

Tempting The Sun Starved

Tour operators are probably the only people pleased with what has turned out to be the worst Irish summer in living memory and Falcon Holidays are taking advantage of the inclement climate to launch their 2008 brochure. While it's easy to associate package holidays with the sex and sangria brigade, Falcon are making a big push for the family market with its holiday village concept.

Taking its cue from the Club Med formula, Falcon's holiday villages are self-contained resorts with their own restaurants, live entertainment, lagoon-style pools, along with a big dose of sports and leisure activities to keep both kids and restless adults amused. Along with the usual destinations of the Canaries and Balearics, Falcon has added Egypt's Red Sea Riviera and Paphos in Cyprus to the line-up in 2008. Falcon is offering free kids places for early bookings. Details www.falconholidays.ie.



Optimistically attired Danella Moyles deserves a free holiday for braving the elements

Male Primping

Roc is hoping that men will add some extra steps to their shaving rituals. The French skincare brand's Mencode range includes not only a shaving foam but also a pre-shave exfoliating scrub, a post-shave moisturiser, an anti-wrinkle moisturiser, and a serum to reduce puffiness and dark circles under the eyes from all those early mornings in front of the mirror. The post-shave moisturiser features what the company calls "multi-action, non-greasy, anti-dryness formulas," presumably to compete with all the pro-dryness moisturisers on the market.



Czech A Winner As Gaeilge

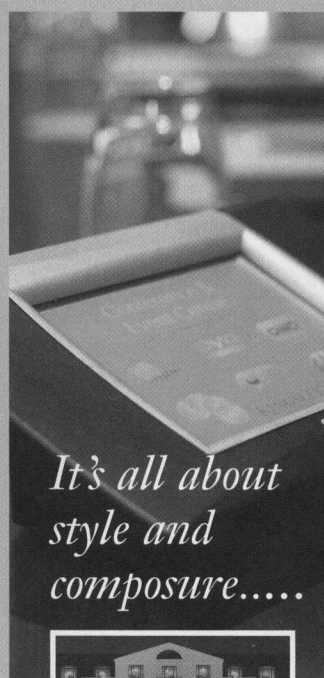
The growth of multiculturalism in Ireland took a new twist this summer when the Czech-born computer graduate Michal Boleslav made it into the Top 50 Business As Gaeilge awards. The awards recognise businesses for their contributions to the Irish language. Boleslav made the list for his part in the construction of www.beo.ie, the monthly Irish language

internet magazine. Iarnród Eireann won a special award for its fully bilingual service to passengers.

Fiontraíthe le Gaeilge (Entrepreneurs with Irish), comprising a group of Irish speaking entrepreneurs who have come together to improve their senior business skills, won the 'Inspiring Entrepreneurship' award. The event sponsors included PwC and Foras na Gaeilge.



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