of wildlife.

