

Radar

If it's out there, we'll find it...

Chatter



Star letter

Ch-ch-changes

Really liked your feature on National Day (December issue), and the interviews that revealed what life in Qatar was once like. Just two TV channels from 4.30pm-midnight for entertainment – how things have changed! Now we've got Bryan Adams and Paul van Dyk in the same month, a brilliant film festival – oh, and some big football event in 2022, but I forget the name.

Daisy



Shoe-in

Typical that Gordon Ramsay somehow brings up his shoe size in an interview (December issue). Size 15 and a half? What exactly do you have to prove, Gordon?

Poppy

All roads lead to World Cup

I think it's fantastic that Qatar is hosting the World Cup in 2022, and I hope I'm still here in 11 years to appreciate it, but if I am there is one thing in particular that worries me. It's really important that the upcoming plans include upgrading the roads. Just thinking back to the Argentina vs Brazil game recently, and the England vs Brazil game before that, the traffic was absolute gridlock for hours. Not sure if I'd like to experience that on a country-wide scale.

James



My Doha

The everyday people who make our city turn

This month:

The Wooster (posh butler)

Curriculum Vitae

Name Mohamed Kassem

Age: 27

Location: W Doha

Hotel & Residences

Nationality: Egyptian

How long in Doha?

Five months

Longest shift you've ever worked?

It depends on the guest – but the longest was 55 hours!

Most unusual request? I looked after Kate Moss once and she wanted a foot massage.

If there's one thing I've learnt from my job: It's how to deal with different people's eccentricities, but not all of the time.

How does your job compare here to elsewhere? Here I am unique – the first butler in Qatar, and the first Wooster in any W Hotel.

What makes you good at your job? It's the passion that I have for my profession. When I go to work I really am doing my favourite thing.

TWEET OF THE MONTH 'Two guys racing between Al Khor and Doha.'