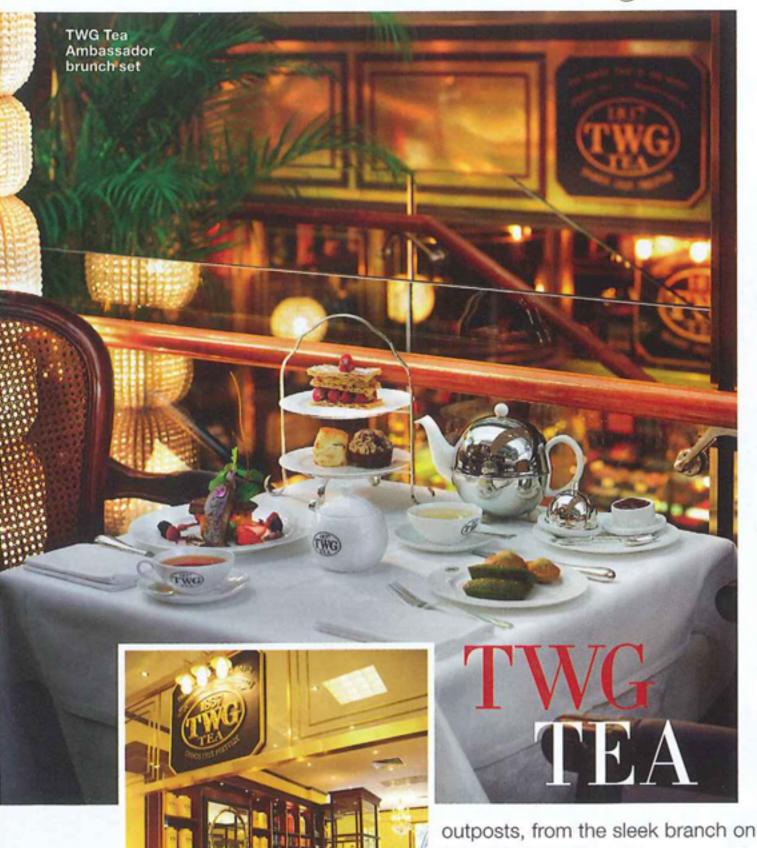


Haute Entertaining



What better way to spend a carefree afternoon than enjoying that oh-so-British high tea.

Here are some of our favourites

The drink that changed the world is enjoying a newfound renaissance, but gone are the days when the phrase "afternoon tea" conjured up images of stuffy waiters serving scones and marmalade in old-fashioned tea rooms to guests clad in their Sunday best. And this is in no small part thanks to TWG Tea, the Singapore-based gourmet tea brand that in a matter of years has revolutionised the tea world and turned this beverage into a modern luxury. With its rare blends, handpicked by the founder in plantations across Asia, its sophisticated packaging and, above all, its chic tea salons, TWG Tea has become a bona fide luxury brand. Its Singapore

outposts, from the sleek branch on the third floor of ION Orchard to the recently opened salon at Takashimaya, all evoke a sense of refinement without the Louis XIV accents and baroque touches typical of tea rooms around the world. Boasting over 800 blends and updating its offerings every season, not unlike the collections of the most sought-after fashion houses, TWG offers a 360-degree luxury experience. And the brand is celebrating its success with its first ever *Tea Book*, a fascinating compendium of the rich and elaborate blends available at its boutiques, with in-depth descriptions of the teas and lavish illustrations depicting the journey each leaf makes before reaching the sophisticated salons of TWG. It's a small gift to treasure while enjoying a warm cup of our favourite white tea, the prized Yin Zhen, a powerful concoction whose strong aftertaste will linger long after your first sip. *Visit www.TWGTea.com*

The REGENT

It should come as no surprise that, with a restaurant dedicated to serving just high tea, The Regent Singapore provides an indulgent afternoon of British decadence. Take a "sip" back in time—relax in the elegant décor of the Tea Lounge in luxurious sofas or at beautiful tables as waiters serve one delectable treat

after another. The wide-ranging Weekday

Afternoon Tea menu offers a scrumptious assortment of finger sandwiches, home-baked scones, savoury delights, pastries and cakes, all with a free flow of freshly brewed fine English teas and coffee. And to escape the weekend urban hustle and bustle, why not indulge in The Regent's weekend High Tea buffet, a delicious spread of British, Japanese and local favourites—just what Saturdays and Sundays were made for. Visit www.fourseasons.com

Takashimaya

