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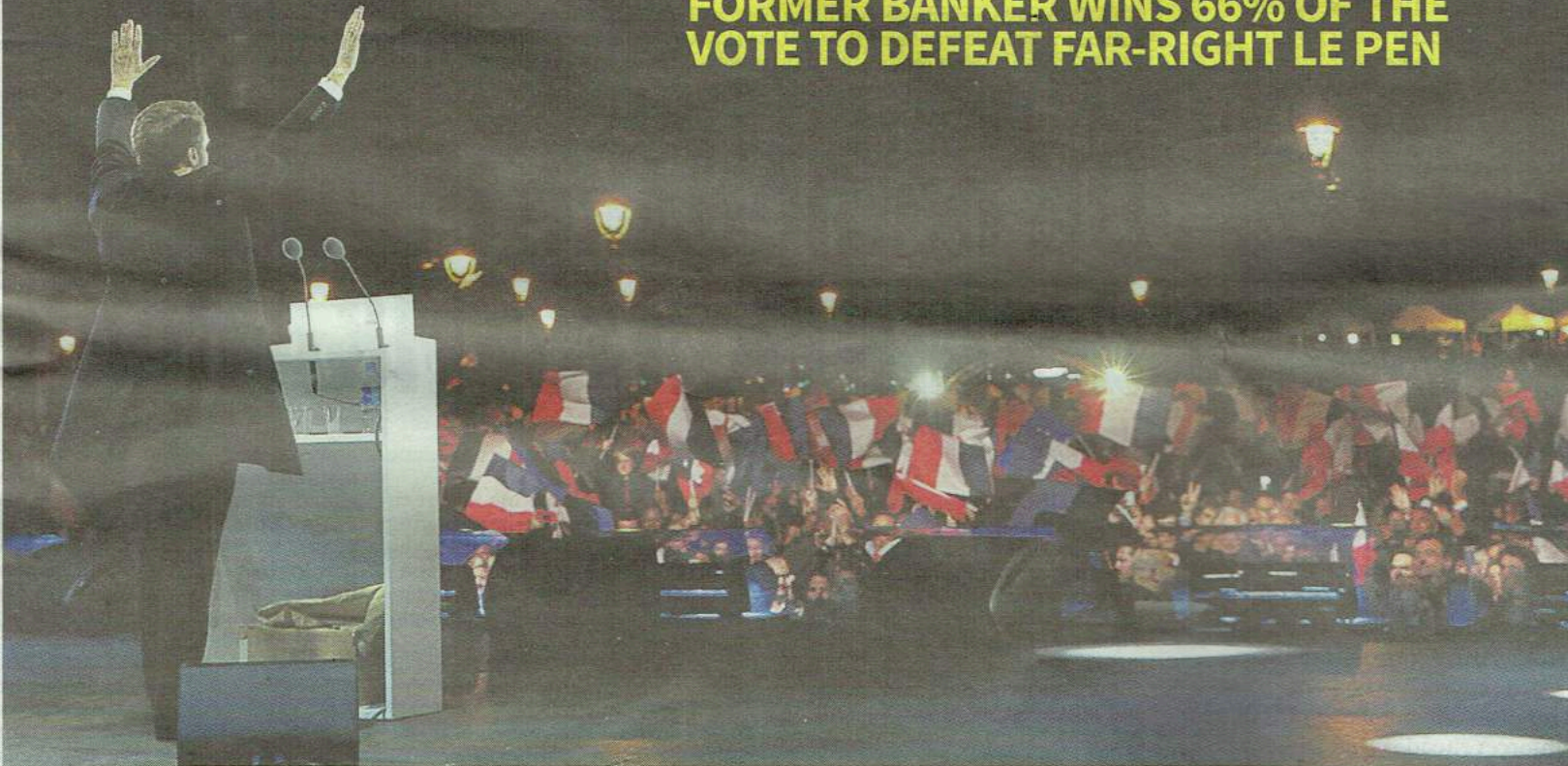
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VICTORY FOR MACRON

**FORMER BANKER WINS 66% OF THE
VOTE TO DEFEAT FAR-RIGHT LE PEN**



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EMMANUEL Macron last night won an emphatic victory over far-right candidate Marine Le Pen to become the next President of France.

