



# DANGEROUS LIAISONS

OBJECTS OF SERIOUS DESIRE FLIRT WITH YOUR  
WALLET AND TEMPT YOU INTO SUBMISSION.  
STEVE WILLIAMS COMPILES THE ULTIMATE  
BILLIONAIRES' FANTASY SHOPPING LIST

Whether it's a bull or bear run, there's always money to be made. Killings on the stock market mean you're flush with cash and ready to splurge. For those who want to stay at the top of the game, there's more than the "five Cs" of Singapore at stake. Beyond car, cash, credit card, country club and condo, there's a sixth C – cachet. Secure your place at the pinnacle of society with must-have, cachet-garnering boys' toys.



### Explosive Panache

A perfect neighbour to the 599 GTB Fiorano in your garage would be the Aston Martin DBS. But a word of caution: if you are going to drive a car into an Italian lake, we wouldn't suggest Aston Martin's V12 flagship. This unfortunate incident happened earlier this year as the DBS (not to be confused with the Singapore bank) was being driven to the set of the new James Bond film *Quantum of Solace*. The car was retrieved, and the driver was shaken and slightly stirred. The DBS is a stunning, race-bred two-seater, first seen in the 2006 Bond film *Casino Royale* which was, thankfully, lake-free. Aston Martin's chairman and CEO described the DBS as having "explosive power in a black tie" and he's not wrong – that power is fuelled by a handcrafted, six-litre V12 engine, producing 510 hp. The jaw-dropping flow of the spoilers, scoops, vents and flared wheel arches give the DBS a graceful, athletic appeal, with that blistering raw energy lurking underneath the bonnet just waiting to be unleashed for wannabe 007s.

### Carriage of Choice

Let's start with wheels – something with Italian flavour – how about the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano? The GTB stands for Gran Turismo Berlinetta, which sounds like a pasta dish, but is another masterpiece from the stable of the prancing horse. Sweeping lines exude modesty-outraging sex appeal, and inside it's all aluminium, carbon fibre and handcrafted leather opulence. Okay, but let's get into the serious stuff – our Ferrari friends say the 599 GTB Fiorano boasts class-leading power thanks to its 5,999 cc V12 – which is derived directly from the Enzo Ferrari supercar. This equine beast produces 620 hp at 7,600 rpm for a weight/power ratio of just 2.6 kg per horsepower. You'll hit a top speed in excess of 330 kph – handy for Singapore – you probably won't get out of first down the Bukit Timah Expressway. If you're in the market for one of Ferrari's finest, there's a waiting time of over a year. And the answer to that all important question? Sorry, price on application.

## BLISTERING raw energy waits to be UNLEASHED for wannabe 007s



### Topping It Off

Let's head off-road for a while and get you upwardly mobile – literally. Self-respecting billionaires have their own private jets – so let your *kiasuism* kick in, and snap up a Gulfstream G650. The G650 can climb to 51,000 feet and reach speeds of Mach 0.925 – which apparently shaves 31 minutes off the trip from Los Angeles to London and 50 minutes off the flight from New York to Tokyo, compared to existing long-range jets. The company couldn't supply figures from Sentosa to the Second Link. If you can picture yourself joining the mile high club on your way to Man U's next home game, place your order for the G650 now. Gulfstream expects to begin customer deliveries in 2012. Oh, you'll need a cheque for about US\$62 million.



**MACHINE MANIA**  
**TOP** Aston Martin DBS  
**OPPOSITE PAGE**  
**FROM TOP**  
 Gulfstream G650;  
 Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano

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## Bat Out of Hell

Back on the ground and time to throw your leg over MV Agusta's F4 RR 312, "the ultimate cocktail of power and controlled aggression." That description could also apply to Batman's alter ego Bruce Wayne who rides an F4 in the film *The Dark Knight*. The F4 RR 312's 1,078 cc engine belts out 190 horsepower at a mind-numbing 12,200 revs per minute, and the machine has reached 312 kph flat out in sixth gear. At that adrenaline-rushing speed, brakes are reasonably important, so the bike is fitted with a Brembo monoblock braking system – an exact copy of the one used on race-

going superbikes. We also like the exhaust tail pipes with the end piece cross section that resembles "a piece of salami." Well, MV Agusta was founded in Italy. This is one brute of a bike, in the nicest possible way – and definitely not one for back-to-front jacket-wearing uncles.

