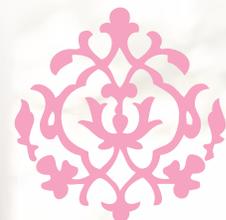


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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



**T**he concept of beauty, by and large, is a matter of perspective because it traces its origin to the vision of the beholder. That is what makes it individualistic as opposed to an all-encompassing universality. However, there are exceptions and Spring is definitely one of them. There cannot be any doubt that this season is Mother Nature's great unifier and envelops everything in its undeniable charm. That is the primary reason why creating the Spring/Summer edition of this magazine was such a constant source of joy. This season lends itself wonderfully to the creative expression.

There is also another aspect to Spring – it is an opportunity in continuum. It is the time of creation, of new beginnings and the promises of tomorrow. In that context, there exists a perfect parallel between this

amazing season and The Chanakya. The newest addition to DLF's Luxury Retail oeuvre, The Chanakya is well on its way to becoming one of the most talked about luxe addresses in the country. Encompassing the best of fashion, food and beverage offerings and a movie theatre built around cutting-edge technology, The Chanakya was conceptualised as a benchmark in luxury shopping. It is living up to its promise admirably.

This issue of Emporio is a fine distillation of what DLF Emporio and The Chanakya have to offer. It is the essential guide to the Spring and Summer of 2018 for the bon vivant and encapsulates all the moods of the season into one engrossing compendium. Mark Twain once stated that he counted "136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours in Spring."

This edition is similar. Every feature has been crafted from a delighted sense of sharing the bountiful joy that Spring brings us. Therefore, the pages that follow will present the reader several shades of the happy vibe. From the finest couturiers that talk about the essential style tips of the season to finely crafted jewellery; from gorgeous mountain tops across the world to gourmet spreads worthy of an epicure, this magazine by DLF Emporio and The Chanakya is a wholehearted celebration of one of the best times of the year.

Dinaz Madhukar



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# THE JOYOUS PALETTE

*It is undoubtedly one of the happiest times of the year and with spring making its presence felt in everything around us, it is time to celebrate the season with the cheerful vibe that it demands*

*By Sharmi Adhikary*

Falguni Shane-Peacock

**F**ashion is a wondrous phenomenon. And a cyclic one at that. It revolves and rotates with as much zeal and regularity as the Earth to keep the connoisseur and the fashion fraternity ticking. No matter how much you escape the tide of the trends and evade fashion from owning you, here we can safely admit that there is nothing more spectacular than turning up the sartorial knobs in sync with the style calendar. Because, remember. It's always better to be right about the trends and wrong about the implementation than the other way around. However, to make things smooth, we alert you about the top picks from the 2018 runway that will segue fluidly into pool parties, celebrations and soirees.

To say sequins and sparkles will be a big deal in the first half of the year is an understatement. On the international runway we witnessed glitter prevailing in the spring summer collections of Tom Ford and Marc Jacobs right through to Gucci and Dior. Back home, the top designers have also decided to hop on to the glimmer bandwagon. Pastels such as lilac, lemon and duck egg blue will collaborate with bright red and vermillion. Consider it the season for subtle emphasis. Checks will be in, and with a predominant swagger. Balenciaga has brought out voluminous coats, Victoria Beckham went traditional and Burberry made sure that no one turns up without their caps.

Our homegrown experts chart this season's top trends and reveal what's in their design closet. Tune in.

#### SONGS OF SUMMER

Summer is all about easy breezy silhouettes, opines Anita Dongre. Nothing should bog you down regardless of the occasion and the severity of the summer heat. The same applies for colours as well. Her Spring Summer 2018 collection 'Songs of Summer', as well as Anita Dongre Grassroot, her pret line, encompasses ensembles that tell the story of nature in muted tones of blush, sage, powder



Anita Dongre Grassroot

blue, yellow and pristine white—reminiscent of a beautiful summer garden. Anita Dongre Grassroot is also the embodiment of Dongre's core passion - to design clothes that are beautiful, sustainable and hold a purpose.

Says the couturier, "Even though we map trends, I believe every designer should stand out for showcasing a distinct aesthetic. I am inspired by all things Indian, especially by Rajasthan. Also, my heart lies with the women artisans in villages who are the custodians of ancient crafts. Anita Dongre Grassroot is all about my goal to create design that sustains the crafts, does good for them and the planet. I have used light pastels and embellished with embroidery and prints that are fresh and easy on the eye."

"Juxtaposing western trends and Indian outfits is catching on and this is especially fascinating as it brings together the best of both worlds. My

SS'18 collection, 'Songs of Summer' and Anita Dongre Grassroot are a celebration of that. The motifs are floral and botanicals with birds." Think pretty dresses, pleated midi skirts, jumpsuits, wrap tops, long line jackets, tunics and crop tops.

#### ABOUT IVORY AND GREY

Known for their luxury pret and opulent bridal couture, Ashima Leena is all set to present some beautiful hues this season in the upcoming fashion weeks. Says Leena Singh, "Indian fashion has always used shimmer and sparkle generously because we love the shine. Be it Swarovski or sequins, the country's indigenous craftsmanship deftly balances colours with glitter. But,

*"Indian fashion has always used shimmer and sparkle generously because we love the shine. Be it Swarovski or sequins, the country's indigenous craftsmanship deftly balances colours with glitter"*

*-Leena Singh*

the way we use sequins is understated—it's subtle yet strong. Even for this season we will toy with gold and silver sequins but mute them out. The look will be rich, yet antique, gloriously coming together with classical French knots and thread embroidery."

For its Fall-Winter 2017 showing last year, the label presented a collection that played with royal blues, teal and cyan. "We like making trends instead of following them. This season the predominant hues will be red, purple, lemon-mustard, ivory and grey. The pastels will offset the reds and brighter tones." The ace designer in her latest has conjured an opulent twist by interweaving motifs that adorn the architectural realms of Khiva.



Tarun Tahiliani



*"We are using the Japanese version of Vermillion named Aka, and putting it in looks that range from luxurious draped swimwear to pareos and elaborately tailored saris, neoprene lehengas"*

*Shivan & Narresh*



Shivan & Narresh

Checks and stripes add an edge to the contemporary woman. At work, she always wants a sharp, crisp garment that enhances her personality, says Singh. Also, the Indian woman is a discerning one today who is well aware of the beauty of the sheer. She continues to be traditional with an evolved, modish outlook, wanting to look sexy and fabulous. Sheers do that wonderfully. Ashima Leena are incorporating sheer with drapes using organza and French net highlighted with applique work, says the designer.

#### **BESPOKE SKEIN**

Known for their unique skeinwork Shivan & Narresh will continue to play with their signature style that encompasses the usage of modern sequins. This season, the duo will bolster the three-dimensional sequin work to make it more intricate.

Vermillion has been one of their most loved colours for the season. "We are using the Japanese version of the same, named Aka, and putting it in looks that range from luxurious draped swimwear to pareos and elaborately tailored saris, neoprene lehengas. In all the outfits though, the handcrafted skeinwork is a predominant feature." While the colour has already ruled runways in various interpretations, it won't be long before celebrities endorse the same, they aver. "Red on red carpet is a tricky move but if carried with attitude, the hue can be show-stopping!"

If not checks, sheers, explain the designers, are highly adaptable to the Indian context, because of the sultry climate. "In the summer holiday season, the fashionista will pair sheer skirts over high waisted bikinis bottoms and sheer capes over swimwear. Our creations interpret the same with flowy capes, playsuits and silk pareos, to add a unique dimension to holiday dressing," they round off.

This season's trends are an array of contrasting inspirations. Now that you have the key looks to have on your radar, it is time that you get shopping.

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# CUTTING EDGE OF LUXURY

*The Chanakya, the newest addition to DLF's luxury retail collection, is rapidly emerging as one of the most sought after destinations for the modern consumer who seeks a brand new experience*

*By Sam Lal*

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**A**t some point during the course of its extensive evolution, shopping converted itself from an everyday, routine chore into a highly detailed, enjoyable experience that works at a multi-sensory level. This is particularly true in the context of luxury which, although never mundane on the worst of days, has truly reinvented itself as an immersive activity designed to delight the senses.

There is an undocumented but very tangible sense of consistency in terms of luxury outlets across the world which mandates that a consumer should be able to look, feel, smell and in some cases, even taste a brand. There is a very direct link between this comprehensive display and positive, long-term relationships with a brand



or an outlet and it goes a long way in ensuring customer loyalty.

That is one of the reasons why stepping inside The Chanakya is such a delight. It is an oasis of luxury that has been built around a contemporary ethos where every aspect has been handpicked to create an ambience that builds a bridge between the elegance of old world luxury and the edginess of its modern interpretation.

Probably one of the most amazing factors about The Chanakya is that one is aware of a heightened sense of anticipation even before one swings into the gates and onto the front porch because as a location, The Chanakya is nothing short of spectacular. Wide tree-lined avenues, resplendent with laburnums at this time of the year and a palpable sense of history imbue the place with a charm that cannot really

*Spread over an extravagant 1,89,000 square feet and split over four levels, this is a place where the biggest brands in the world are showcased in an environment that spells splendour with a capital S*

be described in words. It has to be experienced to be understood.

Once past the floor-to-ceiling doors and one truly begins to understand the irresistible mix of technology, aesthetics and architecture that have gone in to make The Chanakya one of the most coveted points of luxury consumerism in the country. Spread over an extravagant 1,89,000 square feet and split on four levels, this is a place where the biggest brands in the world are showcased in an environment that spells out splendour with a capital S.

"The Chanakya is another jewel in our crown, offering the best of fashion, gourmet and entertainment," says Dinaz Madhukar, Executive Vice President, DLF Luxury Retail and Hospitality, reinforcing the belief that The Chanakya has been built around a contemporary mindset. "Our objective is to take this term beyond its largely singular, product-based definition to encompass experiences. From world-class food and beverage offerings to a state-of-the-art cinema, The Chanakya is as much for the pleasure-seeker as it is for a shopper."



Café C



*Every part of The Chanakya is a fully realised concept unto its own. Not only does it feature the finest in every category, it does so with a certain flair and panache*

sum of varied superlative experiences," says Neha Lidder, Head – Marketing and AVP, DLF Luxury Retail and Hospitality. "Everything here has been chosen for its intrinsic ability to go beyond the expected and create a new standard."

Every level of The Chanakya bears testimony to this statement because not only does it feature the finest there is in every category, it does so with a certain flair and panache and one gets the idea of the quantum of effort that has gone into making this place the defining moment in luxury.

"The Chanakya is the latest testament to DLF Luxury Retail's expansion and growth," says Sriram Khattar, Managing Director, DLF Rental Business. "A coveted destination for world-class brands to come together under one roof, The Chanakya will redefine luxury shopping in the heart of New Delhi."

Every part of The Chanakya is a fully realised concept unto its own. Café C buzzes with warm conviviality. There is an intriguing electronic installation right before the bank of elevators which picks up the shades of your clothes and changes its display dramatically.

We go past a grand staircase to the lower ground floor and into one of the most spectacular gourmet displays one has seen so far. The epicure will find everything here to enthuse about and this area takes the art of presentation to

another level. On one hand is Foodhall, a one of its kind in the country, offering the best of everything from daily essentials to exotic flavours, secret ingredients and delightful treats. MKT, on the other hand, is a food haven designed to gratify any gastronome. MKT features 17 cuisines highlighted by a series of open kitchens. A range of delectable dishes, wine on tap and a vibrant setting set the atmosphere for an unmatched experience.

"It has been a very conscious effort on our part to make The Chanakya a

# THE SUMMER SIZZLE

*This is the time of the year when the style quotient works irresistibly well so dont hold back in the fashion stakes and go for maximum impact*

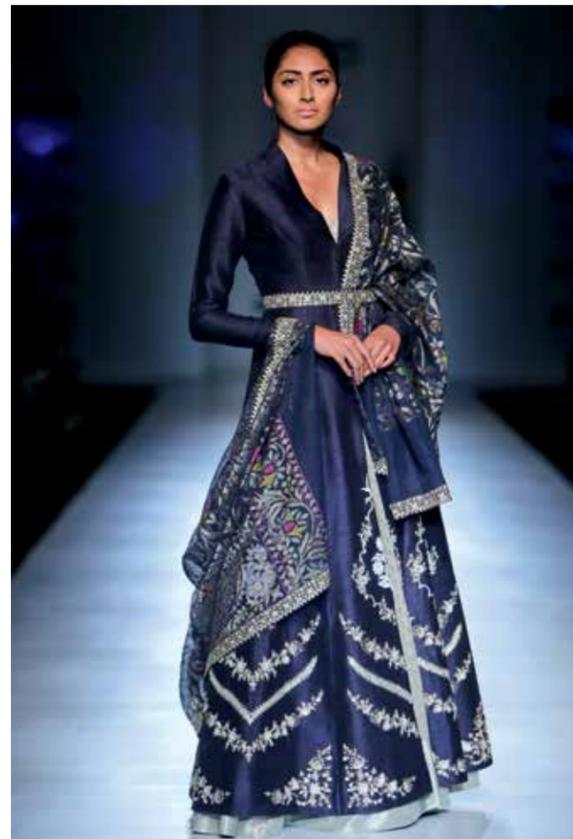


## ANITA DONGRE GRASSROOT

Anita Dongre Grassroot is a sustainable luxury brand born to revive, sustain and empower India's crafts and artisans. It emanates from the idea of being able to translate village art into design for the globetrotting woman, and showcase the handcrafted traditions of India in contemporary tales. The white floral ankle length sleeveless maxi dress accessorised with high heels and hair tied in a knot is a classic summer attire and a sure shot winner.

## ANJU MODI

Synonymous with beauty, strength and elegance, Anju Modi is an ode to womanhood having showcased *lehengas* with intricately embroidered minarets. This belted indigo blue creation can be worn cinched at the waist or with the floral embellished *dupatta* blazing a beautiful trail at the back. The designer brings her vintage charm to her designs with an architecture-inspired collection, 'Neelambar'. Make your pick for the season ahead and be a head turner.



## ASHIMA LEENA

Breezy romanticism comes alive with the details inspired by cascading florals along with a combination of eastern and western influenced silhouettes which set the undertone for the outfits in the 'Romance of the Florals' collection. Presented in hues of apple green, slate and lavender motifs of exotic birds and lotus buds imbue the required femininity that is identifiable for that elusive, elegant mix categorised as Ashima Leena's characteristic. Shades of spring are presented through use of sheer drapes and lots of georgettes and chiffons.

## FALGUNI SHANE PEACOCK

Eggshell white gown adorned with crystal and pearl embroidery. The Falguni Shane Peacock brand carries the signature use of feathers, sequins and prints. Integral to the Peacock culture is the juxtaposition between contrasting elements: fragility and strength, tradition and modernity, fluidity and severity. The secret of their success is the unique and unusual styling and attention to detail they give to each design to create their brand of luxury.