The centrist politician and former Rothschild banker won 65.8 per cent of the vote in the second round of the presidential election, to Marine Le Pen's 34.2 per cent, with 98 per cent of the vote counted.

Macron, who has vowed to reform

the economy and labour market, said the French people had "turned a new page in our long history". The 39-year-old independent will become the youngest President in French history.

Addressing a rally outside the Louvre museum in central Paris he said: "We have the strength, the energy and the will - and we will not give in to fear or division."

Investors welcomed Macron's victory, which removed the possibility of the anti-euro Le Pen gaining power.

Fraser Lundie, co-head of credit at

Hermes Investment Management, said: "The market will see this as another blow to the populist movement as Macron won emphatically on a pro-business, European future."

The euro jumped briefly above \$1.102 against the US dollar as trading floors opened, the highest point for the single currency since November.

Theresa May was one of the first world leaders to congratulate Macron. A Downing Street spokesperson said: "The Prime Minister warmly congratulates President-elect Macron on his

election success. France is one of our closest allies and we look forward to working with the new President on a wide range of shared priorities."

US President Donald Trump greeted Macron's "big win", saying "I look very much forward to working with him!"

Meanwhile the spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel said it was "a victory for a strong united Europe and for the Franco-German friendship".

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Labour's tax plans do not stack up, say top wonks

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LABOUR plans to hike taxes for workers earning more than £80,000 have provoked a backlash, with a former party adviser and a top think tank leading the criticism.

Shadow chancellor John McDonnell yesterday revealed the proposal, which he says will fund health and schools spending. The party gave no detail on the size of any hike, promising it won't raise taxes for anyone earning less.

But it was mocked by a former advisor to previous Labour leader Ed Miliband.

"I'd be amazed if Labour found even one person with genuine tax policy expertise who thought it a good idea," said tax lawyer Jolyon Maugham.

Shadow foreign secretary Emily Thornberry struggled to justify the plan yesterday.

When asked by ITV's Robert Peston how much it would raise, she said: "I don't know. You'll need to ask John McDonnell about that."

The Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) called it "incoherent".

IEA director general Mark Littlewood said: "Labour politicians talk about targeting the mega-rich, but... these plans do not stack up."

City ramps up efforts to shift attitudes on mental health at work

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MORE than 150 City firms are teaming up to try and change how mental health at work is dealt with.

Banks, insurers, asset managers, law firms, professional services firms and mental health charities are among the organisations coming

together to demonstrate to their employees that it is important to talk about mental health.

Thousands of staff in the City of London, and across the UK, are expected to wear green ribbons as part of a campaign led by the City's Lord Mayor. It also ties into Mental Health Awareness week.

The ribbons are to signify that

people have a "green light" to talk about mental health.

Buildings across London, including the Bank of England, One Canada Square and PwC's Embankment headquarters, will be lit up in green to show support.

It comes as the Conservatives have announced plans to replace the 1983 Mental Health Act as an early

priority after the General Election. It would be replaced with new laws tackling discrimination against those with mental health problems. New research of 2,000 adults from the Mental Health Foundation and employee benefits provider Unum, has found that only a third of UK workers who have experienced poor mental health felt supported at work.

The study found line managers "routinely overestimate" the support given. Some 45 per cent of managers said an employee experiencing a mental health issue would be supported but under a fifth of workers said they actually received such support.

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HOURS IN...

