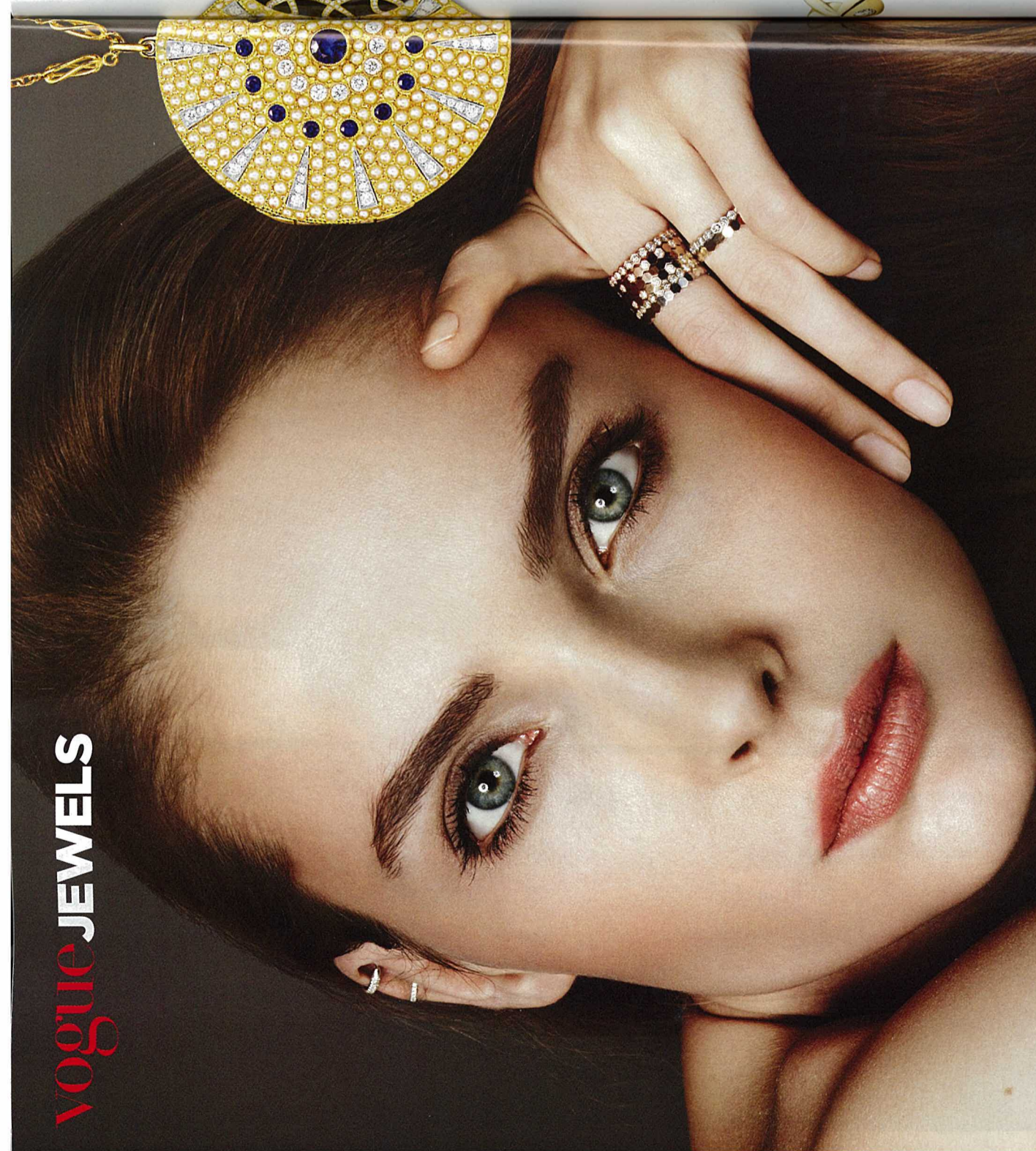


NOW, THAT'S PRECIOUS

Who doesn't crave a little sparkle now and then? Finding the right balance between bijoux and bling isn't always easy, yet when it comes to jewellery the distinction has to be obvious. After all, no-one wants their treasured finery mistaken for trinkets. Here, our top-drawer favourites and how we love to wear them.

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HAUTE HIDEAWAY

Granted, it's hard not to be distracted by the diamonds, but when Tiffany & Co. launched its latest Blue Book collection, an annual presentation of the iconic jeweller's most spectacular new pieces, we couldn't go past these intricate-looking lockets set with diamonds. Think of them as heirlooms in the making and wear one with pride.

From far left: Tiffany & Co. gold locket set with diamonds, sapphires and pearls, enamel and gold locket set with diamonds, and gold locket set with diamonds, from \$7,500 each.

Stacked Georg Jensen gold Regitze rings set with diamonds.



Fairfax & Roberts gold bangles set with diamonds, \$21,500 each.



LOVE INTEREST

The Love bangle may be the bane of airport security staff (once clamped on the wrist, it can only be removed with a tiny screwdriver), but these famous Cartier pieces, from \$5,575 each, have gained cult status among those wishing to symbolise their union via something less conventional than an engagement ring.