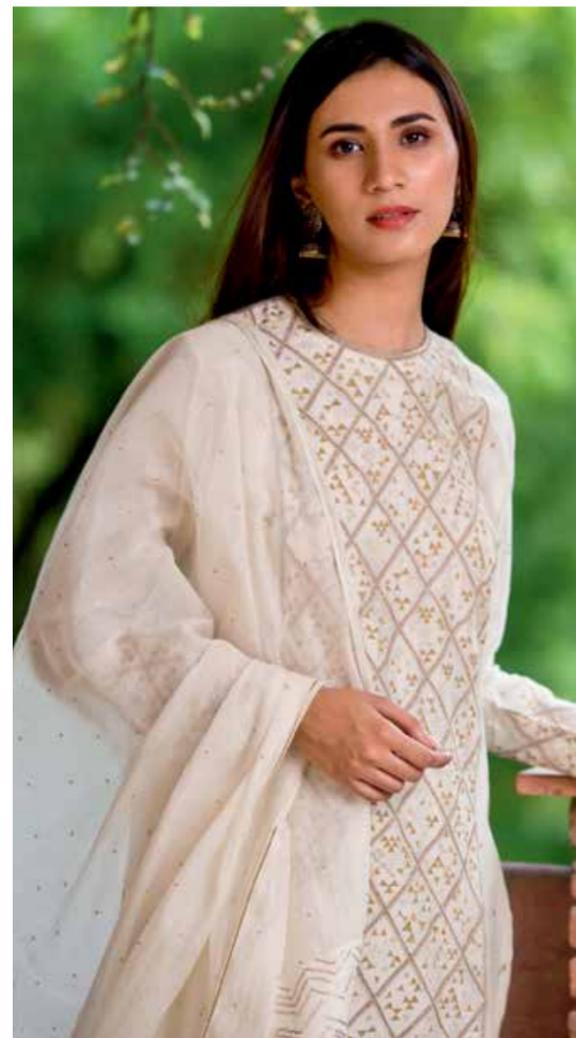
## MISSONI

This Missoni Mare crochet caftan full length cover up features a deep V-neck, 3/4 sleeves, and a ruffled, maxi length silhouette. Ideal for covering up on sun-rich vacations, with a lightweight fabric that will keep you cool, this creation has a slim and relaxed fit. The multicoloured finish at the end of the sleeves and on the neck, add a vibrant edge to the overall look of the attire.



## NAMRATA JOSHIPURA

This fresh summer outfit designed by Namrata Joshipura, has all the oomph that you need to flaunt your style quotient. The designer gives the top a feminine feel with white daisies embroidered along with a high-low design. The ice blue colour is the perfect choice for a sunny day. Pair it with a bottom that accentuates your figure along with your favourite footwear, to make heads turn as you make your entrance.



## NEERU KUMAR

Simplicity can be fashionable too is what Neeru Kumar's designs portray aptly. This off white *chanderi* straight kurta is embellished with fine abstract embroidery on the center panel in front and on the sleeve borders. Embroidered motifs are scattered on the side panels of the linen kurta. Paired with cotton pants, this set of two is easy to handle and a neat combination for the season.



## PANKAJ & NIDHI

Wear long flowing dresses in bold colours and brilliant prints by Pankaj & Nidhi that will leave you looking royalty every day of the week. This one here is a beautiful strappy evening dress embellished with the brand's signature hand cut applique and sequins embroidery. The dress is a testament of the designer duo's aim of creating clothes for women who love freedom and authenticity and are always on a quest for originality.





 PASHMA

Pashma is a vision to showcase the best of contemporary Indian design and craftsmanship to the world. From the opulence of the Maharajas to the iconoclasm of contemporary street art from the bylanes of Bandra, Pashma celebrates the beautiful contradictions that encapsulate India. This ready to wear white sleeveless midi dress is an ideal attire for a day outing and for work. The no make up and no jewellery look provides an ethereal appeal.

 PATINE

Patine, the heritage revivalist label is all about merging artisanal crafts with contemporary silhouettes. Be it ready to wear, festive or bridal couture collections, its designs always have a feel of bohemian luxury. The Patine collection has a distinct look for the style-conscious, discerning woman. The collection is designed for the woman who demands and appreciates finely detailed garments that are both unique and luxurious. The short white sleeveless dress accessorised with a floral sheer cape marries comfort with casual style. Paired with high heeled shoes and jewellery sets you for a fun day out.



 RITU KUMAR

The blue silk creation by Ritu Kumar is a three-piece ensemble. The *chanderi kurta* is hand embroidered with a slit in the middle. The attire also consists of a wide legged palazzo and a net *chunni* making it an elegant choice for summer functions. A combination of machine and hand embroidery on the suit makes it suitable for a festive look. This designer suit is best worn with minimal jewellery and a statement clutch for semi-formal occasions.

 SUREKHA JAIN

Romantic tulle, wispy georgette and delicate vintage embroidery come together to make this *lehanga* absolutely dreamy! The floral pattern is hand embroidered with silk yarn, tiny sequins and shiny bugle beads. The scalloped hemline of the *dupatta* is the highlight giving it a Victorian charm. Inspirational embroidery, evolved silhouettes and a very western colour palette come together to create an understated yet elegant feminine grace and charm.



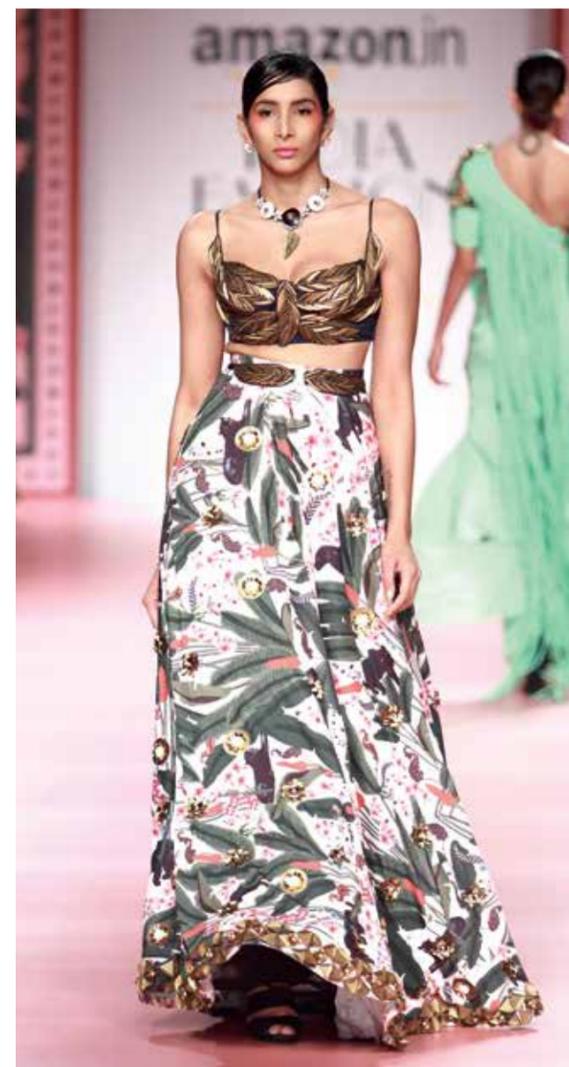


**TARUN TAHILIANI**

Celebrated designer Tarun Tahiliani takes inspiration from Mughal armory-inspired art and the nomadic beauty of Indian tribes in this collection. The bohemian assortment of attires predominantly combines sensuous occasion wear with a dramatic flair. Though Indian in its sensibility, this collection with its rich detailing, sensuous draping, and versatility offers an international appeal to modern women all over the globe.

**MICHAEL KORS**

Michael Kors' Spring 2018 collection is exquisite as 'sportswear' is kept feminine and chic through a reinterpretation of the marine and floral style. Featured here is a striped bodycon tank dress worn with a stretch-cotton moto jacket. A winner in style, comfort and in an 'easy-breezy' look, this ensemble is completed with a Venice satchel, shelly slides and aviator sunglasses. An absolute summer outfit.



**SHIVAN & NARRESH**

The magnificent Araki Series by Shivan & Narresh is a collection that transforms from day to evening with exquisite holiday prints and silhouettes, meticulously adorned with elaborate skein patterns. Replete with gentle, yet energetic colours, the palette for the collection comes to life as a result of the coalescence of the tones of Araki's photographs and the hues that have come to be synonymous with Japan, merging to create the ultimate statement.

**SHANTANU & NIKHIL**

Bringing a carefully curated selection of heavy bridal lehengas and anarkali gowns in breezy summer colours, sheer fabrics and contemporary silhouettes, Shantanu and Nikhil's collection is designed keeping in mind the modern Indian bride and her bridesmaids. S&N's signature voluminous gowns with stylish layering, romantic drapes and minimalistic textures with reinterpreted versions of the sari and sari gowns feature heavily in this collection.





👇 **ANITA DONGRE**

Anita Dongre's 'Songs of Summer' collection is inspired by the summer bloom. Capturing its true essence, the collection combines muted tones of blush, sage, powder blue, yellow and pristine white with stunning floral, botanical and bird motifs. Recreating the magic of the 50s, the collection features classic *lehengas* and draped *saris* in light-weight handwoven silk, *chanderi*, *mul* and cotton in Benares. It is truly romance weaved in couture.



**ROBERTO CAVALLI**

In his first collection for Roberto Cavalli, Paul Surridge takes his inspiration from the life of the modern woman who is magnetic, strong, powerful and constantly in motion. The focus is on daywear, building an entire wardrobe that is dynamic, athletic and real. Not to forget there are evening dresses galore with scooped-out backs or necklines. A new, contemporary breed of luxury is what describes the brand's latest collection the best.

# TODDLER TREND

*Let your young ones dress up for the Spring Summer season in vibrant colours, dynamic designs and cosy clothing*



## ARMANI JUNIOR

Let your toddler roam around easily with this dress by Armani Junior. The brand combines timeless colours with sleek tailoring, creating luxurious easy-going looks for the young ones. This blue cotton blend dress features a crew neck and short fluttered sleeves. Defined by a clean-lined silhouette, a thin bold black stripe at the bottom of the dress breaks the monotony of the blue colour.



## LES PETITS

Fendi's kids collection lets even the youngest members of the family enjoy the exuberant spirit and exceptional quality of the brand. This footie, available at Les Petits with monster print and ribbed collars is both comfortable and high on the style meter. Crafted in cotton to provide utmost ease to your infant, the decorative buttons and the front and the back snap button closure make it an all time winner.

## SPRING'S ALLURING SENSIBILITY

*It is the season where everything around us is exceptionally beautiful. All the more reason why our beauty mantra should be nothing short of extraordinary*

*By Taraana and Anjali Vaswani*

It is that time of the year when fashion fever hits a mercurial high and whether you are relaxing at a quaint café or jetting off to dance away the days on the sunny shores of the beaches, what sets the style barometer soaring this season is the complete stylised look. To make a style-soaked splash this summer, it's simply *de rigueur* to express your individuality with your own signature style statement, complete with hair, make-up and accessories that create the perfect package for any occasion. We speak to some of India's top style and beauty experts, who tell you how to put together the trendiest looks that will rule the fashion airwaves this summer.



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**THE DRAMATIC DIVA LOOK**

This is the look for you if you are the woman who loves to make an entrance, who always makes a statement even when she isn't trying. One of the key beauty looks, that will be hot this summer is all about drama, strong and impactful with elements of deep lips, kohl rimmed eyes and low neck hairstyles created by blow drying the hair. Opines Sanjay Dutta, director of The Chanakya's swanky new Noir Salon, "I think just about anyone can carry off the dramatic look based, of course, on the correctness of the occasion you are wearing it for".

The overall look is about minimal

makeup with the focus on the mouth with deep coloured lips being the key element. The cheekbones in this look should be well highlighted. The eyes should have a sensuous smokey look with smudgy dark kohl that accentuates the eyes and makes them look irresistibly appealing. For the lips, choose a deep red and you can also experiment with shades of wine, maroon and burgundy.

For hair that goes with this look, Dutta suggests, "Low neck hairstyles are best with the classical blow dry for a perfect finish. For the coming spring summer, I predict that the most popular looks in hair will be solid



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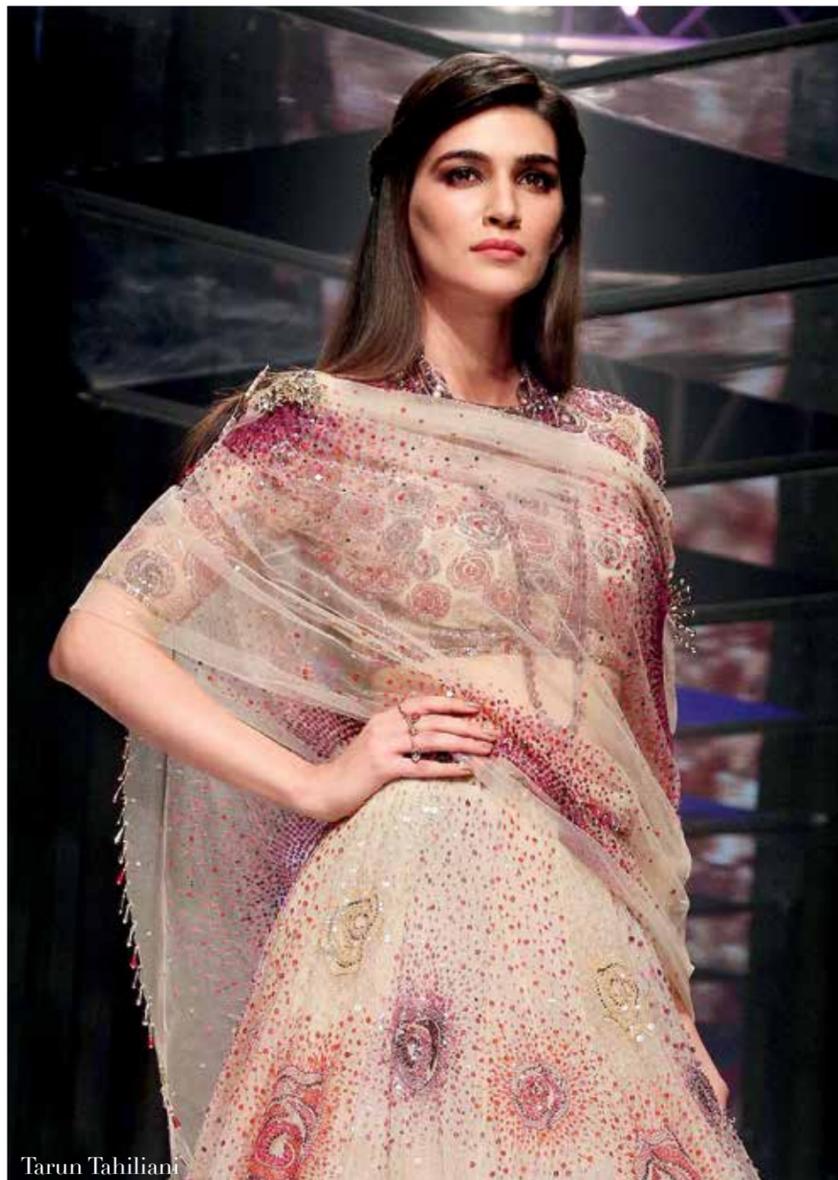
fringes and asymmetrical bangs with shoulder length hair. By and large, long hair is not for this season; Short or medium lengths in hair is what works best for everyone."

