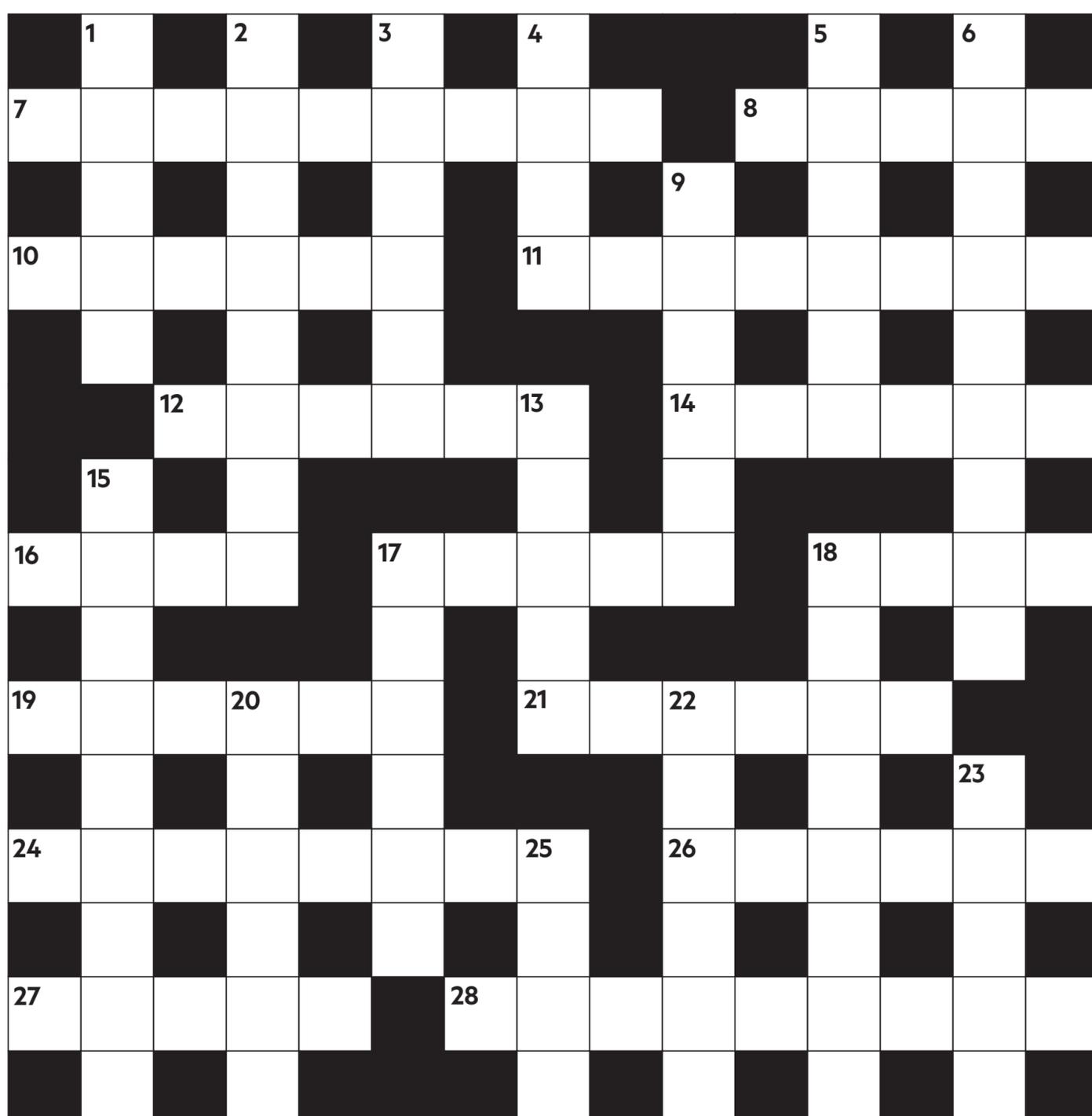


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 782

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7 New York City island (9)
- 8 Take it easy (5)
- 10 Occur (6)
- 11 Natural illumination (8)
- 12 Astute (6)
- 14 Choice (6)
- 16 Miss out (4)
- 17 Sufficient (5)
- 18 Drop, go down (4)
- 19 Skilful (6)
- 21 Large-billed tropical bird (6)
- 24 Worshipped (8)
- 26 Accompany (6)
- 27 Sightless (5)
- 28 Cautious, hesitant (9)

DOWN

- 1 German agreement to criticise Asian country (5)
- 2 Quick cut that's repeated (4, 4)
- 3 Position can't be altered in empty space (6)
- 4 Ratify permit (4)
- 5 Counter is in recess (6)
- 6 Hire purchase stops actions changing source of money (9)
- 9 Once shifted about again! (6)
- 13 Head of operations in department store (5)
- 15 Run desk badly and go off (9)
- 17 Constable, perhaps, starts to arrest rogue traders — it's complicated (6)
- 18 Caught computers etc in frightening shortage (8)
- 20 Begin organising online journal taking new shape (6)
- 22 Familiar with duets composed by orchestra's leader (4, 2)
- 23 Show's over, unfortunately, after first part of play (5)
- 25 Fight expected over last of oil (4)

Solution 781

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