



HELMUT NEWTON A GUN FOR HIRE

BERLIN-BORN HELMUT NEWTON shot the ABSOLUTELY campaign for ABSOLUT in 2001. Magnificent black-and-white landscapes from around Åhus, in the southern parts of Sweden where the ABSOLUT plant is located. But he first made a name for himself as one of the world's greatest fashion photographers. On 24 January, 2004, the then 83-year-old Helmut Newton backed out of Chateau Marmont Hotel on Sunset Boulevard and crashed into a mountainside. The mystery surrounding his untimely death lingers on. This summer, Taschen publishers are launching

yet another volume of Helmut Newton photography (the previous one was Sumo, weighing in at 30 kilo). The title of the new book is a quote from an interview in Newsweek, where Helmut said that he definitely did not consider his photos to be art, and that he was simply "a gun for hire". The book includes gems from his entire photographic career, from his first assignment in 1962, to his last fashion shoot for Italian Vogue in 2003. Women with impossibly long legs, high heels and mods hairdos.

Classy. ■