**THE RETRO ROCK LOOK**

This look is a throwback to the edgy 80s. A balance between retro and modern, perfect for summer cocktail soirees. "The overall ethos for this look is all about showing more skin and less cakey make up", says Manju Kataria, beauty expert and co-founder of an international cosmetics brand. You could use a product like Diorskin Spectacular Brightening Weightless Foundation that allows you to reveal your true, natural beauty. A foundation that allows your skin to appear flawlessly perfected throughout the day is what you need. It's your first step to perfect make up, combining coverage and moisturisation all in one.

In this look, contouring for cheeks is subdued. Reach out for your blush and apply to the apples of your cheeks in a manner that's sculpts the face, suggests Kataria. Blue eye makeup is the must-have element for this look! All you need to do is just sweep a stunning shade of blue eyeshadow across the entire lid for a bold and bright look. Kataria recommends, "When using vibrant shades on your entire lids, remember to keep the rest of your look understated or you will end up going seriously over the top. You could try the Giorgio Armani Eye Tint Eyeshadow which will not only smooth and perfect the eyelids, but also brighten up delicate eyelids with a veil of pure colour."

For summer lip tones, go for lipsticks in shades of raspberry,



Tarun Tahliani

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is all you need to do,” advises Cory Wallia, one of India’s most favoured make-up artists.

To add to the overall effect eyes need to have a gorgeous sweep of pastel blue, lilac or rose in soft metal or matte, depending on your mood, your outfit or the event you are headed for. The liner is minimal and diffused. This season mascara is the king! But there has to be a definition of individual lashes without clumping and clotting. One must be very careful to use a clean lash separator after applying mascara to create a natural look.

Lips are once more a focal point for achieving maximum glamour this summer. Cory advises, “You must line and fill the lips with soft pastel pinks, faded florals or beautiful nudes with a hint of warmth and floral hues like lavender, old rose, peach and cerise”. This season, soft metallic finishes and super sheer, lightweight gloss is also back in a very big way. The overall effect is youthful, easygoing and uber cool with no strong or pronounced statements.

Hair is similar in its story. Its all about glossy, clean hair that is well cared for and healthy. “You should go for minimal product use, easy blow-dries, hair-spa for softness and light straightening, that give your hair a flowing, breezy look,” opines Cory.

#### THE BEACHY BABE LOOK

“Colourful playful pouty lips and jewel toned rimmed water-based liners are the focal points of this look”, says legendary make-up artist Bharat Godambe. Any girl/woman can pull off any makeup look with ease as long as she wears confidence like she wears her smile. The overall face features

cranberry, coral and cherry. These colours will give you plump, shiny and moist lips. In the retro look, hair accessories are a key element of the whole package. It’s the simplest way to upgrade your look, and to take your hair from day to night.

#### THE PRETTY PASTEL LOOK

Another hot trend this summer is a move away from the intense matte red coloured lip and ultra-defined eye. The overall look is soft, easy, relaxed and about individual freedom and just

right for those ladylike Brit-style high tea-and-scone parties. This includes all aspects of make-up as well as hairstyling. The keyword is to appear effortlessly elegant

For this look, cheeks are brushed with just a hint of blush. Soft pink, coral and sun-kissed tawny are the shades to go with and even contouring is very minimal. “To create this look, you need a shade of compact which is one tone deeper than your normal skin tone. Gently blending it under the cheekbone



Gaurav Gupta

clean looking skin, well moisturised, prepped and primed for the next application. Cream blush in tones of peaches and apricot for a fresh flush of colour topped with cream highlighter for extra dimension and glow looks beautiful.

The look for eyes in this trend is all about softly contoured socket with glistening lids. The emphasis in terms of lips is on shades of bright red, pink or peach. When it comes to hair, loose romantic curls or beachy waves are perfectly suited for this look.

#### THE GLAM GODDESS LOOK

The beauty look for the season is going to be glitzy glamour with shimmering make up, bright nail art and designs. “We are looking at fresh glowing skin, eye liner flicks and graphic shapes for eyes,” says Savio John Pereira, celebrity stylist.

This look is meant for a woman with a positive attitude and a very strong personality and works just right for high octane glamour evenings. The woman who wears



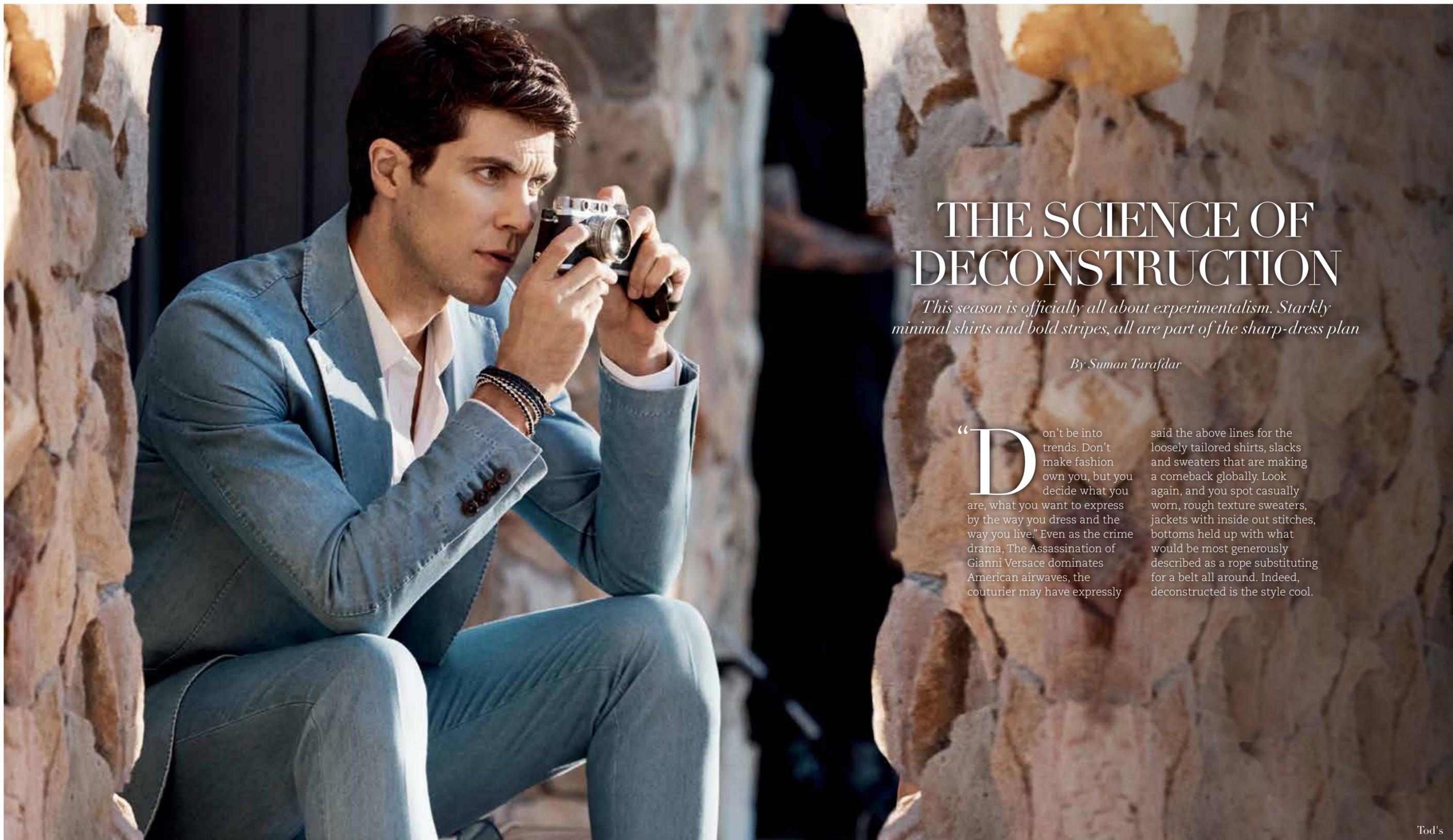
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this look is vivacious and fun and extremely experimental. The cheeks here are defined by creating strong lines using extra dimension skin finish in show gold on the cheek bones. In this look you can play with unusual designs at the corner of the eyes with graphic shapes using a sublime eye Palette. The lips here need to be bright, you can use Tom Ford’s range of Lip Colours in various shades of reds.

“Hair for the glam goddess has to be short – mid length or long but there has to be a severe undercut to create a dramatic shape and movement – Here the look gets its totality in attitude and personality if its kept short, undercut and coloured- either platinum, bright red or panels of beige and honey”, predicts Pereira.

Finally to conclude, we would suggest, use make-up and hair products that are safe, reliable and made with natural ingredients. Above all, keep smiling because stress free beauty is the biggest and best style story this summer.



# THE SCIENCE OF DECONSTRUCTION

*This season is officially all about experimentalism. Starkly minimal shirts and bold stripes, all are part of the sharp-dress plan*

*By Suman Tarafdar*

“Don’t be into trends. Don’t make fashion own you, but you decide what you are, what you want to express by the way you dress and the way you live.” Even as the crime drama, *The Assassination of Gianni Versace* dominates American airwaves, the couturier may have expressly

said the above lines for the loosely tailored shirts, slacks and sweaters that are making a comeback globally. Look again, and you spot casually worn, rough texture sweaters, jackets with inside out stitches, bottoms held up with what would be most generously described as a rope substituting for a belt all around. Indeed, deconstructed is the style cool.

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“Deconstruction is refreshing, it increases the interest factor of the client and gives their wardrobe a new and deeper dimension,” say the design duo Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, known for their silhouettes and detailing. “All of our collections till date have had certain elements of androgyny. It fits in beautifully with our aesthetic as we like making garments that are edgy and distinctive.”

Bright colours, loose silhouettes, and deconstruction are the reigning champions of trends, says Prem Dewan, Head-Retail, OSL Luxury Collections Pvt Ltd, the master franchise for the luxury brand Corneliani in India. “You can spot a deconstructed look by its defining characteristics which include raw edges, fraying, revealed linings and unusually sewn seams,” he points out. “Unfinished seams and vivid colours make for eye-catching details which are fashion forward and thus appealing and popular amongst consumers.”

For Diesel, deconstructed treatments to the product has always found its way into every seasonal collection. Irregular hems, visible hems and stitching lines give the product a very raw look that in turn ends up looking more edgy. “Distressed and deconstruction fits the Diesel brand image, which likes to play with superimposing clean lines with rough unfinished attributes to create a Diesel way”, states the brand.

Who’s most likely to sport a deconstructed wardrobe with élan? “A mature consumer who is unconventional and adventurous in their wardrobe choices,” say Gandhi and Khanna. Indeed, among India’s swish set, the trend is being received rather well and has gained a certain momentum, they point out. “The roomy silhouettes work in favour of the size conscious client. One can see it being incorporated quite clearly within the industry here.”

The spokesperson for Diesel admits that while the current majority do still prefer skinny and fitted garments, however Diesel focuses on anti-fits in their ranges and sooner, rather than later, the trendy consumer is bound to make the change.



Diesel



Corneliani



Ashish N Soni



Louis Vuitton

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Prem Dewan, OSL Luxury

of minimalism is slowly becoming a facet of the Indian man. People are well travelled and recognise the global trend.”

They do agree however, that it’s a different art altogether, to elevate a garment purely based on silhouette without the aid of embellishment or stark hues. To ensure that minimalist outfits look elevated, and not ‘boring’, they suggest pairing a minimalist outfit with statement accessories that add a deeper dimension to the look.”

With its precision, its unabashed attention to detail, minimalist shirts are a must have in your wardrobe, stresses Corneliani’s Dewan. “Yes, there is a lot of potential for clean silhouettes that make for versatile separates. Our clients believe Corneliani understands style and turns it into an unrivalled experience for them. In the world of Indian fashion, where the aesthetic is more minimalistic than blingy, the target customer would be all age groups. Thanks to its versatility, everyone wants minimalist shirts in their wardrobe.”

The Corneliani collections amply reflect the credo. “The beauty of minimal dressing is that it takes the spotlight off trends and loud prints and focuses on the silhouette of your clothing,” says Dewan. “That means that this is the perfect time to experiment with interesting new takes on classic pieces. Look for new shapes to elevate your look. Some well-placed contrast will go a long way in adding

### Minimal Me

India, whose style hues can put the most colourful creations of nature in the shade, may not be the most natural of abodes for minimalism. Indeed, for the emerging style, more may be the way it is told to go. Indeed, sometimes the words minimal and boring can get juxtaposed. Unfairly.

There is however, the discerning guy for whom clean cuts are the way to be. “Minimalism can be understood well by a matured consumer. It’s not for the meek and requires a streak of adventure and distinctiveness,” say Gandhi and Khanna. “An acceptance



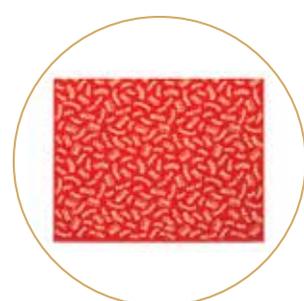
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Gandhi  
+ Rahul  
Khanna



Paul Smith



Hugo Boss



Louis Vuitton

*“White should always be sharply tailored. In the case of a tuxedo, the look can be elevated through various means like adding a quirky pocket square or a coloured tie or bow tie”*  
Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna

interest. Be playful with accessories.” Indeed, who even thought minimalism would not make you stand out!

#### **Flaunt your stripes**

You may have often thought that prints are not for you. Indeed, many men consider wearing prints a rather risky, or even risqué affair. However, there’s one print that you can pull off. And have probably been doing so since childhood. Yes, stripes can be a great and versatile aid. They can help you look taller, or thinner, or indeed wider if that’s your desired choice. Stripes break the monotony of any look without being over the top. Bold stripes have been an integral element of the classic Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna collection. “They are fun, and we constantly incorporate them in both; our menswear and womenswear lines,” says the duo.

Timeless across the decades, stripes can be distinguished as the gentleman’s best friend, agrees Dewan. “Striped pieces can be easily adapted to accentuate other favourites in your wardrobe. Corneliani has incorporated this contour in an admirable eloquent setting.”

#### **Pure as driven snow**

If ever there has been a go to colour for Indian men, its white. Whether traditional or contemporary, for a formal occasion or for deck chair, or

even a night out, white has been the colour of choice, even of safety.

“White is sharp and fuss free, a classic that never goes out of style,” say Gandhi and Khanna. But is it possible to elevate white menswear and make it stand out? “It should be sharply tailored,” they say. “In the case of a tuxedo, the look can be elevated through various means like adding a quirky pocket square or a coloured tie or bow tie.”

For Diesel, white is usually the prominent colour in summer in all apparel due to the increase in temperatures, says the spokesperson for Diesel. “It is also a colour that tends to complement every skin tone so is an easy choice. White can be combined with primary colours such as red, yellow, ink blue to create a starker look.”

