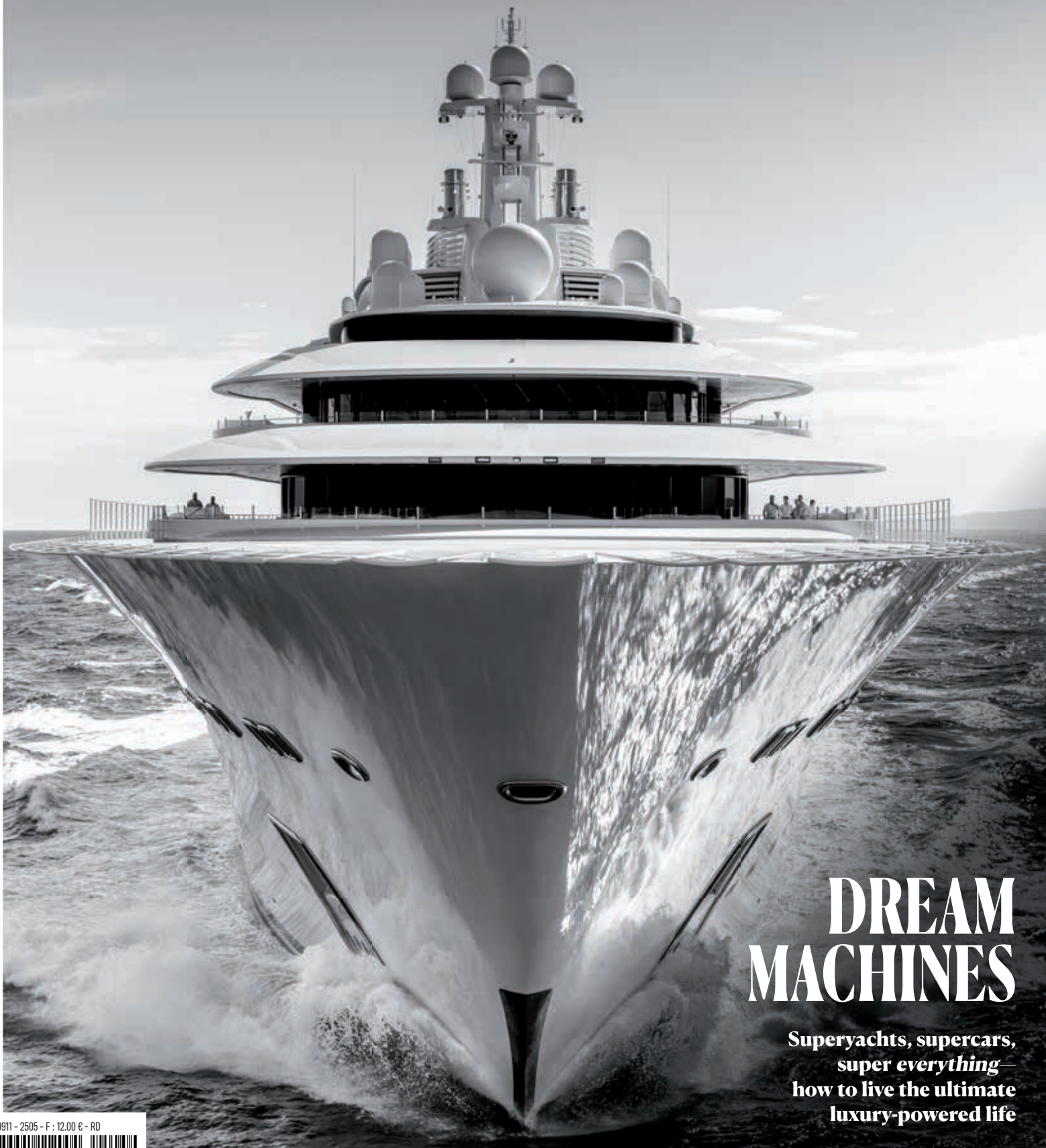


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