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WHERE TO STAY
The stunning St. Regis Doha frequently pops up in lists of the world's best hotels, and it's plain to see why. The luxury hotel boasts an exclusive private beach, signature spa and personal butler service. Visit stregisdoha.com



WHAT TO SEE
A trip to Doha isn't complete without a visit to the world renowned **Museum of Islamic Art**, which brings together more than 14 centuries of art and artefacts from every corner of the Islamic world. Visit mia.org.qa



WHAT TO DO
Climb behind the wheel of a 4x4 and head out on a **desert safari adventure**. Expert Qatar guides will take you camel riding and sand boarding, before rounding off the day with a moonlit Bedouin-style barbecue beneath the stars.



WHERE TO EAT
Enjoy Lebanese fine dining and incredible views across the Corniche waterfront promenade at **Al Mourjan**, where an authentic Middle Eastern seafood menu is served in style. Visit almourjan.com

For more info on Qatar go to visitqatar.qa

Whale oil be damned

Nantucket is famed for its whaling history, but Sarah Gilbert discovers this tiny island's modern speciality – a vibrant foodie scene

As I feasted on delicacies from Cru's raw bar – little neck clams, lobster cocktail with avocado and preserved lemon, a half dozen Fifth Blend oysters washed down with a Cucumber, a cocktail of bison grass vodka, cucumber and toasted sesame – I could see everything from sailboats to sleek super-yachts bobbing around in the postcard-perfect marina.

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While Cru wouldn't look out of place in Saint-Tropez, it's in a prime people-watching position in Nantucket, lying 30 miles off the coast of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, this diminutive jewel of an island – around 15 miles long and three miles wide – became a late 19th-century refuge for city-dwellers escaping the hustle and heat of New York and Boston.

Today it's one of America's most exclusive summer destinations. Banish thoughts of the celebrity-packed beaches of the Hamptons and a vibrant foodie scene – I'd arrived by the fast ferry from Hyannis on Cape Cod and my base was The White Elephant Village, part of Nantucket Island Resorts' small collection of luxurious hotels and inns, each with its own unique charm. Less hotel room, more beach-club apartment, my vast one-bedroom Residence came with all the comforts of an ultra-stylish home-from-home.

It was just a short stroll to town, where I joined a walking tour of the island's fascinating part from outside the Whaling Museum. Nantucket was home to the Wampanoag people, until 1659 when it was colonised by English settlers from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It soon became the wealthy whaling capital of the world; Nantucket whale oil lit the streets of London and the sinking of the whaling ship Essex inspired Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*.

In its whaling days, sailors said that you could smell Nantucket before you saw it. The island is a bastion of conservation, so they might still recognise the cedar wood shingled houses and cobbled streets, but



nantucket fact
The island was sold to investors in 1869 for the sum of £30 and two beaver hats.



today they're filled with boutiques, cocktail bars and five-star hotels. Franchises are banned – you won't find Starbucks or McDonald's here – and, apart from a Ralph Lauren outpost, Main Street's old-world storefronts are filled with one-off designs. The foodie scene has become increasingly sophisticated too, with top chefs raving about produce from the island's farms and the seemingly endless supply of fresh seafood.

That evening, I ate at Nautilus, a buzzy restaurant that serves creative cocktails and Asian fusion dishes with a Nantucket twist. Irresistible small plates kept appearing from the open kitchen – crispy marinated calamari, Hawaiian tuna poke, charred octopus – followed by Nantucket Bay scallop khao soi and blue crab fried rice.

Nantucket was the whaling capital of the world. Its whale oil lit the streets of London

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The following morning at The White Elephant's all-day dining restaurant, Brant Point Grill, I couldn't resist the New England Lobster Benedict, while I drank in the views over the water. Then I borrowed a bike in a bid to work off some of the gastronomic pleasures.

The island is pancake flat so it made for a leisurely ride. Almost half of it is protected, crisscrossed with around 30 miles of cycle lanes, which make two wheels the perfect way to go beach hopping. There are certainly plenty to choose from and locals have their favourites, from calm Jetties Beach close to the town, to the glorious sunsets of remote Madaket Beach on the west and Cisco, the surfers' spot, on the south.