Dewan too is upbeat about the trend. “White is not mere absence of colour, it is shining and affirmative, as fierce as red and as definite as black. White will be the new black for SS’18.” He offers some rules to make it easy. “The first most important style rule is cleanness. Keep in mind not to add many colours when opting for white wear. Black and white is always ideal for city living. This young, sophisticated pairing is set to stand the test of time, conjuring up melange effects and more graphical, optical versions.

Yes, the rules are free-spirited this summer. What’s your wardrobe going to say about you?

# THE GENTLEMAN'S DESIGN FILE

*Men's wear this spring and summer is all about a sense of experimentalism fured with practicality and underscored by fun*



## LOUIS VUITTON

Louis Vuitton's Spring-Summer'18 collection consists of a variety of stunning pieces; a few fanny packs, some signature LV handbags, various overflowing belts, Hawaiian shirts and large drapery coats which compliment the brightly patterned shirts and vests. Pair this blue shirt with spandex shorts, bucket hats and sandals that add the extra pizzaz to the line-up. The colour palette seems to be bold and bright for the label in this collection.



## CORNELIANI

Corneliani's SS18 collection allows one to discover the perfect jacket and outfits based on their preferred hobby. Five different capsule collections were dedicated to a specific activity: biking on motorcycles, riding horses, driving vintage cars, sailing and golfing. This stylish sailing jacket is lightweight and is finished with a detachable front bib which lets you shift easily from formal to outerwear item and feel perfectly at ease in any urban setting.





**TOM FORD**

Tom Ford is always looking to put a new twist on classic shapes, and that's just what they did for this collection that is filled with skinny linen suits, suede jackets, denim and a lush lineup of zesty dinner jackets with shawl collars. This dinner jacket has been worn along a classic Tom Ford white shirt with plisse plastron detail and black tuxedo pants with side ribbon detail. To finish the look, you may wear a black satin bow tie and a pocket square.

**ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA**

A seasonably warm colour palette of neutrals, walnut, geranium, lotus and withdrawn natural tones is at play in this new collection by Zegna. Classic shirts were replaced by deconstructed tops in various volumes. Tank tops and sweaters were paired with tailored trousers and joggers. Fluid washed silks, Century Cashmere and pure mohair confer concrete weightlessness to the collection, while giro inglese and mesh jacquards, together with perforated and intarsia leather, give hints of ethereal substance.



**DIESEL**

Comprising a blue t-shirt with a crew-neck, paired with white comfortable shorts, this casual look by Diesel is perfect for the Spring-Summer season. If you are headed for the beach, pair the two with snazzy shades and comfortable slippers to enjoy a great day in the sun. These masterpieces will definitely make all the heads turn once you step out wearing them.

**LA MARTINA**

La Martina's polos have become a must have garment, thanks to their chic but casual look. La Martina offers several polo collections, each one to match with your personal style and outfit. This white Polo t-shirt by the brand is crafted in cotton with the La Martina signature insignia inscribed on the front as well as at the back of the piece. To complete the look, you can choose to wear beige trousers by the fashion house that are comfortable and score high on the style quotient.





### ASHISH N SONI

Celebrating his 25 years in the industry, Ashish N Soni's latest collection brought depth and versatility to black, as a way of needing darkness to see the light. Far from simple, the colour has been used on over 30 different textures. From the 'Puddle Pant', which is an adaptation of flared pants with dramatic silhouettes at the bottom to the volume trousers with wider leg shape, drama and creativity defines the designer's collection.

### ROHIT GANDHI + RAHUL KHANNA

Focusing heavily on modern silhouettes for and bringing an interesting touch to the runway, Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna stuck to monochromatic wardrobe essentials in their latest Spring Summer Collection. Choose this ensemble from the collection which features a classic white linen shirt and shorts. Pair the attire with loafers or monk strap shoes and you will be ready for a sunny day outing.



### PAUL SMITH

Crafted in Italy from a cotton-blend, this dark blue long-sleeve shirt is cut in a slim-fit adding a playful twist to a classic style. Featuring a penny collar and black buttons throughout, this piece is ideal for a bright, sunny day. Make it a perfect combination as per your liking, by teaming it with different bottom wears. For the stylish man out there, it would be simple yet elegant at the same time.

### GIORGIO ARMANI

Featured here is a pure cotton polo shirt from the house of Giorgio Armani. Designed keeping in mind the contemporary man, the piece highlights a zigzag pattern that gives the garment a three-dimensional effect. This polo shirt has a contrasting colour trim to the collar and sleeves. Available in two other colours, this Polo tee can be paired with contrasting coloured bottom and loafers. The perfect ensemble for the summer.





# THE MODE MÉLANGE

*The perfect look is the sum total of various parts working in harmony with each other. This season harness these absolutely stunning combinations and step out in style*

By Pallavi Singh

**W**hat you wear is an extension of your personality so wear your style on your sleeve and get set to get going. Accessories, generally worn to complete an outfit, are chosen with the idea of complementing the wearer's look. In Victorian fashion accessories such as fans, parasols and gloves held significance for how women experienced gender, race and class. There was a trend for women to adopt or aspire for a more leisurely lifestyle. Similarly, gloves were used to cover hands and mask any form of labour. In the early 16th century in Italy, hat badges were worn by civilian men of a higher social status as decorative item, an imitation of the cap badges worn by the invading military. Hat badges were often worn in conjunction with a decorative sword and hilt. They were fashioned after plaquettes and often depicted a scene with personal relevance to the wearer.

Accessories continue to dominate the fashion scene. What rules the high world of fashion and ramp walks soon finds pride of place in closets of the fashionistas. The key attire apart, accessories mainly bags, belts and hats help adorn one's looks and set one apart. Deepika Gehani,

Creative Director at Genesis Luxury Fashion Pvt Ltd., is of the opinion that accessorising can be extremely powerful and it can make or break a look. "I do believe less is more but a statement piece can really bring your whole look together. We all have that one piece we wear with everything and your favourite accessories can speak volumes about your own individuality – each person can drastically change a simple go-to ensemble with their own unique and distinctive taste," she remarks.

## **A prized kitty**

As they say, change is the only constant. Likewise, the way one accessorises varies every season helping to add an element of allure to a person's style statement. Deepika Gehani advises, "It is critical that we invest in a few pieces that go well with Indian outfits. No matter how frequently you go to formal events, every woman should have a solid evening bag. The timeless and elegant gold Bottega Veneta Knot is the perfect example of a classic clutch that's great with all sorts of looks." Just remember to accessorise right and only wear your style. "Beaded and tasseled earrings/neckpieces with use of crystals and beads is in vogue currently. Tiny shades is the latest

craze along with oversized hats, and sneakers are here to stay," Kaabia and Sasha Grewal of Outhouse point out. Guided by a sophisticated yet dramatic sensibility, the duo combine unique elements with inventive design to create their jewellery collections. "Party Hats and a pair of tiny shades is a must-have this season. Classic bags will never go out of style but this season many designers bags are inspired by various geometric forms like Circle, Spheres and Star shaped bags and are a must-have in one's collection," they observe.

**Style it right**

Accessories help add that glitter and shine to your attire and are concomitant to your personality given the fact that they are a reflection of your aspirations and definitely help to upgrade your style quotient. As part of the grooming process, it is imminent that one's style aspect has been thought through. Deepika Gehani has a suggestion. "With the 90's logo-mania making a comeback, a classic belt is key this season. My personal favourite is the new Coach signature 'C' belt. It is so versatile and on-point, I wear it with absolutely anything. Another really fun trend this season is ear-bling! Must-haves include sculpted earring with chunky embellishments and XXL length ones that cascade below the shoulder."

Even before donning your ensemble, a thought needs to be given to the occasion and the need of the hour,



Roberto Cavalli



Fendi

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probably even the time of the day. Kaabia and Sasha Grewal of Outhouse vouch for the fact that "Accessories play an integral part in one's personality. A simple look like a denims and shirt or a plain black dress can be enhanced by pairing it with the right accessories. All one needs to remember is being true to their style and carry themselves off with confidence and finesse."

**Carry 'em well**

Just like your dream car is a sum total of its accessories making it a thing of joy for the possessor. Likewise, an impressive persona is an amalgamation of looks, the style

factor, and most importantly the right accessories which ultimately get the ball rolling. What is to be noted is to always go for top of the line brands, acquire what gels with your personality, and wear them right without overdoing it. Deepika Gehani points out that "the three defining accessories of Spring/Summer 2018 include the Coach Parker Shoulder Bag, the Jimmy Choo Romie stilettos and Michael Kors Blakely Bucket Bag." And if your persona permits, adding some fun element to your look will prove to be a head turner. Kaabia and Sasha Grewal are in sync with the thought. "One must be comfortable



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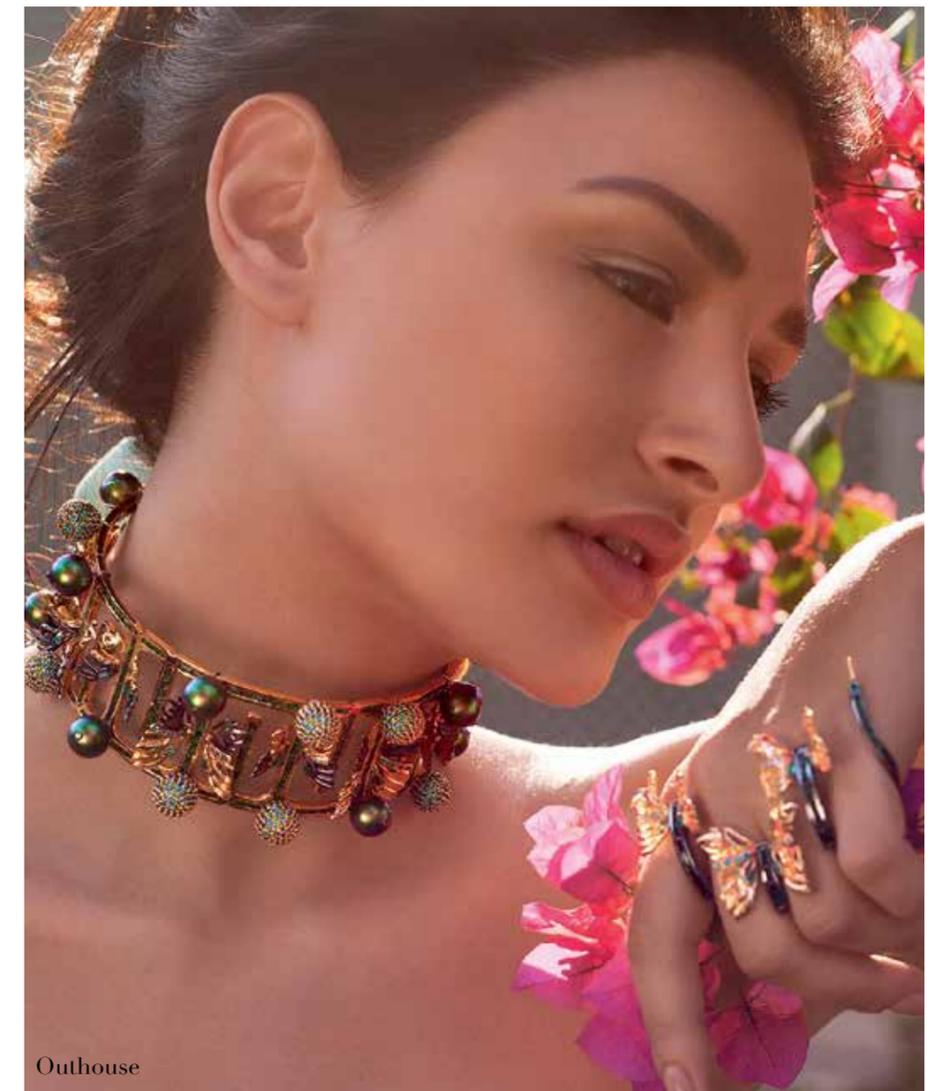
and confident with themselves to carry off the quirky and fun accessories, this is one aspect they must keep in mind while choosing what will suit their personality," they comment.

Meanwhile, Jyotika Jhalani reiterates, "The accessory of Spring Summer 2018 would be really fun and quirky scarves, that are in a mix of pastel and bright colors and can be worn with shorts and blouse, or even a dress. The movement into this season, really takes us from an entirely formal and evening vibe, to a lot lighter, semi-casual and a fun one."

**Fashion forward**

Talking of accessories, top brands like Hermes, Coach, Montblanc, Outhouse, or Nicobar work incessantly across categories to take fashion to the next level. Experimentation, adaptation to newer trends, assimilating them for creation of an evolved concept in terms of designing new accessories is the new norm.

Leaders of new age fashion wear, Kaabia and Sasha Grewal explain, "Outhouse as a brand works to push



Outhouse

the envelope and create designs keeping in with the trend yet the quality and comfort of the consumer in mind. This season is no different. We have played with a lot of elements to create unique pieces, keeping not only the Indian but the global market in mind. We are also working on a new vertical, which we shall be launching soon. This is an extension of ourselves and we are hoping to create a niche in the market in this segment as well."

Talking of trends in accessories going forward, Jyotika Jhalani adds, "With the minds of Indian consumers really opening up to trying new things,

we have curated a line with new prints, embroideries and embellishments on fresh, bright and some pastel colours, to match a variety of summer outfits, whether its something casual on the beach or a formal gathering." Raul Rai, Co-founder and CEO of Nicobar, a brand created to establish a modern Indian voice says, "We want to create a democratic design identity that extends beyond the commercial realm into a new way of experiencing design in our everyday lives." Diane Von Furstenberg, says, "Style is something each of us already has, all we need to do is find it," and that insight is more precious than gold.

# IN SYNC WITH THE SEASON

*Spring and summer are defined by vibrant hues and delightful visual appeal.  
So are these lovely creations*



## BALLY

Bally's retro sneakers for both women and men set the mood of their SS18 collection. Composed of four replicas of the brand's most successful lace ups, from hip-hop era classics to original tennis shoes and runners, these include the Super Smash (1965), Vita-Parcours (1974), Competition (1983) and Galaxy (1983). Originally designed to withstand the rigours of sport, their silhouettes' elegant simplicity, versatile comfort and hard-wearing nature meant they crossed the boundaries to casualwear both then and today.



## BOTTEGA VENETA

Refinement and discretion intersected with whim and vibrance come together in the newest addition to Bottega Veneta's bag collection. Meet the Piazza. Named for the square that acts as the heart of a neighbourhood or town, the piazza is a uniquely Italian concept. It is the center of public life and was designed to be timeless, like Bottega Veneta itself. With its sleek lines and graceful bearing, the bag embodies utmost elegance.



## JIMMY CHOO

Jimmy Choo's gold metal clutch bag with mixed Swarovski crystal stones can be a woman's true companion in terms of accessorising. This stylish clutch is subtle and stylish all at once. The embellishments add to its looks and it is a prized possession for women who love to make a statement. One can carry this piece of beauty to a party, an evening outing or for a festive occasion. It's a must have in one's kitty.



## COACH

Thanks to its minimalist crossbody-to-clutch design, this bag is Coach's own favourite too. The tea rose applique dinky crossbody in rainbow colours sets the mood for the spring season. Crafted in glove-tanned leather, the bag offers a turnlock closure along its leather lining. The detachable strap lets you carry the bag in three ways: short or long on the shoulder or the crossbody style.