### EUROPEAN ÉLAN

**FROM TOP** MV Agusta's F4 RR 312; limited edition Colosso watch by Swiss watchmaker Hysek  
**OPPOSITE PAGE** Jaguar XKR convertible

## Watch Out

With your now burgeoning bank account, the world is at your feet. It can also be on your wrist with the limited edition Colosso watch from renowned Swiss watchmaker Hysek. This is definitely haute horology – the centrepiece is a "crystal pustule" filled with a unique three-dimensional globe that continually turns on its axis over 24 hours, reproducing the Earth's revolutions. It can be set to record local or GMT time. The progress is reflected via cathedral timbre studded with 62 jewels and the timepiece has a 48-hour power reserve. The case is crafted in 18-karat white or rose gold, but there are really far too many features to mention here. Suffice to say it is a most complex timepiece. Price tag is S\$850,000 (including GST).



## Convertible Cool

Okay, let's add to that new garage. First, the good news about the Jaguar XKR convertible – it was voted number one in the US for being best suited for road trips. The bad news – Singapore and road trips aren't often used in the same sentence. But, there's always KL, Bangkok or even Moscow and you will be driving in supercharged, sports car style.

The big Coventry Cat absolutely purrs along, with its 4.2-litre supercharged V8 engine, six-speed automatic transmission and capacity to change gears manually with steering-wheel-mounted paddles. Inside the cockpit, you're enveloped in total leather and aluminium sophistication – with ergonomic and user-friendly control. Going topless might be frowned upon in Singapore, but in the XKR convertible it's the only way to go, and you'll only have to part with S\$388,000 (on the road without COE).



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## Riva of Babylon

Time for waterworks. Forget catching the ferry to Bintan or Batam to play around (of golf, of course). You can do much better than that by navigating the high seas off Singapore in style – basking in the nautical nirvana that is the Riva 75' Venere. She is one stunning motor yacht – showcasing classic Italian style all the way. Incredibly aerodynamic lines create the impression she could fly – and with those two MTU 10 cylinder 1524 Mhp engines, she probably could. But you'll have to settle for a top speed of 32 knots.

Your guests have a range of options – from lounging around on the six-seater sofa on the fly-bridge, protected from the elements by an awning equipped with an electric-hydraulic opening system, to lazing on the sundeck, to diving off the swimming platform off the stern.

Inside it's all refined glass and timber – the bleached oak of the walls and furniture contrasting with black lacquered finishes. Nice.

Down below, a huge main cabin spans the entire width of the yacht and includes a study area, vanity unit with foldaway pouf, 30-inch LCD television and walk-in wardrobe. Each cabin, which is more like a suite, has direct access to an en suite bathroom. She is 23 metres of sea-faring luxury. As Riva says, "Mere mortals can only savour her many celestial assets."

**NAUTICAL NOTION**  
**ABOVE**  
The Riva 75' Venere

## The Riva 75' Venere is 23 metres of SEA-FARING LUXURY

## Picture Perfect

You'll obviously want to capture an image of your new collection of toys for posterity. An old-school Polaroid camera will certainly do the job, but we're thinking more along the lines of the new Hasselblad H3DII-50. Yes, the "50" does stand for the number of megapixels, which has your 5 mp camera looking for Viagra. Hasselblad's latest offering features Kodak's 36x48-mm sensor, which is twice the physical size of the largest 35-mm DSLR sensors. This gives you ridiculous resolution and detail and it's been reported that, at 50 megapixels, you could easily detect an object the size of a notebook computer in an image that is covering a width of 2.4 kilometres. But we're not sure why you would want to do that, unless you've misplaced your notebook.



**SMOOTH OPERATOR**  
**TOP** Hasselblad H3DII-50  
**LEFT** The Smoothster from Berline Carts



## Fairway Drive

If you can't score a birdie with the last item on our shopping list, there's no hope for you. Introducing the Smoothster from Berline Carts – a custom-built, über-over-the-top golf cart that will have you burning up the fairways. From the chrome front grille, the retro bodywork to the tail lights, this is luxe on the links. Designed by famed automotive designer Boyd Coddington, each cart is constructed with a hand-laid fibreglass body and includes a 48-volt electric club car chassis, custom-upholstered front and rear seats, custom paint in your choice of colour, chrome side mirrors, 12" sport aluminum wheels and more. Options include a custom hardtop and frame in matching colour, a premium Alpine sound system and pretty much anything else you want (although it won't improve that slice).

The Smoothster takes about three weeks to produce depending on your options and can be shipped to you by air or sea. For a standard model without any optional extras, your wallet will be around US\$15,995 lighter. After some golfing grease lightning? 🏌️