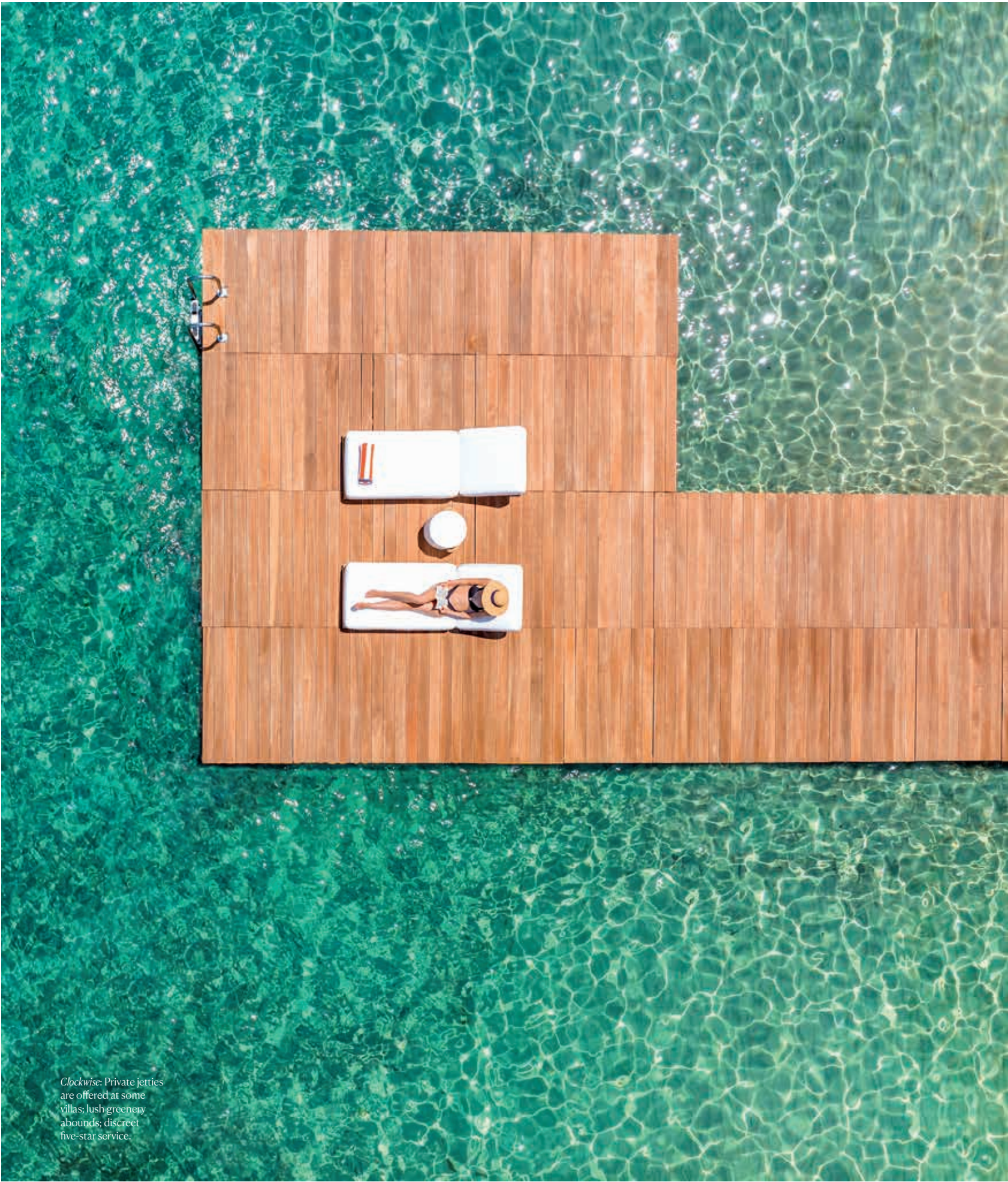
Uninterrupted ocean views from the two-bedroom Royal Infinity Villa.