 **GUCCI**

The Spring Summer 2018 collection by Gucci delves into a nostalgic realm rich with vintage designs, details and references. The Ophidia collection by the luxe designer house introduces new shapes, including this top handle tote bag which is structured in softened suede. The bag features the standard Double G brand's logo and the detachable chain shoulder strap that lets you adjust it according to your comfort.



 **FENDI**

Fendi is all about extreme, luxurious indulgence tinged with irreverence and *joie de vivre*. This mini backpack from the brand's Resort 2018 collection features a zip fastening and front pocket. The interior features a further pocket with zip for easy handling. Crafted from black leather, the bag is decorated with two pearls on the handle and a row of smaller pearls that create an elegant bow motif.

 **LONGCHAMP**

Inspired by the Parisian wardrobe, Longchamp presents Paris Rocks, an ideal accessory for that sublime experience. Rebellious and sophisticated, the bags are adorned with a chain and metal eyelets for that stylish feel. The lambskin is both soft and strong. Feminine and sensual, the bag features a compact design and feel of a purse. Its adjustable shoulder strap allows you to carry it across the body or from the shoulder, in sync with your style.



 **LA PERLA**

This night robe by La Perla is made from black stretch silk satin, a fine fabric that provides a wonderful feeling of softness against the skin. The short kimono-style robe with wide sleeves is decorated by floral leavers lace inserts which are applied using the unmistakable La Perla *frastaglio* technique. In the latest collection by La Perla, the recurring heart motif best expresses the intention of creating "childlike hope" and it is playfully articulated in multiple forms through their creations.





## CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

Spring is all about colour bursts and aesthetic florals – the same can be said for summer, and Christian Louboutin's Spring-Summer 2018 collection. The collection displays a versatile palette from blushing nudes to bold hues, with designs that have been inspired by Christian Louboutin's passion for landscape architecture and the great gardens of history discovered by him. Pick up these white So Kate Patent Loubitags for a party, and you are sure to make a statement.



## VANILLA MOON

Vanilla Moon's new sandals are a perfect blend of style and elegance. The collection of shoes, sandals and boots by the brand are crafted using the finest leather skin and carefully selected embellishments. The brand caters to the discerning woman who appreciates contemporary design and fine workmanship. The Ornela Deep Blue sandal assimilates beauty, simplicity together with comfort all rolled into one finely crafted pair.

# PERFECTLY DETAILED

*When it comes to matters sartorial, it is the details which go a long way in projecting your style. Get it absolutely right this season*



## ROLEX

Rolex Yacht-Master and Yacht-Master II models embody the spirit of the sailor. Inspired by the rich heritage that has bound Rolex to the world of sailing since the 1950s, the Yacht-Master II brings together the finest in Rolex technology to create a regatta chronograph built for yachting competitions. The dial is the distinctive face of a Rolex watch, the feature most responsible for its identity and readability. Every Rolex dial is designed and manufactured in-house, largely by hand to ensure perfection.



## MONTBLANC

Cuff links to complement business attire and evening wear have long been enduring classics in the world of men's jewellery. These Meisterstück cuff links by Montblanc celebrate a timeless style. Linked to the Montblanc Meisterstück writing instrument, the classic round shape in stainless steel with a red gold-coloured PVD finish and mother-of-pearl inlay creates a jewel with the powerful Montblanc signature.





### BERLUTI

Olga Berluti deserves credit for inventing Venezia leather, a leather so supple and fine that it permits all kinds of creative audacity. Its special tanning, exclusively developed by Berluti, gives the shoe a particular flexibility and adhesion. It is a full-grain, uncoated leather made from select skins of exceptional quality. These shoes are cut from the noblest sections of the leather, eliminating all defects, and ensuring exceptional quality standards.



### HUGO BOSS

The Summer of Ease collection by Hugo Boss features actor Sebastian Stan, as he takes us through what the brand has to offer from now until the heights of summer. This reversible leather belt comes from the same collection. It offers you a choice between a black or brown finish. The bold buckle has dual texture with alternating matte and polished surfaces. An etched logo at the center provides the perfect finish.



### VERSACE

Coming from the reputed house of Versace, this leather wallet crafted with expert artisanal workmanship is a luxurious addition to your collection of accessories. The baroque print also features a bi-fold closure with multiple card and bill slots. So, if you are someone who keeps a pretty packed wallet, this product by Versace is the right pick for you!



### TUMI

With two separate main compartments, this briefcase by Tumi means business. A quilted lining pads the interior and keeps the laptop and other precious tech items protected, while the other compartment's organisational pockets ensure placement for all your essential tools of the trade. Polished hardware and thick brass zips embellish the design with high-quality attention to detail and lasting durability. When travelling, this slides over your Tumi luggage handle for easy transporting.





Hazoorilal by Sandeep Narang

# STATEMENTS IN STONES

*When it comes to jewellery design, the spring and summer of 2018 is all about flair and flourish with jewelled pieces being reinterpreted as showstoppers in their own right*

*By Kanika Sandal*

**G**et ready to let your statement-making jewellery do all the talking, come Summer 2018. At such a time, you're probably thinking of seed pearls, fragile silver chains, the type of jewellery that goes well with pastels, lighter fabrics and designs. In 2018, you may want to rethink the bright and light jewellery in favour of real statement pieces. That's because this year, ornaments are going big, bold and chunky like never before.

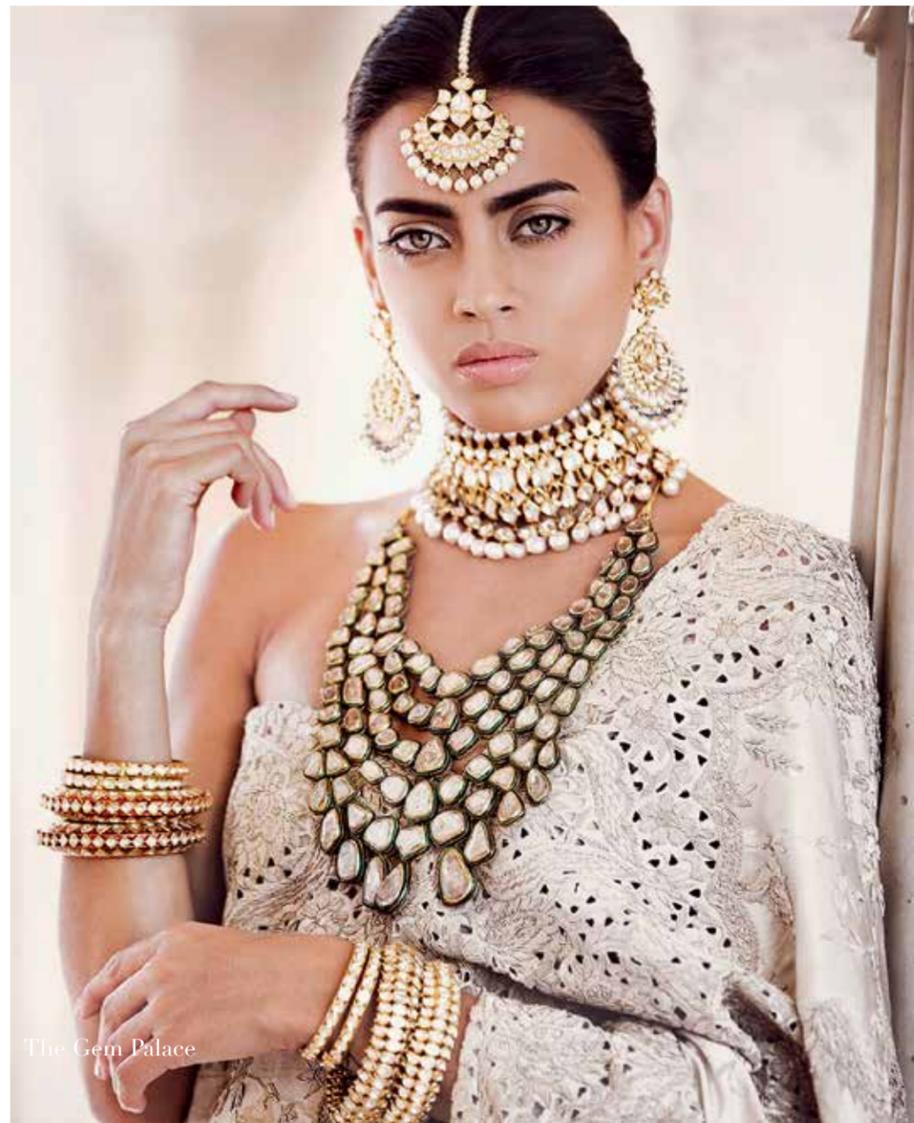
Enrico Gandini at The Gem Palace opines, "The big and bold has always been one of our mantras, however in this season we have also translated it in our most iconic collection, the Raj. Chunky cuffs and paisley shaped mega sized earrings embellished by thousands of micro pearls, woven one by one, as in a precious fabric. But remember: even if it can get bigger and bigger, the small details are those show stopping elements that make the real difference."

Adorn your summer clothing with a pair of oversized earrings and other add-on accessories. "This season, big and bold will define the

gemstones used in crafting jewellery whereas the piece itself will remain elegant and classic while making a statement at the same time," concurs Biren Vaidya, MD and Creative Soul, The Rose Group.

If you want to opt for red-carpet glamour, go for the sophisticated chain-drop earrings, a favourite of celebrities and designers at the moment. "We believe no logo is needed to identify a piece of jewellery as the designs should speak by themselves. For instance, the new collection at The Gem Palace features an extraordinary pair of micro pearls and cabochon earrings set into an exaggeratedly big paisley kind of shape. All surrounded by pavé diamonds *ca va sans dire*," remarks Gandini.

Mira Gulati, Founder and Principal Designer, Mirari mentions, "We have included some asymmetrical earrings in yellow diamonds, as well as unique cuffs inspired by the architecture of the Peruvian ruins of Machu Picchu. The collection echoes of the geometric designs and flaunts the angles present there, making the jewellery exquisite works of art."

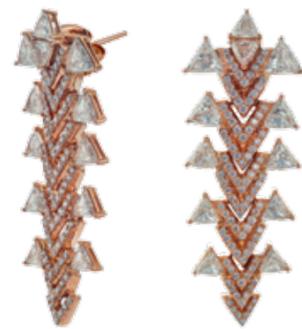


The Gem Palace



Mirari

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Mirari



Rose



The Gem Palace



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Talking about jewellery add-ons, Sandeep Narang, Managing Director and Chief Designer, Hazoorilal mentions, "Any jewellery which is a little quirky and trendy will be most sought after this season. Non traditional patterns and geometrical shapes are increasingly in demand. For the fashionistas who can carry off a tiara, we shall customise the same for them on orders".

Vaidya comments, "Jewellery add-ons are increasing in popularity especially among the younger generation. We have even customised

jewellery pieces like bun-clips for weddings and festivities according to the outfit and theme."

Talking about the stones that are sure to dominate the season, Sandeep Narang declares, "Diamonds are forever, and this line is for real. The prime reason is the versatile factor which is akin to diamond jewellery. It can be worn at any given time for any social, official or formal event and looks chic and understated when required to do so." The diamond collection at Hazoorilal by Sandeep Narang will



Hazoorilal by Sandeep Narang

have a presence of light weight chic diamond jewellery in mono and dual gold tones meant for the very young at heart.

"Mega sized uncut diamonds are a peculiarity of the upcoming collection. Either in an all diamond double line necklace or in a gigantic round shaped thumb ring outlined by pearls, the consistency lies in the

simplicity and magnificence at the same time of these semi-rough stones", comments Gandini.

Vaidya supports the opinion, "Diamonds have always been extremely important gemstones and they also act as great supporting stones to coloured gems. Therefore, they will always be important."

Gulati further explains, "Our product range is extensive this season. We have also introduced some beautiful coloured diamond pieces with pink and yellow diamonds. We also have some unique colour combinations with tanzanites and emeralds with diamonds."

The Spring-Summer 2018 designs at The Gem Palace pay homage to the big trend of chunky jewellery this season. The iconic Jaipur brand interprets this trend in timeless polki, cabochon and faceted stones in designs that are decadent. It will feature a predominance of diamonds, rubies and pearls combined into unusual, often asymmetrical, shapes. The inspiration comes from the magnificent mirrored work of the Sheesh Mahal room at the City Palace of Jaipur and from the marble carvings of the Amber Fort.

The best thing about jewellery designs in 2018 is that a bunch of classics are making a big comeback. This year will see Rose carry one of its largest range of products and collections to date. "We have revived older collections that have been favourites of our customers, like Vintage Tresors with its rose-cut diamonds, and added exciting new lines like The Proposal Collection to our already burgeoning range", states Vaidya.

It is evident that evolution has come knocking on the doors of jewellery designs, which has resulted in conventional styles giving way to contemporary patterns. Nevertheless, it is safe to say that diamonds have and will continue to be a woman's best friend in times to come.

# ORNATE BIJOUTERIE

*Nothing defies style better than a modish jewellery. This is the season to redefine luxury for an everlasting appeal*



## OUTHOUSE

A true example of fine craftsmanship, the borla legacy choker is a one of a kind statement piece. Handcrafted in the studio with 22 carats rose gold plating and gleaming crystal zirconias, this couture piece by Outhouse is a conversation starter. Delicate feathers adorn the piece that promote feelings of peace and tranquillity. The choker beautifully captures the magnetism of bygone eras, while still representing the quintessential Outhouse design language eccentric yet elegant.



## MIRARI

Elegantly set in rose gold, the Machu Picchu inspired collection portrays the varied permutations of unique shapes and cuts of gemstones, complimenting the elements of the ruins. Inspired by the trapezoid shaped rooms reserved for the princesses of Incan society during that time, this ring from the House of Mirari will make you feel no less than a Princess. The two center rose gold trapezoids of 1.32 carats, surrounded by round diamonds enhance the beauty of this sophisticated piece.



## THE GEM PALACE

Feel the spirit of Jaipur adorn your skin with the Raj collection by The Gem Palace. These elegantly gorgeous pair of earrings have been set with 22Kt gold and elevated with pearls, rubies and diamonds. There is a celebration of light and depth, which is a trademark of The Gem Palace designs. These exquisite earrings portray elegance, lightness and feminine beauty.



## ROSE

The fine detailing done to every piece that Rose creates is something to admire. This gorgeous necklace by the jewellery house combines Rubies and Diamonds, set in 18k White Gold, in a timeless design. This beautiful creation is a must have in your set of jewellery and will definitely add elegance to your ensemble. This piece is something you can team up with diamond earrings and you will surely have a dozen of compliments coming your way.





### HAZORILAL BY SANDEEP NARANG

Look no additional than at Hazoorilal's statement necklaces to give glamour to any outfit. If you're looking to expand your jewellery collection with some stylish pieces, consider this glamorous necklace by the luxe jewellery house. Crafted in diamonds, this jewel can be worn in all sorts of wonderful ways for various occasions. Pair it with an elegant pair of earrings and you are all set for an evening soirée.