I took a taxi for a tasting at a different Cisco, a brewery, winery and distillery all rolled into one. The ramshackle appearance of this popular local hangout is deceptive. What began as a cider press and boutique winery has morphed into a state-of-the-art distillery and its barnes-aged single malt has been named best non-Scotch single-malt in the world.

I ordered a tasting of its inspired collection of craft beers, from hop-heavy IPAs to seasonal fruity flavours, before settling for a pint of Whale's Tail, and whiled away the



mellow afternoon listening to live music.

I headed east to my next resort, The Wauwinet, an island fixture that's welcomed guests since the late 1800s. Over its long life, the erstwhile inn has turned into a sophisticated boutique bolthole, with 32 elegant rooms decked out in soft pastel shades, white shutters and marble bathrooms. A path from the hotel garden leads down to a beach that stretched into the far distance in both directions, separating the calm of Nantucket Bay from the wild Atlantic rollers.

I explored this corner of the island with Captain Rob in Woody, The Wauwinet's gleaming, perfectly preserved 1948 Chevy. Rob's family has lived on Nantucket for 300 years and as we barreled down the narrow lanes, passing woodland and the island's famous cranberry bogs that are a sea of fiery red in autumn, he told me that Nantucketers talk of 'leaving for America' when they go off the island.

He drove me to Siasconet, known locally as Sonnet. In the early 1900s, it attracted actors and writers from Broadway; now it's less about show business and more an under-the-radar hangout for billionaire businessmen and politicians, where former fisherman's cottages come with a

NEED TO KNOW

The White Elephant has doubles from \$225 and at The Wauwinet, a Relais & Chateaux Hotel, doubles start from \$195. Visit nantucketislandsorts.com or call 001 800 475 263.

Norwegian flies direct from Gatwick to Boston four times a week, with Economy fares from £135, and Premium fares from £395, one way. Visit norwegian.com or call 0330 828 0854.

Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Plymouth is the perfect stopover before catching the ferry to Nantucket, doubles from \$195. Visit mirbeau.com.



THE LONG WEEKEND

BRENNERS BADEN-BADEN, GERMANY

Zoe Strimpel enjoys unparalleled luxury at the spa to end all spas



BADEN BADEN TRIVIA
'Baden' means 'bath', so 'Baden Baden' technically means 'bath bath'.

feeling stuffy or stodgy. Balconies are enormous and face the Black Forest and the pastures and trees of the Lichtenallee. The rooms in the newly opened Villa Stephanie building were designed so that guests after a digital detox can flip a switch that cuts them off from wifi, a service so expensive and finicky to put in place that Brenners is one of the few hotels in the world to offer it.

THE SPA: This is a destination spa in a spa town. As well as offering detox weeks, weight-loss programmes, yoga in the Black Forest and pretty much any ingenious combination for boosting well-being you can imagine, the new Villa Stephanie spa is also a world-class space – if a bit too big to be cosy. The facilities are complimented by brilliant treatments: a massage with a brusque older German man who opted for awkward chat over feel-good music was the most deliciously efficient kneading of muscles I have ever had. I sprang from the treatment table.

FOOD AND DRINK! The bar has the clubby feel of a Scottish hideaway but with unexpectedly edgy drinks – think designer Dutch peanut butter and jelly vodka. Bar snacks are amousses bouches rather than pastries. The restaurant is a two-Michelin star affair and that's exactly how it tasted, from a glorious palate of melting foie gras to orbs of crimson venison to pear and quinoa crisp, served with top-drawer Austrian and French wine. It's worth noting that my vegetarian companion was as happy as me.

Rates in a Stephanie Classic Double Room start from €500 on a room-only basis. Breakfast is an additional €41 per person per day. Visit brenners.com/eng/villa-stephanie. Ryanair flies to Karlsruhe daily from EYY.