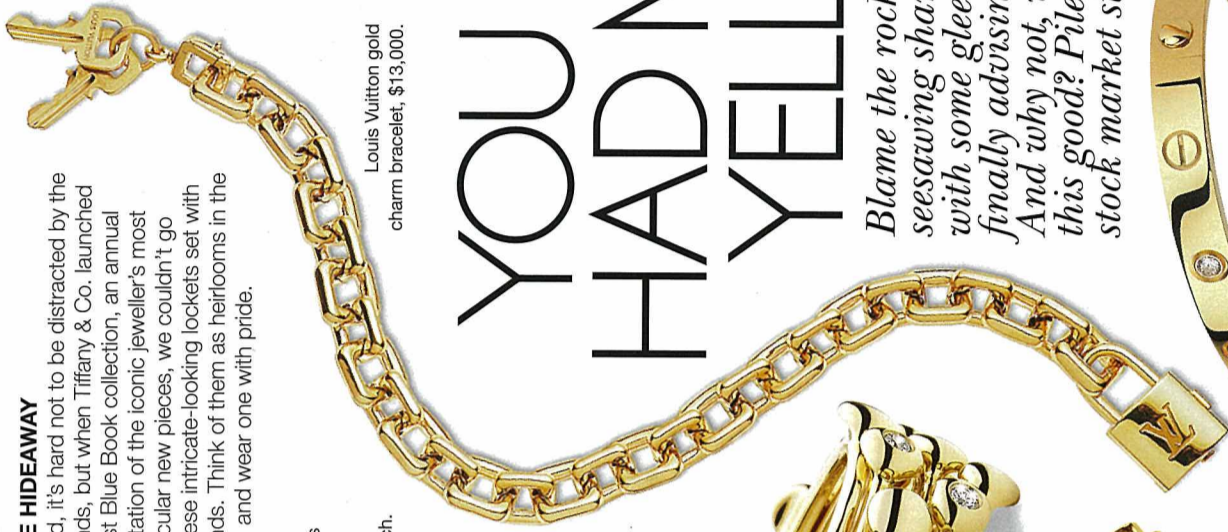


Percy Marks gold necklace, \$24,900.



FINE ROMANCE

To celebrate the opening of the Bulgari boutique at Crown Casino in Melbourne, the Roman jeweller has created a glamorous new B.zero1 bracelet in gold just for the Australian market. We love its exclusiveness: priced at \$15,000, only 30 pieces have been produced and each is engraved with its number in the edition.



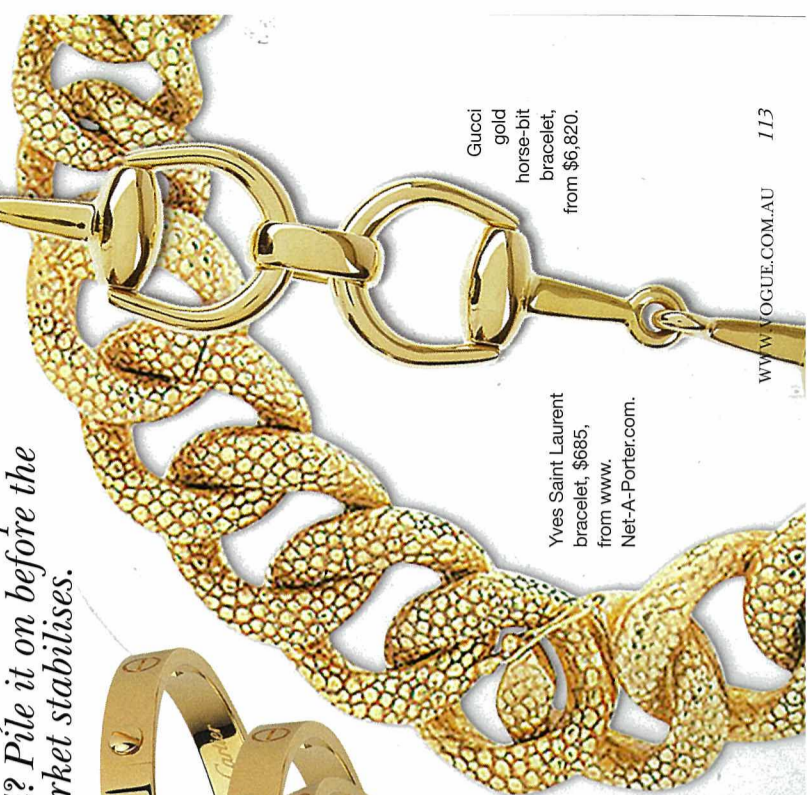
Louis Vuitton gold charm bracelet, \$13,000.

YOU HAD MEAT YELLOW

Blame the rocky global economy and seesawing share prices, but we've noted with some glee that market analysts are finally advising us to invest in gold. And why not, when the options are this good? Pile it on before the stock market stabilises.



Yves Saint Laurent bracelet, \$685, from www.Net-A-Porter.com.



Gucci gold horse-bit bracelet, from \$6,820.