### DIACOLOR

This wonderful pair of earrings are a masterpiece that connoisseurs of fine jewellery would love to add to their collection. Crafted in yellow diamond briolette drops, these earrings are combined with white diamonds, and look spectacular because of the cutting-edge design. The pair guarantees that you will command attention as soon as you walk into a room. A perfect acquisition for this season.



# LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED

*Our homes are one of the biggest statements we can make and this Spring let your home be as eloquent as it can be*



## VILLEROY & BOCH

Create eye-catching centerpieces for your tea parties or dessert layout with this Villeroy & Boch Artesano three-tier tray stand. Crafted of acacia wood and slate, this sleek centerpiece which functions as a focal point and a serving piece easily fits into your décor scheme, whether your style is modern, country or traditional. Fill its three tiers with smart starters or sweet dessert treats. Or deck them with decorative touches and seasonal trimmings.



## JAYSTRONGWATER

Jay Strongwater's Coastal Collection includes the Weston Butterfly Fish Figurine, an Elliott Seahorse Box -Oceana, Gavin Crab Box, Javier Bejeweled Frame and Leslie Bejeweled Frame. They are characterised by faceted crystal stones, set in hammered 14K-gold-finished settings. The accent watercolour layers of cerulean blue enamels with coral highlights are beautiful in any setting. Crafted in cast pewter with a 14K matte gold and light brown antique finish, hand-enameled and hand-set with Swarovski Crystals, these are worthy additions to your home.



# OF EARTH TONES AND MODERNITY

*An eclectic mix of earthiness seamlessly merging into modernity is what defines Shantanu & Nikhil's atelier that is both classicistic and futuristic at the same time*

By Pallavi Singh

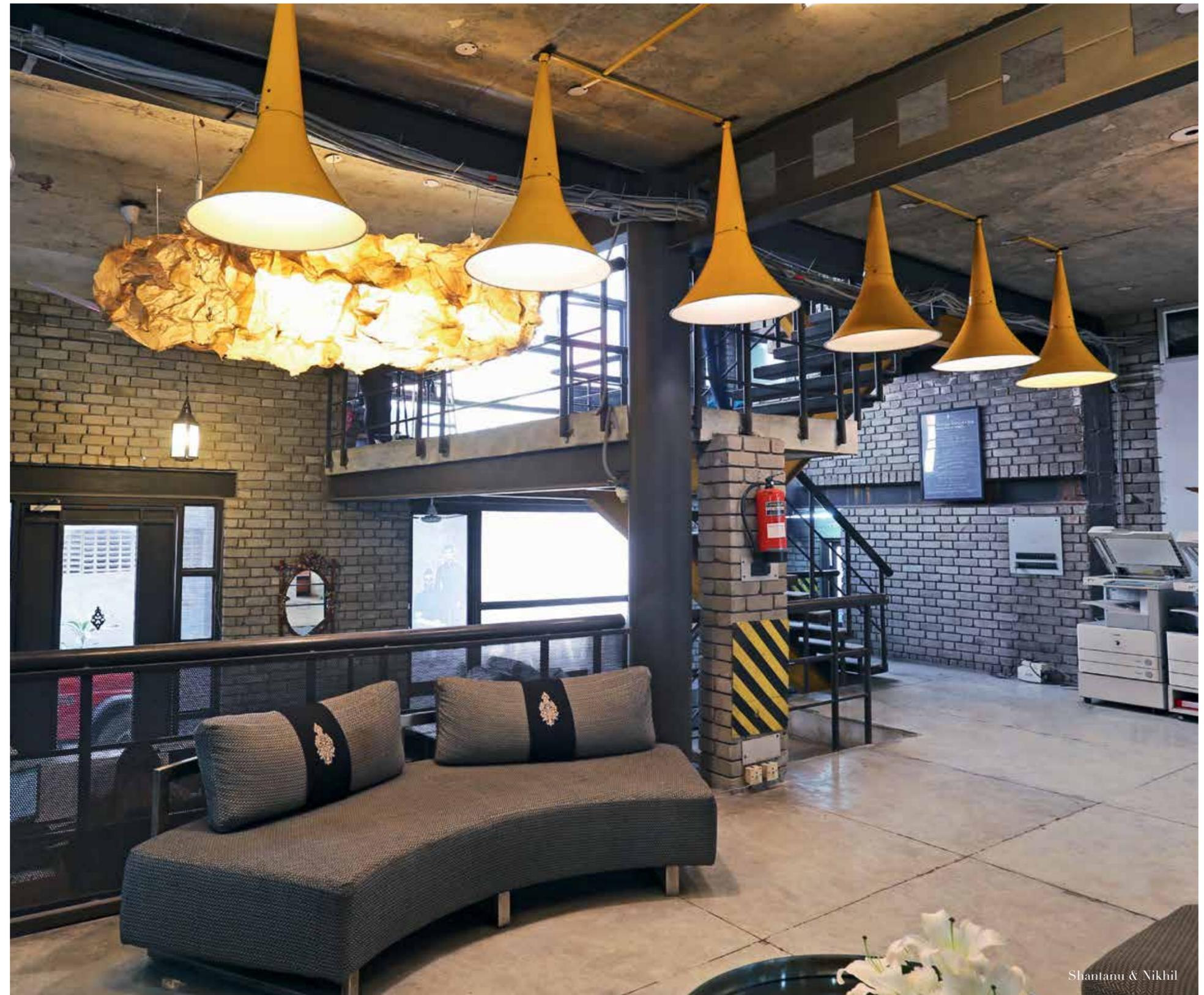
Tucked away in the bustling industrial neighbourhood of Noida is the cheerfully busy atelier of celebrated designers Shantanu & Nikhil. The pastel hues of the façade evoke a sense of creation even as they fill one with a sense of excitement and mystery that prevails in the inside oblivious of an outwardly functional appearance. Enter a ginormous gate to a temple at the entrance, and you are at a bold foyer marked by neutral walls, flooring and minimalist furniture. It is easy to get drawn in by the raw and rustic form of the studio that emerges from the culmination of diversified elements used in the construction of this place. The planes and form harmonise with material simplicity to provide the best environment to designers and artists, and the unique design elevates the value of this atelier.

The lounge area on the ground floor houses a comfortable seating. An eclectic mix of iron, steel, wood and bricks where discordant elements form one cohesive unit is what defines Finesse International Design giving it an antique and earthy look. The place resonates with an old-world charm presented in a modern way much

like the DNA of their brand. Talking about the defining characteristic of the design studio, the couturiers say, it is a philosophy that resonates or stems from the brand that Shantanu & Nikhil stand for. It stands for egalitarianism, a modern independent India, strong independent men and women of this country and this is what this space is all about. It has that young, vibrant, energetic feel. It's a flow of energy.

Drawing inspiration from India of yore, to Renaissance and Baroque architecture, designers Shantanu & Nikhil spell elegance, style and beauty not only in their creations but also in their workplace. The designer duo feel that a workspace is what defines you and your brand aesthetics, or how you move forward with, and how you position yourself. "An atelier is something that sums up the journey of any artist, more so a designer. This is that place of your arena where everything gets balanced out. You are working with artisans- you have the creative freedom to do and express yourself while being in harmony with each other," they explain.

On the same floor as the lounge are the studio's offices followed by neatly arranged creations of the designers in



Shantanu & Nikhil



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one quiet corner. What catches our fancy is a room housing artists Shariq and Anil engrossed in making new intricate design options to be recreated on the fabric. The walls of the room are adorned with images that helps the artists base their creations for the forthcoming fashion shows. Shantanu & Nikhil's vision of showcasing India in brighter hues gets reflected at Finesse. "As a brand we are representing a mentality of putting India as a young, vibrant and urban country and that's how our atelier pretty much speaks our language for us," the designer duo reveal.

In the context of Indian couture, which is spoken about in the same breath as bridal couture, Shantanu & Nikhil carve a spot for minimalism and structure, a thought that reflects in their design house. Finesse has been designed in a manner that there is constant flow of energy in sync with the science of astrology and Vaastu. There are some spaces that could have been used but have been let go off. They are left ideal, we are told, because it helps provide the energy. The highlight of the centre atrium is characterised by a vacuum that goes across all floors. "That is the energy flow and I think our brand is also about free-flowing energies and free flowing energy of India—the India that we feel is a new voice—the new young urban India," reaffirms Shantanu.

As designers who rule high street fashion and haute couture with their style and panache, Shantanu & Nikhil say that a predominant rustic essence in their studio takes them back to nostalgia. "There is a nostalgic feel through the rustic rawness. In this



place you are always reminded of that nostalgia but you bring it back into this time and age, and just modernise it. You are blending the beauty of India and the *mitti* but you are also energising it with that little bit of modern treatment," says Shantanu.

A few steps downwards from the lounge is the lower ground floor that houses an array of artisans deftly stitching, sewing, and engaged in embroidery on fabrics and other details. This floor has sections earmarked for varied aspects of garment designing. While one section is marked by tailors working on measurements, the adjacent space houses tailoring units, even as some others are engaged at ironing fabrics. This area with a semblance of a manufactory is noteworthy for its hurried pace of activity and workmanship. The ambience resonates with symmetry as a development principle in nature and art resonating with a coherent, systematic and synchronised appeal.

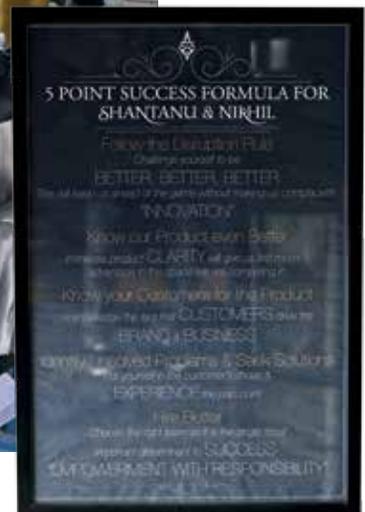
Having got a sense of craftsmanship at its best, we climb to the upper ground floor that has the eminent

costumiers engrossed at work. What catches our eye is an artistically crafted wooden couch, a spot much loved by the designers we are told. The wooden piece adds to the comfort and softness to make the space more natural. In the backdrop is a glass wall featuring a collage of magazine covers showcasing Shantanu & Nikhil's creations. This spot, truly a designer's nest, I felt.

As one tries to acclimatise oneself to the frantic workplace reverberating with the machines of the dressmakers, the hurried pace of the stylists sifting through rich fabrics, deliberations amongst designers, you realise there is a certain rhythm to the razzmatazz.

What catches our fancy is a board that says "5 point success formula for Shantanu & Nikhil", which largely reads like this: Follow the disruption rule; Know our product even better; Know your customers for the product; Identify unsolved problems and seek solutions; and Hire better. Shantanu says, "Those five *mantras* have given birth to this work environment. Your work environment, the kind of people you hire, the kind of people who represent your mentality





*Your work environment, the kind of people you hire, the kind of people who represent your mentality as a brand will all get defined with the work culture and the space you have*

as a brand will all get defined with the work culture and the space you have. This space has pretty much defined who works for us how we work for them their welfare and how we nurture talent.”

Shantanu says, “The five success factors have come from within our team which has instilled the belief that this is the way to go forward.”

Reflecting on the significance of the divine presence in the vicinity, the designer duo say, “There is divinity in each one of us. We as a brand have always been humble about what we do or how we do it. Humility is God for us and I think the temple is nothing but is almost like an endorsement of being humble all the time. There is a language called God inside of us that we speak all the time.” The temple, they say, gives them the strength to be humble and to persevere and be harmonious towards things around them and that is the essence of its being. The harmony of contrasts is a beautiful sight to behold and at Finesse International Design, it acquires fascinating depth.





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# HANDPICKED SELECTION

*Refined luxury and great taste are always in season. This spring and summer indulge in a feast for your senses*



## THE ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN CO.

The Entertainment Design Co. is one of the world's most formidable luxury invitation houses, recognised for its bespoke and superior handcrafted personalised stationery for the most discerning clientele across the globe. Take cues from Anushka and Virat's wedding invitation which is set in gold on acrylic with pastel hues and florals as the theme. The invite has been paired with handcrafted chocolates and truffles along with a sapling as a memento of their ever-growing love.



## FOODHALL

Celebrate special occasions with help from Foodhall's gifting options. This loaded hamper is an assortment that's perfect for the connoisseur with varied and refined tastes. Sure to guarantee a unique dining experience with the finest products, this hamper contains the Foodhall special pink peppercorn and chives, truffle cheese, fresh mixed berries and Chandon Rose among other exciting treats. This one is a gift that will gratify all sweet and savoury snack cravings.

## YOKU MOKU

Tea time will now spell indulgence for gourmands. Freshly baked, light but decadent butter cookies with vanilla, chocolate and nuts, will be at hand with Yoku Moku's premier collection. Also available along with the cookies are the brand's USP: freshly-baked cigare which are finely-rolled cigar-shaped treats with a hint of vanilla. If you like surprises or want something to gift someone special, look no further than Yoku Moku.



## TWG TEA

TWG Tea, the finest luxury tea brand in the world, has over the years, become a trading post for teas, spices and fine epicurean products. TWG Tea's renowned signature tea, 1837 Black is a unique blend of black tea with notes of fruits and flowers from the Bermuda triangle. It leaves a lingering aftertaste of ripe berries, anise, and caramel. A timeless classic.



# THE WORLD ON A PLATTER

*MKT at The Chanakya is all set to establish its reputation as the gourmet's destination of choice when it comes to matters of great taste*



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There is a quote often attributed to Mies van der Rohe who, along with Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright is widely regarded as the pioneer of modernist architecture. The master creator who has designed some of the most iconic buildings in the world including the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the National Gallery, Berlin, was particularly fond of the aphorism, "God is in the details."

That thought occupies centre stage in our heads as we descend a magnificently sweeping staircase and walk into MKT, one of the most exquisitely detailed gourmet destinations in the National Capital. Located at The Chanakya MKT, an abbreviation of Market, is designed for the connoisseur and is a food lover's paradise in the truest sense of the word. The fact that it does so without coming across as pretentious or elitist is perhaps its creators' biggest triumph. MKT at The Chanakya is a representation

of luxury in its contemporary idiom where the finest things in life are not inaccessible, they are inviting. The entire atmosphere is redolent with a charm that will make you want to visit this place over and over again.

The sprawling floor is divided into two distinct areas. One side features a magnificently stocked Foodhall, which again, is the very embodiment of the word 'detailed'. Various Foodhalls exist throughout the country in varying formats but the one at The Chanakya, as with everything here, is created for the discerning consumer. There are separate sections dedicated to olives and cheese, seafood lovers will definitely nod in appreciation at the live lobster tank and for those with a sweet tooth, the live candy and chocolate making section is certainly a very appealing proposition. All of this is underscored with a happy, friendly vibe which gives MKT a quintessential fun appeal.

The other side features a series of open kitchens which, between them,

serve no less than 17 different kinds of cuisine. A number of prominent chefs and mixologists from around the world come together under one roof to bring the best of both drinks and food to the shopper at The Chanakya. From Padma Shri Imtiaz Qureshi, who brings in the outstanding taste of Awadhi and Hyderabad cuisine and going all the way down to India's glorious coastal cuisine, the indigenous palette at MKT is extraordinary, to say the least. In terms of international flavours, a wide selection of pan-Asian, Mexican and Italian dishes have been carefully curated to give patrons an outstanding taste of the world.

