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TRAVELING STAR

They're statement bags with a story. Designer Alli Abdelal, who grew up in England's Lake District, was inspired to create a men's tweed bag from the region's Herwick sheep, whose wool is so tough they're a commercial disaster; Abdelal laughs. She spent months calling on mills ("They all laughed at me") until she found a Yorkshire mill that could work with it. Add a small leather manufacturer in Rome, and the **Ruskin** (ruskin.london) line of bags was born. She and her family moved to San Diego in 2015, and her online business found a home at Sigi's in La Jolla. Combining buttery calf and nappa leathers with that singular tweed, Ruskin bags range from the prim Aster

City bag to the rustic-refined tweed Quentin tote. This year, Ruskin is introducing a structured bag, a crossbody saddle and a little essentials pouch. —AB

The Aster City bag (\$740) comes in several colors and all-leather versions.



In 2017 alone, author Brent Gleeson gave 97 motivational speeches in five countries.

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Burning Desire

From acrylic trays bearing his iconic aerial photography to coffee-table books full of wanderlust eye candy, photographer **Gray Malin** (graymalin.com) has begun to make a name for himself in the home

accessories space—apart from his breathtaking wall art, of course.

The latest entry in his homeware line comes in the form of three, 8-ounce candles showcasing dazzling depictions of Malin's signature beach and mountain scenes. "Just like artwork, candles ignite a feeling and spark an ambience when you enter a room," he says of the 48-hour burners, which feature notes of wintergreen, sandalwood and sea salt. "I spent two years developing our luxury candles to amplify the look of my photography on the glass vessel paired with the perfect scent. Together, the sight and smell evoke a daily escape." —AM



Snow candle, \$49, by Gray Malin at Neiman Marcus, Fashion Valley

ONE TO WATCH

PAGE-TURNER

With an inspiring new book on the horizon, Brent Gleeson hits all the right notes.

BY ALLISON MITCHELL

Calling Rancho Santa Fe resident **Brent Gleeson** "Superman" would be fitting for the husband and father of three. A Navy SEAL combat veteran—think missions with the CIA in Iraq and Africa—Gleeson has parlayed that discipline into a thriving role as a motivational speaker and consultant. "I have spoken hundreds of times all over the world," says Gleeson, who inspires others via his TakingPoint Leadership series and weekly columns on the websites for Forbes and Inc. Now, he's channeling his experience into *TakingPoint: A Navy SEAL's 10 Fail-Safe Principles for Leading Through Change*, (\$27, Simon & Schuster) available Feb. 20. "Never has change been more consistent and disruptive as it is now," notes Gleeson, who will chair the SEAL Family Foundation's annual gala April 14 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt with wife Nicole. "Business leaders at all levels can't just react; they have to lead." Up next: a business transformation TV show based on the principles in his book. brentgleeson.com

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