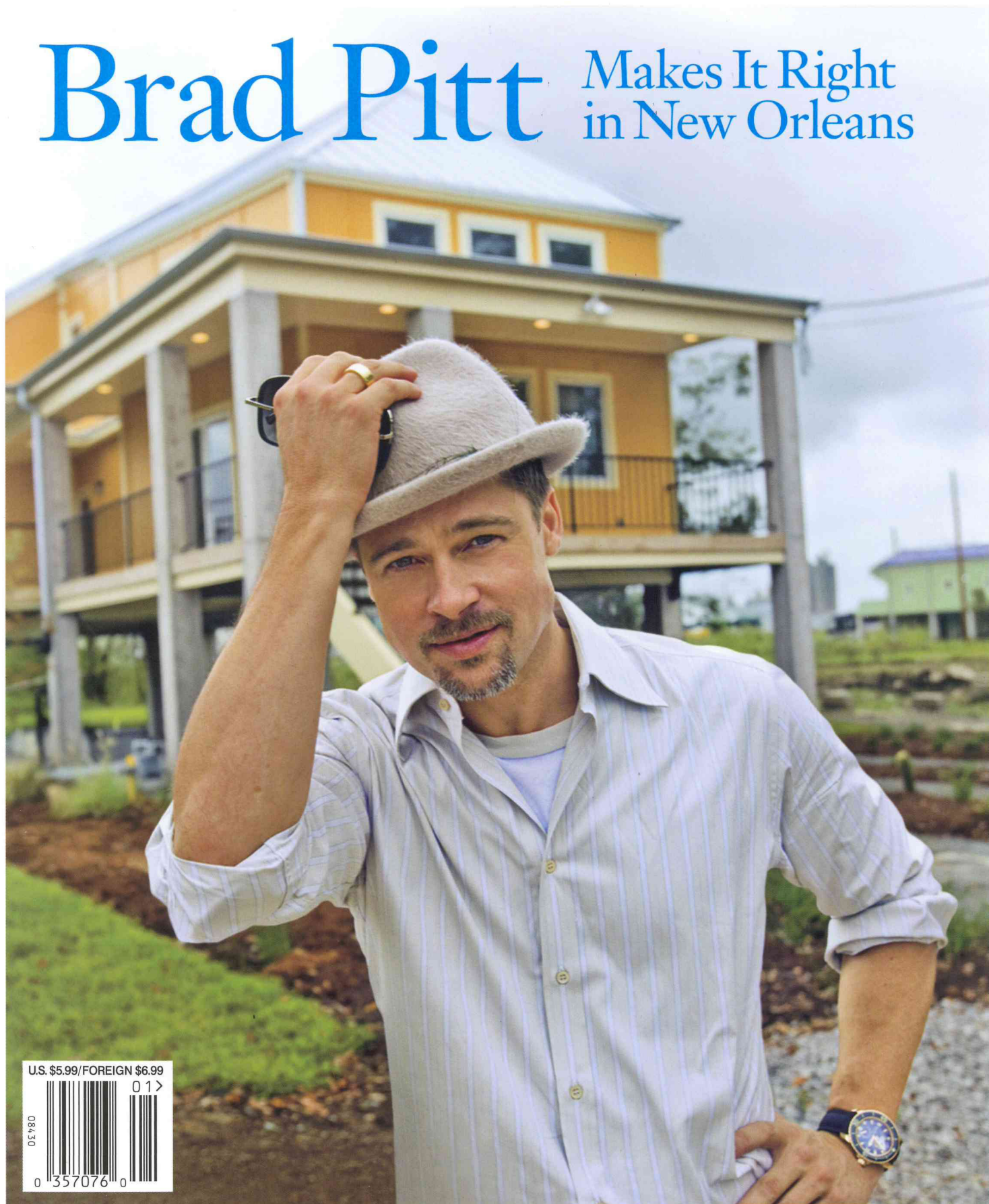


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Seven destinations by design: With the holiday season upon us, we asked a group of top architects and designers to tell us how they travel and shop, what they buy and why. Champion Platt and Alexander Gorlin on **Rome**. Juan Pablo Molyneux, Pierre Yovanovitch and Craig Wright on **Paris**. Mario Buatta, Stephen Sills and Carleton Varney on **London**. Steven Ehrlich and Richard Landry on **Dubai**. Elissa Cullman, Alexa Hampton and Lee F. Mindel on **New York**. Marc Appleton, Mimi London and Stephen Shadley on **Los Angeles**. Suzanne Lovell, Margaret McCurry and Stanley Tigerman on **Chicago**.

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Piazza della Rotunda



Hassler Roma

Rome

Campion Platt

RESTAURANTS

Casina Valadier on the Pincio Hill, with Rome spread out below, is delicious and visually more than satisfying. Also great is **Caffè Greco**, a famous late-18th-century café near the Hotel d' Inghilterra.

HOTELS

Hassler Roma: An example of refined elegance.

SHOPPING

Bonora: A famous cobbler with a range of off-the-shelf and custom-made shoes. For furniture, both classical and Modern, I like **Spazio Sette**. It's located in a 17th-century palazzo, and its ceiling frescoes, all original, are magical.

LEISURE

I like to get **ice cream at the side of the Pantheon** and eat it on the fountain steps—in front of one of the most perfect buildings in the world.

OUTDOORS

Palatine Hill: It doesn't matter where you go on the hill; the views of the ancient Flavian Palace are superb.

TRADITION

Marino Grape Festival: Wine—gods desired it, and royalty took great pleasure in it. After the festival, I return to central Rome and wander to **Piazza Navona** for coffee and a moment of artistic admiration in front of the **Bernini fountain**.

Alexander Gorlin

RESTAURANTS

Taverna Giulia has the best pesto in the world.

HOTELS

The favorite of 19th-century Russian dignitaries, the **Hotel de Russie**, now renovated, is a fantastic combination of old and new, with an extensive and beautiful garden.

SHOPPING

La Bottega del Marmoraro: A wonderful, quirky collection of inscribed marble plaques and objects, run by a father and son.

LEISURE

The park on **Janiculum Hill**, where you can see the entire city nestled among the seven hills.

OUTDOORS

Piazza della Rotunda: Incomparable piazza in front of the monumental portico and dome of the Pantheon built by Hadrian in 118–128.

TRADITION

It's been a tradition to **post a satirical message, political or personal, on the Pasquino**, an ancient Roman statue that's located in Piazza Pasquino, near Piazza Navona. There must be many notes about Berlusconi these days!

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