At MKT it is all about an all-encompassing experience that engages the senses at various levels. It begins with the design and architecture which is the brainchild of the celebrated Rockwell Group. Shawn Sullivan, partner and studio leader at the Rockwell Group, has designed the 20,000 square feet area which features the cross-disciplinary



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architectural practices the firm is known for. The Rockwell Group has to its credit some of the most famous restaurants and hotels in the world including Tao Downtown and Gordon Ramsay's Maze in New York, the Four Seasons Resort, Dubai and Cipriani in Venice, the Beverly Hills Hotel and a series of Nobu restaurants in New York, Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Doha, Melbourne and Dubai.

However, MKT is much more than state-of-the-art architecture. It is about bespoke experiences. It is about imbuing the finest in luxury with a warmth that is welcoming. The Chanakya, in fact, has managed to pull off the near impossible - it has given exclusivity an inclusive vibe which is cheerful, bright and vibrant. Not cold and distant as exclusivity can sometimes be. Add to it a vibrant bar with world class mixologists, wine on tap and drinks reminiscent of local flavours from across the world and you have a destination that really brooks no competition.



## THE SNOOZE REVOLUTION

*Sleep has always been the axis of good health and that is the reason why it is one of the most researched fields in medical science. This year will witness the arrival of technology that helps us rest*

*By Protima Tiwary*

Research suggests that adults need around six to eight hours of sleep every night in order to enjoy optimum health. Lack of sleep results in weight gain, lower immunity and even chronic illnesses. While a lot of emphasis has been put on the importance of a good night's sleep, not enough has been said about the factors that need to be taken under consideration while calculating sleep. The sleep position, light pollution and exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) are important points that affect the quality of sleep. We've been told countless number of times that putting our phones away 30 minutes before going to bed would improve our sleep, productivity and overall health, but we are not paying any attention to this. We're checking mails, eating, watching sitcoms on the bed, forgetting about the comfort and rejuvenation attached with a good, clean bed.

With research being conducted, these aforementioned points have now come to light. The importance of leaving the mobile phone away from you while you sleep is being stressed upon. Technology is enabling fitness trackers to clock in the hours slept. But have you heard of the latest in the field of sleep technology- smart beds?

That's right, there now exist smart beds and even pillows that not just help you sleep better, but also automatically adjust to your sleeping patterns. They calculate how well you slept by taking into account your heart rate, and even stop you from snoring! Over the years, the markets have seen an increase in demand for these

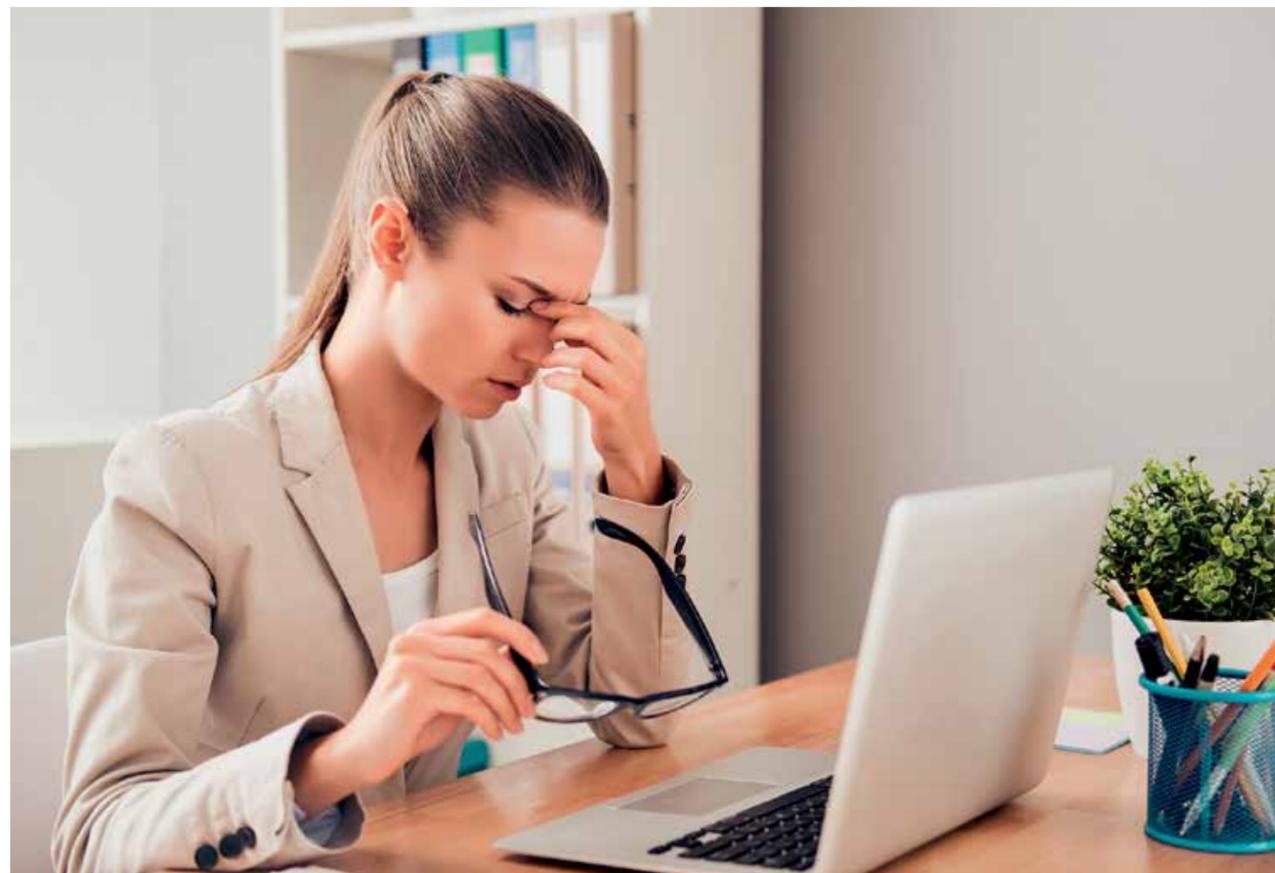
products. According to a TechSci Research report, the global smart bed market is expected to grow at a CAGR (Compounded Annual Growth Rate) of over 11% during 2017-2022. While a lot of this demand came from individuals, it is the hotel industry that contributed to a majority of it.

What makes these beds and pillows so special, and why would you shift from drinking warm milk and spraying lavender mist on your pillow to a smart bed? Because unlike the milk and mist which induce drowsiness, the technology used to make these beds and pillows help you sleep faster is contributing to the rise of smart homes around the world. The

*There now exist smart beds and even pillows that not just help you sleep better, but also automatically adjust to your sleeping patterns. They are the biggest health revolution of 2018*



Amerisleep Adjustable Bed



smart bed has biometric sensors built in to track your body movements, including your heart rate and breathing, through the night. They also come with sensors that gently nudge you to change your position in case you're snoring too loudly. You can view all this data on your phone via an app. The bed also provides suggestions

to improve sleep, like helping out with ideal temperature zones, lighting and even mattress firmness. Some smart beds even use responsive air technology to sense movements, and automatically adjust comfort and firmness. The pillow comes as a smart solution to improve overall sleep patterns as it brings with it actionable

guidance and feedback in order to ensure you get the most out of your sleep. They also have sensitive alarms that help you wake up smoothly, since waking up from a deep sleep is known to cause mood swings and also causes a serious drop in energy levels throughout the day.

These mattresses definitely come at a price, but the customised comfort, that feeling of floating in zero gravity, and the rejuvenated feeling after a good night's sleep are worth every penny. These smart beds and pillows promise to revolutionise your sleep, right from the moment you get into bed till the time you open your eyes to a beautiful, well-rested morning.

Sleeping well is all set to be the biggest health revolution in 2018, and the growing demand for better and safer bedding solutions across healthcare and residential set-ups coupled with rising purchasing power will drive the growth in global smart bed market.

Here's to sleeping our ways to healthier living!



Smart Pillow

# THE SPRING OF GENIUS

*This season is not just about exceptional natural beauty, although there is that too. But spring is also a time of the year that lends itself wonderfully to unbounded creativity*

*By Sam Lal*

**M**uch has been written about Spring. In fact, it wouldn't be an overstatement to say that this is the time of the year when inspiration flows unbound and creativity expresses itself in moments of untold brilliance. This season is a celebration of beauty, of rebirth and rejuvenation or as Henry Timrod puts it, "Spring is a true reconstructionist."

There is no creative field that has not been influenced by the manifold charms of spring which, in turn, has

inspired them to give their very best to the season. From Stravinsky to Van Gogh, from Wordsworth to Chaucer, this season brims with treasures that exceptional men and women have imbued it with through the power of their creative expression.

Fashion and style, perhaps one of the most artistic pursuits we know of, have been profoundly impacted by Spring. In fact, some of the most iconic moments in fashion were created when the Earth was dressed for celebration.



## BAR SUIT AND HAT CHRISTIAN DIOR

One of the founding pillars of modern fashion, Christian Dior gave the world what came to be known as the New Look silhouette. Unveiled in 1947, it sparked off a revolution in the way women dressed after the Second World War. A radical departure from the post-war austerity of Europe, the New Look, with its swirling jackets, nipped-in waists and fitted jackets gave the feminine form a sense of joy.

The Bar Suit and Hat made its debut in Dior's Spring-Summer collection of 1947 and remains one of the most successful designs from a house that has rarely made a wrong move. The success of this design lies in the fact that it emphasises the waist with its padded hips and tight-fitting top part. It is a classic because it builds itself around the most proportionate of designs ever created – the human body.



## THE MINI SKIRT MARY QUANT

Alright, so we need to clear a few facts first. The London-based Mary Quant was not the inventor of the mini skirt. That distinction must undoubtedly go to the French designer Andre Courreges. However, Mary Quant deserves her place in the style pantheon because she made the mini skirt a global rage. Inspired by Courreges, she shortened his dresses a wee bit further giving young women an option that they took to with gusto and haven't really let go ever since.



## THE RED SOLES CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

Like most abiding classics, this one is also anecdotal in nature. The story goes that Louboutin, who had honed his craft under the supervision of the brilliant Charles Jourdan, was sitting in his store watching his assistant paint her nails a very vivid shade of red. Inspiration struck without warning and Louboutin picked up the nail paint and started applying it to the sole of a shoe. The legendary Louboutin Red Soles were born that moment and the Princess of Monaco made international headlines when she wore them to an event.



## LITTLE BLACK DRESS COCO CHANEL

Gabrielle 'Coco' Bonheur Chanel, one of the most influential figures of 20th century fashion had a core philosophy around which everything worked. "Luxury must be comfortable otherwise it is not luxury," she would often say and it is that thought which led to the creation of the Little Black Dress.

Black, in the pre-1920s, was a colour associated with tragedy and people wore it while mourning. It was an unspoken taboo to wear it at any other time. Coco Chanel ushered in a sweeping change with her little black dress design which was first published in Vogue and made its way into the hearts and wardrobes of style-savvy women everywhere. Then, Audrey Hepburn wore it and the LBD became etched permanently in the style stakes.

## EDITOR'S TOP SPRING PICKS



This is the season of celebration and exchanging gifts with our near and dear ones is probably one of the best manifestations of this happy vibe. The Chanakya has some excellent gifting options guaranteed to keep the good cheer flowing.

### NICOBAR

Clothing and lifestyle products with an Indian soul and global appeal, this is rootsy luxury at its finest.

### YOKU MOKU

Handcrafted confectionery and cookies, Yoku Moku spreads happiness through the sheer indulgence it packages in every bite.

### MONTBLANC

Pen out the script of your cheerful times with these magnificent writing instruments which are a must-have for the connoisseur.

### TED BAKER

A wide range of pure British luxury from men and women's wear to fragrance, footwear and watches for your family and friends.



## DVF WRAP DRESS DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

Fashion, like every other cultural statement, is reflective of the time and era in which it was made. Diane von Furstenberg's wrap dress is a perfect embodiment of that thought. One of the most innovative names in the business, Furstenberg became a beacon for the social and sartorial evolution of women when she unveiled her wrap dress in 1972.

"Clothes have to reflect women's liberation," she stated in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. "Women today want versatile, simple, classic, comfortable, slimming clothes. This is the story of my success."

## THE BIRKIN BAG HERMÈS

When it comes to coveted collectibles, nothing quite ever matches the allure of a Birkin bag and to think that its creation was quite coincidental. It so happened that the famed British actress Jane Mallyory Birkin was seated next to Jean-Louis Dumas, the CEO of Hermes on a Paris-London flight. During the flight she remarked how tough it was to find the perfect weekend bag. Dumas took notes and the rest is history.



## THE BUBBLE DRESS PIERRE CARDIN

Given his love of futurism, it is no surprise that Pierre Cardin created the Bubble Dress which pays tribute to his love for space exploration and scientific adventures. The Bubble Dress with its nipped waist which flared out at the hips before tapering down again was an instant hit when it was launched and it's just as popular today.

## HEPBURN'S BLACK DRESS GIVENCHY

It was, quite literally, a case of a movie scene making its way into the consciousness of millions. The opening sequence of the Audrey Hepburn's abiding classic Breakfast At Tiffany's is one of Givenchy's most eloquent moments. The unforgettable vignette shows the gorgeous movie star in a black gown paired with opera gloves, layers of pearls and her hair done up in a French knot. That moment hasn't really faded away from the screens or from our hearts.



## THE SMOKING JACKET YVES SAINT LAURENT

Laurent's USP lay in the fact that he could take pieces of clothing that were inherently masculine and convert them into beautiful outfits for ladies. The first designer to introduce the concept of power dressing for women, he took it a step further with the iconic Smoking Jacket.

Known as Le Smoking Tuxedo, this outfit made it possible for women to be masculine and feminine all at the same time, which is no mean feat.



## THE SPEEDY LOUIS VUITTON

The Express train was just coming into its own as the preferred mode of transport all across Europe and that is probably the reason why the Speedy was called the Express when it was first unveiled by Louis Vuitton. The Speedy, as we all know, is the first everyday travel handbag created by Louis Vuitton and its impact has not lessened ever since it came out in the Thirties.

The Speedy's amazing versatility has made it a winner in every subsequent decade.

# TUCKED AWAY IN HEAVEN

*With the mercury threatening to establish a few records of sorts, here are some of the most luxurious mountain resorts in the world to help you beat the heat*

*By Aarti Kapur Singh*

Banyan Tree Lijiang, Yunnan Province, China

As the heat increases, so does the call of the high mountains offering solitude, adventure and nature at the peak of its beauty. This is the ideal time right after winter vacations and just before summer holidays for hikers, climbers, skiers and other adrenaline seekers to embrace the great outdoors. For those looking for a high-stakes adventure with fresh mountain air and mesmerising views, these lavish holiday getaways offer top-notch service and enchanting settings amidst dramatic landscapes and superlative pampering. And with perks such as spa therapy rooms, wine cellars and rooms outfitted with hand-crafted furnishings, these luxurious retreats offer one-of-a-kind escapes. Read on to start planning your next getaway.