# The Great Escape

On the Greek island of Zakynthos, Porto Zante Villas & Spa presents a rare blend of total privacy, personalised service and discreet luxury, tailored to those who prefer to stay well out of sight.

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Clockwise: Private jetties are offered at some villas; lush greenery abounds; discreet five-star service.



**O**n the emerald Ionian coast of Zakynthos, Greece, Porto Zante Villas & Spa offers an unusually secluded retreat—designed for guests who value discretion as much as comfort. With just nine beautifully appointed villas, this beachfront sanctuary has earned a reputation among well-heeled travellers as the ultimate place to vanish in style.

**Discreet by Design**

Arrival is quietly theatrical: accessed through a grand, unmarked wooden door, this welcome instantly signals that you have reached a place unlike any other. Beyond the double security gate lies a world carefully shielded from the outside, where the vibrant pink bougainvillea spills over stone walls, creating a striking contrast with the deep blues of the Ionian Sea below.

Each villa is set into the cliffside several metres above sea level, enveloped by lush Mediterranean greenery, ensuring total privacy and uninterrupted views. Heated infinity pools, private terraces and round-the-clock butler service comes as standard, though the level of care feels anything but routine—guests are made to feel as though they’re returning home.

Accommodation ranges from refined one-bedroom villas to expansive four-bedroom residences, all of which have private pools plus indoor and outdoor living and dining spaces. Some feature direct beach access and private jetties for sunbathing at sea level. Inside, every detail is carefully considered—picture Armani Casa furnishings, Ralph

Lauren linens, Bulgari toiletries and Bang & Olufsen sound systems.

**Feast for the Senses**

Dining is a highlight for many guests, with two private restaurants and an excellent in-villa table service menu. The welcoming yet refined Club House serves Greek and Mediterranean dishes—such as seafood risotto and lamb orzo—with an evening pianist setting the scene. Meanwhile, led by a former Nobu chef, Maya delivers some of Greece’s most accomplished sushi and Asian-fusion cuisine. The off-menu omakase is a must-try, offered with a changing selection of seasonal dishes, king crab tartare, black cod and Wagyu beef. Chefs will gladly amend menus to suit guests’ tastes and dietary needs, and there’s a generous array of cocktails and local and international wines to enjoy.

**Ionian Exploration**

Porto Zante’s water sports club encourages guests to engage with the Ionian waters through non-motorised activities including kayaking, paddleboarding, snorkelling and eco-friendly electric jet skiing. For those seeking to venture further afield, the hotel’s private yacht rental service offers bespoke excursions around Zakynthos. Guests can discover iconic local highlights such as the famed Blue Caves and the historic Smugglers Cove, where the famous *MV Panagiotis* shipwreck rests dramatically on the sand.

Back at the resort, the award-winning spa—perched at the water’s edge—offers

treatments inspired by ancient Greek rituals, using Apivita and Bulgari products. Guests can indulge in bespoke therapies within the serene spa as the nearby waves lap gently at the shore or enjoy treatments brought directly to their villas, all framed by uninterrupted sea views.

**Safety First**

Security at Porto Zante is discreet and effective—from the gated entrance to the villa layouts shielding each residence. The staff move inconspicuously in the background, ensuring guests feel protected without ever feeling observed, and the service is notable for its warmth.

Chauffeur-driven transfers, side-door staff entries and unobtrusive but attentive butlers create an atmosphere and experience that feels familiar rather than formal. It’s no surprise to learn, then, that the hotel has hosted titans of industry as well as celebrities and royalty.

Porto Zante is unparalleled on the island of Zakynthos, offering a level of privacy, exclusivity and personalised service rarely found elsewhere. Pricing reflects this positioning: entry-level rates begin around €2,450 per night and reach upwards of €25,000 for the Imperial Spa Villa.

For guests accustomed to the Riviera’s curated opulence, Porto Zante offers something different: a deeply private and secure hideaway where attention to detail is matched only by tranquillity. It’s a place to truly escape it all.

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