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TERMINAL VELOCITY

A guide to using Hong Kong's new high-speed rail station

SEXISM IN THE SKY

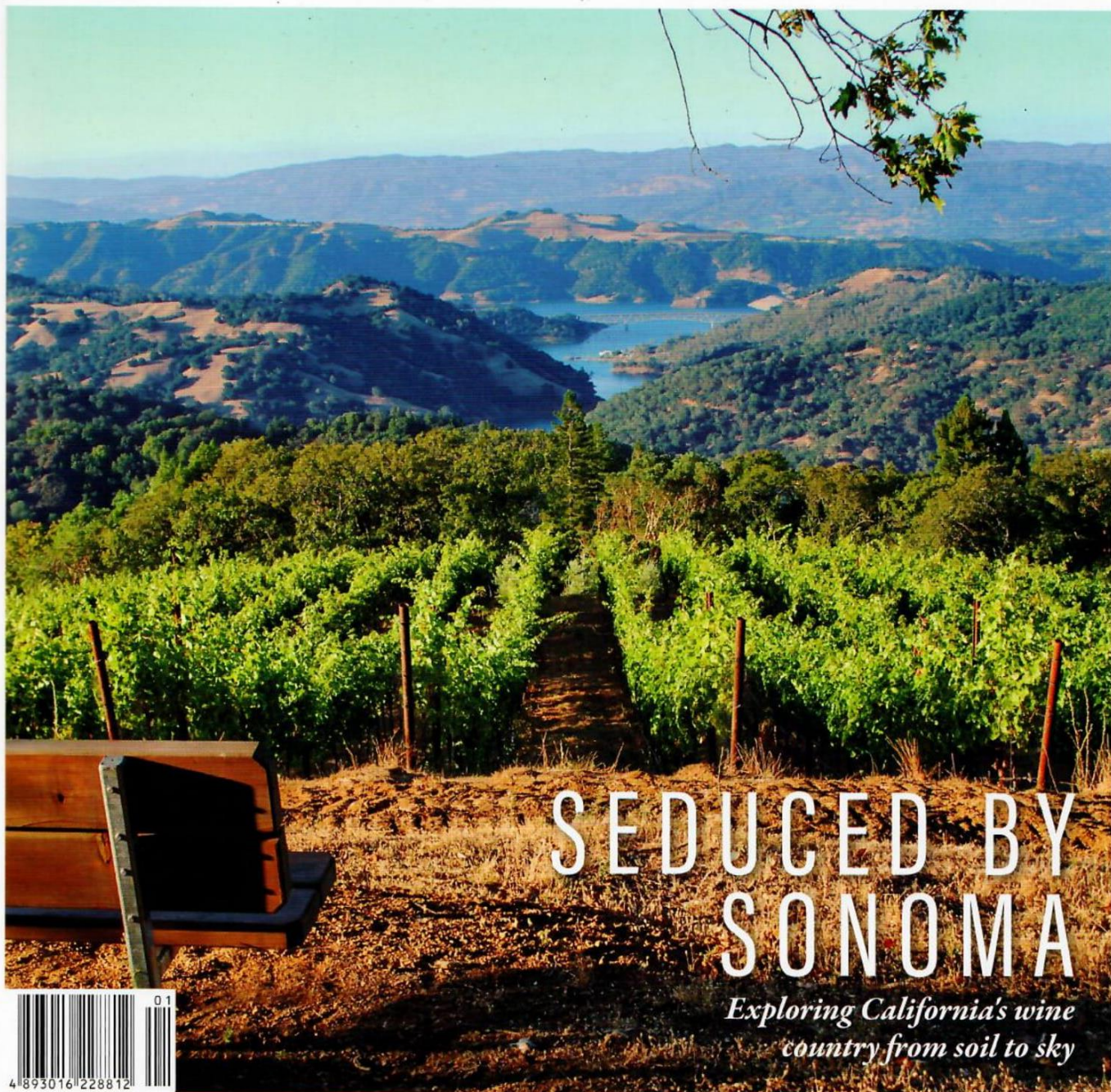
Are attitudes towards female cabin crew in need of reform?

CHARMING QINGDAO

Colonial heritage meets economic powerhouse

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The big picture

ANYONE who's ever looked out of an aeroplane window will know how incredible landscapes can look from the air, and Macanese photographer Chan Hin Io has taken this idea to heart with a new exhibition featuring pictures of Macau's landscapes, construction sites and reclamation zones that he's shot using drone technology. The result is images like the one to the right, titled *New Urban Zone (District A) 2017*, which are designed to "turn recognisable, eye-level street views into uplifting abstract compositions". Chan's artwork is on display at the Taipa Village Art Space in Macau until February 8. taipavillagemacau.org.mo



BANNING THE BOTTLES

COUNTLESS hotels and airlines have in recent months begun taking a stand against offering single-use plastics such as straws and stirrers. Sino Hotels has gone a step further and eschewed bottled water at six of its Hong Kong properties in favour of water stations and glass flasks in guestrooms. In partnership with advocacy group Urban Spring, the hotel group has begun installing nearly 100 smart filtered water stations on select floors, which guests can use to refill the glass flasks in their rooms, saving an estimated 1.6 million plastic bottles from 2,100 guestrooms and facilities every year. sino-hotels.com



HIGH-END TO HONOLULU



FIRST class passengers on All Nippon Airways' new flight to Honolulu launching May 24 will get menus developed with the Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina's Italian restaurant Noe, along with special bedding, pyjamas and amenity kits. This includes a comforter from Japanese bedding company Tokyo Nishikawa Sangyo, Hungarian white duck down pillows, and organic cotton loungewear and blankets from organic bedding brand Tenerita. Passengers also get suitcase-style amenity kits designed by British luggage manufacturer Globe Trotter. ana.co.jp

FLIGHT NEWS

Who's up and who's down

ASCENT

AIR CHINA is set to go triple daily on its non-stop Beijing-London Heathrow service from March 31, with its newly acquired Airbus A350-900 aircraft also set to take over one of the daily flights from February 1 onwards.

AIR NEW ZEALAND will fly its own metal between Christchurch and Singapore next northern winter with a five-times-weekly Boeing 787-9 service that will complement joint-venture partner Singapore Airlines' existing year-round daily Airbus A350-900 flights on the route.

CATHAY PACIFIC has yet to launch its non-stop flights to Seattle but already it has plans to boost the service from four times weekly on March 31 this year to once per day starting July 1.

QATAR AIRWAYS is going double daily on its Doha-Ho Chi Minh City route on March 31 with a Boeing 787-8 and Airbus A330-300 each operating one of the two daily services.

DESCENT

AIRASIA X INDONESIA will cease its scheduled services from the end of January and will instead operate as a non-scheduled commercial carrier following its struggling financial performance.

SILKAIR will cede 17 of its routes to Southeast Asia, China and India to low-cost sibling Scoot over the next two years, as the regional carrier moves towards its eventual merger with mainline sibling Singapore Airlines.