**Banyan Tree Lijiang, China**

High up on a plateau in southern China, Banyan Tree Lijiang offers seclusion and luxury in an exotic destination far off the beaten path. The pulse radiating from Lijiang resonates a symphony full of soul, peace and ethnic harmony. To the north of this beautiful city arises the majestic Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, a sacred sanctuary which has protected the ethnic minorities and their unique



Reindl's Partenkirchener Hof

cultures since ancient times. Banyan Tree Lijiang's luxurious villas reflect the rich fabric of this locale through their design and furnishings. The call of the wild mingles effortlessly with the genteel bustle of scenic medieval towns. An incomparable pairing.

**Reindl's Partenkirchener Hof, Germany**

Located in the Bavarian Alps in southern Germany, this five star hotel is the best amongst many others found in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen

resort, the largest ski resort in the whole of the country with an interconnected mountain range comprised of five mountains. The location offers the only chance in Germany to ski on a glacier, which is located on the highest mountain in the country, the Zugspitze. The hotel itself features a large spa and a restaurant which serves traditional Bavarian food. Despite the glamour, luxury and comfort on offer here, there remains a charming family



St. Regis Lhasa Resort, Lhasa, Tibet

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atmosphere. If you're looking for adventurous activities and fun in the snow, the location of this hotel is perfect for you.

**Kimamaya Boutique Hotel, Japan**

Kimamaya is the Japanese word for "be yourself" and here, you can do just that. Set in the middle of Niseko Hirafu, Japan's renowned ski haven on the northern island of Hokkaido, this is a place where you will be welcomed as a friend into a home. Located in the middle of Japan's most popular ski area, on top of a mountain in Hokkaido, the hotel only contains nine rooms, ensuring that

guests receive a personalised visiting experience. The on-site spa offers shiatsu and full-body oil massages at an additional charge. The wooden and stone spa baths can be enjoyed for free with an advance reservation.

**St. Regis Lhasa Resort, Lhasa, Tibet**

St. Regis Lhasa Resort features unparalleled views of the Himalayas and Polata Palace along with architecture that reflects Tibetan elegance and simplicity. Its Gold Energy Pool is a bejeweled pool like no other, overlooking the surrounding valley for the ultimate in relaxation. Enjoy a reviving foot massage as well

as amazing food and drinks right at poolside. You can even ask the resort's chauffeur to bring you on a guided tour of Mount Everest, or the ancient palace Yunbulakang a more than 600-year-old monastery. If you're having trouble sleeping, indulge in the two hour "Deep Sleep Treatment" at the spa which includes a warming foot ritual followed by a head-to-toe massage that provides intense calming and grounding effects.

**COMO Uma Paro, Bhutan**

COMO Uma Paro, is an intimate, 29-room resort featuring the most exclusive private villas in Bhutan with an enviable location in the Paro Valley. This puts you within striking distance of the country's great cultural landmarks. The style combines local artisanship with COMO's contemporary style,



COMO Uma Paro, Bhutan

while activities range from yoga to Himalayan camping adventures. Uma Paro is an inland retreat, dedicated to Uma's understated philosophy of quiet comfort in inspiring, culture-rich locations. It is also a place for adventure, where the landscape and people won't fail to uplift you. Simply gaze across the valley the morning you awake. Discover the calming spirit of the COMO Shambhala Retreat. There are two private Bhutanese hot stone bathhouses, a large indoor pool with alfresco sundeck, steam rooms for men and women, a gym and yoga studio with Paro Valley views.

**Nekupe Sporting Resort and Retreat, Nicaragua**

Immerse yourself in nature and recharge at this eco-friendly luxury resort. With inspiring views, fascinating animals (think: howler monkeys) and an emphasis on wellness, the Nekupe Sanctuary is a spiritual oasis. Set on 1,300 acres, the property's nature-oriented design was influenced by feng shui principles and nurtures exploration and adventure. What's more, guests have access to an ATV to explore the area. Back at the property, you can enjoy indulgent spa treatments, horseback riding, hiking, yoga, cooking and cocktail-making classes, gardening and farming lessons, dancing and painting classes, along with excursions to nearby volcanoes.



Nekupe Sporting Resort and Retreat, Nicaragua

**Tierra Patagonia, Chile**

Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa sits on a bluff where the South American pampa meets Lake Sarmiento. The building is immersed in the landscape and emerges from the hillside. The award-winning architecture complements the flow of the geology in this privileged location and showcases the magnificent views of the Torres del Paine National Park, declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978. Inside, wood clad walls emanate warmth, safety and protection

– a cosy hideaway after a day spent discovering the amazing Patagonian outdoors. There is something truly delicious about curling up on a comfortable sofa with a lap blanket, a book and a glass of wine. What is even better is forgetting about the book and just staring out the window, looking at one of the Earth's most sublime places.

**Jade Mountain, St. Lucia**

You fancy the mountains, while the better half loves the beaches? Fret not, you can reach mid-point at a fantastic place in the Caribbean Islands. No wonder Jade Mountain in St Lucia is one of the most romantic places in the world - it has the best of the cool climes and the best of the tropics. The weather is such that each room is open – there are no windows – and each room has its own infinity pool leading out to the sea and with incredible, out-of-this-world views. The impressive design, with individual bridges leading to exceptional infinity pool suites and rugged stoned-faced columns reaching towards the sky, makes the resort one of the Caribbean's most mesmerising experiences. A wide range of spa services can be enjoyed in the privacy of the Jade Mountain sanctuaries or at Kai en Ciel, Jade Mountain's boutique spa and fitness studio.



Jade Mountain, St. Lucia

# 2017: A YEAR IN LANDMARKS

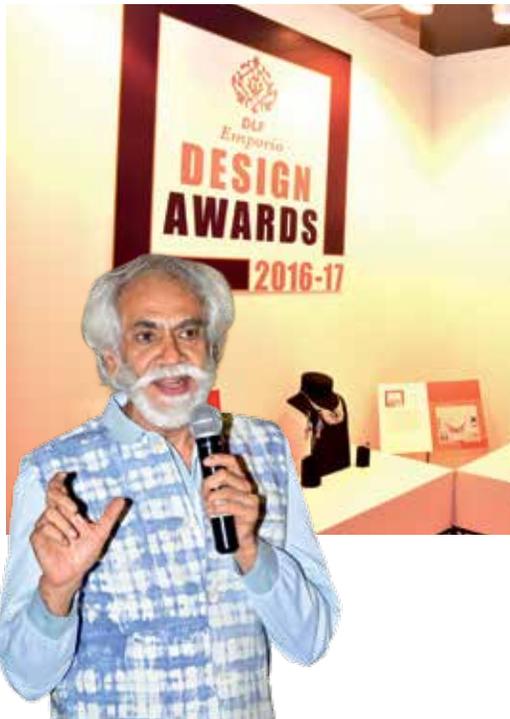
*Home to top notch luxury brands, DLF Emporio and The Chanakya dazzled the year gone by with scintillating previews, vintage car rallies, shopping fiestas, design awards and more*

**C**elebrating fashion and new age designs and budding designers forms the keypoint of the musings at DLF Emporio, India's first and finest luxury destination. The year gone by was a conglomerate of events showcasing in-house couture designers, shopping and food festivals, sale previews displaying exquisite ensembles, couture weddings, and celebrating special occasions like Women's Day and Valentines Day.



## VALENTINE'S DAY

At DLF Emporio, this year's Valentines Season revelry was held over an evening of cocktails and canapés where select invited guests had the opportunity to purchase specially curated Valentine's season products from Emporio's in house luxury brands.



## DESIGN AWARDS 2016-17 GRAND FINALE

DLF Emporio hosted the 5th edition of Design Awards 2016-17 with "Red Carpet Glam Chic" as the theme. Dinaz Madhukar, EVP, DLF Luxury Retail & Hospitality said, "Our initiatives such as the People's Choice Awards on Social Media platforms have encouraged greater participation. We are proud to endorse the talented young designers across India through this annual property."

**THE DLF VINTAGE CAR RALLY**

A vintage car rally was hosted by DLF Properties together with the Heritage Motoring Club of India (HMCI) where a convoy of 29 Vintage cars cruised from Gurugram to Delhi counted amongst the finest displays of automotive heritage.



**WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

DLF Emporio celebrated the spirit of womanhood on the occasion of International Women's Day, on March 2, 2017. Hosted by DLF Emporio at Chashi, the event saw power women, social influencers, top shoppers together with design divas.



**SPRING SUMMER SALE PREVIEW**



DLF Emporio hosted a Spring-Summer Sale Preview on June 15, 2017, exclusively for patrons, where special guests got an opportunity to shop for their favourite merchandise from International and Indian Luxury brands on sale, before giving access to everyone the next day.

**SHOPPING FIESTA**

DLF Emporio in association with Vogue India celebrated The Shopping Fiesta from the April 7 to May 7, 2017. Patrons who shopped for INR 25,000 were eligible to win exclusive designer gifts, vouchers and other prizes. The celebrations saw many firsts such as styling sessions apart from a special lunch organized at Setz.



**COUTURE WEDDINGS**

DLF Emporio successfully concluded their exquisite and highly-exclusive first ever wedding fashion show in the capital. The lavish showcase presented leading Indian designers and jeweller's couture collection to an audience that consisted of the city's top corporate honchos, social influencers and media stalwarts.



**SUNEET VARMA COUTURE 2017**

Suneet Varma in association with DLF Emporio and Swarovski presented his Couture 2017 collection titled "The Shining Star" focussing on western silhouettes and the traditional craftsmanship of couture at DLF Emporio.





**THE LUXURY SHOPPING FESTIVAL**

DLF Emporio hosted the 10th edition of Luxury Shopping Festival from September 21-October 16, 2017. Hazoorilal by Sandeep Narang and One and Only Resorts were partners for this edition of the festival, which also had an exclusive pop-up store wherein the winners of Design Awards 2016-17 displayed their collection.



**THE CHANAKYA**

The rise of India as a luxe point has found a magnificent manifestation in The Chanakya, an exclusive offering by DLF, which reinterprets Chanakya's iconic legacy in a contemporary context. Spread across sprawling 2,50,000 square feet in the picturesque environs of Chanakyapuri, it is a part of DLF's luxury collection and showcases some of the best national and international luxury brands.

**GRASSROOT AT THE CHANAKYA**

Anita Dongre Grassroot, a brand synonymous with art, culture, and sustainable fashion launched their store at The Chanakya. The store was inaugurated in the presence of His Excellency Nadir Patel, High Commissioner for Canada to India.



**DELECTABLE BRUNCHES AT THE CHANAKYA**

The Chanakya played the perfect host for a number of contemporary wholefood brunches. One of the lunches was crafted and curated by White Rhino, a brewery founded by Ishaan Puri, specially developed to cater to Indian tastes. Another scrumptious and exclusive lunch was hosted by Cecelia and Peter D'Ascoli. Peter's brand D'Ascoli & Company is a design and marketing firm specialising in textile design.



**AUTUMN WINTER SALES PREVIEW**

Heralding the Christmas and New Year, DLF Emporio offered a luxurious shopping experience to their customers. The grand winter sale held in December saw patrons shopping from their favourite luxury brands for less while indulging in cocktails and canapés adding to the shopping fervour.



**AT THE BLOGGERS TABLE**

Top food bloggers from Delhi came together at The Chanakya to experience the newly launched Café C. Some popular bloggers at the event included Parul Pratap from Little Black Book, Anurpriya Jolly from All About Women and Priyanka Singh from HMM Life.



**THE VIP BRUNCH**

A brunch for ambassadors of various nations was organised at The Chanakya. Some of the attendees of the event included Stephen Borg, High Commissioner of the Republic of Malta, Toni Atanasovski, Ambassador, Embassy of Macedonia and Ashish Saraf, Consulate of the Bahamas.



**FASHION AND FOOD FIESTA**

DLF Emporio is renowned for creating memorable experiences. To redefine luxury indulgences, DLF Emporio hosted Fashion and Food Fiesta 2017 in association with Red Door Luxury. Adhering to the legacy, DLF Emporio dedicated a day for the guests to enjoy shopping together with food offers and other exciting activities. The luxury destination hosted various engaging activities such as Numerology, Tarot reading and Aura reading for the discerning guests.



## FOLLOW THE SUN

*Spring and summer are times when the sun becomes resplendent in its full glory. It is a great time to soak in those rays as long as we tick the right boxes in our checklist*

Taking time off from our very demanding professional lives more often than not, translates into heading out in the open with smiles on our faces and the sunshine on our backs. It is perhaps the closest one can get to experiencing a slice of pure heaven.

The sun, irrespective of any geographical or cultural context, is synonymous with happiness and that is the reason why we cannot get enough of it. It is just that there are certain little precautions we need to take whenever we head out to soak in those precious rays to ensure that we get the best out of our day in the sun.

**Cover The Eyes:** Yes, shades look supremely cool and that alone is good reason to snap them on but as it turns out, they serve a more practical purpose too. Bright sunlight can be somewhat detrimental to the vision and a good pair of 400 UV rated glasses are exactly what the ophthalmologist ordered.

The number simply means that these sunglasses block light up to the 400 nanometer range which covers long wave ultraviolet A (UVA) and short wave ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Unprotected exposure to these rays can lead to premature skin aging and suppression of the immune system. Eye protection therefore, is absolutely essential.

**The Right SPF:** It is somewhat of a universal consensus that any sun screen that has a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 – 20 is a good sunblock for everybody. While, it is not too faraway from the truth, it must be remembered that we all have different skin types and it makes ultimate sense to consult a dermatologist to guard against sun burn.

**Stay Hydrated:** The human body needs at least 2 – 4 litres of water when exposed to the sun for prolonged periods. Sodas are not the right substitute because they dehydrate you. So carry plenty of water.



Lily Aldridge


**GROUND FLOOR**

BRAND NAME	CATEGORY
Bally	Fashion
Berluti	Fashion
Bottega Veneta	Fashion
Bvlgari	Jewellery & Watches
Café E	Dining
Cartier	Jewellery & Watches
Cha Shi	Dining
Christian Louboutin	Fashion
Dior	Fashion
Emporio Armani	Fashion
Ermenegildo Zegna	Fashion
Fendi	Fashion
Giorgio Armani	Fashion
Gucci	Fashion
Jimmy Choo	Fashion
La Perla	Fashion
Louis Vuitton	Fashion
Michael Kors	Fashion
Roberto Cavalli	Fashion

BRAND NAME	CATEGORY
Salvatore Ferragamo	Fashion
Sunglass Icon	Fashion
Tod's	Fashion
Tom Ford	Fashion
Versace	Fashion

**FIRST FLOOR**

BRAND NAME	CATEGORY
A.Lange & Sohne*	Jewellery & Watches
Argentor	Lifestyle
Armani Junior	Fashion
Bang & Olufsen	Lifestyle
BCBGMAXAZRIA	Fashion
Burberry	Fashion
Canali	Fashion
Coach	Fashion
Corneliani	Fashion
Fleur De Lis	Lifestyle
Hackett	Fashion

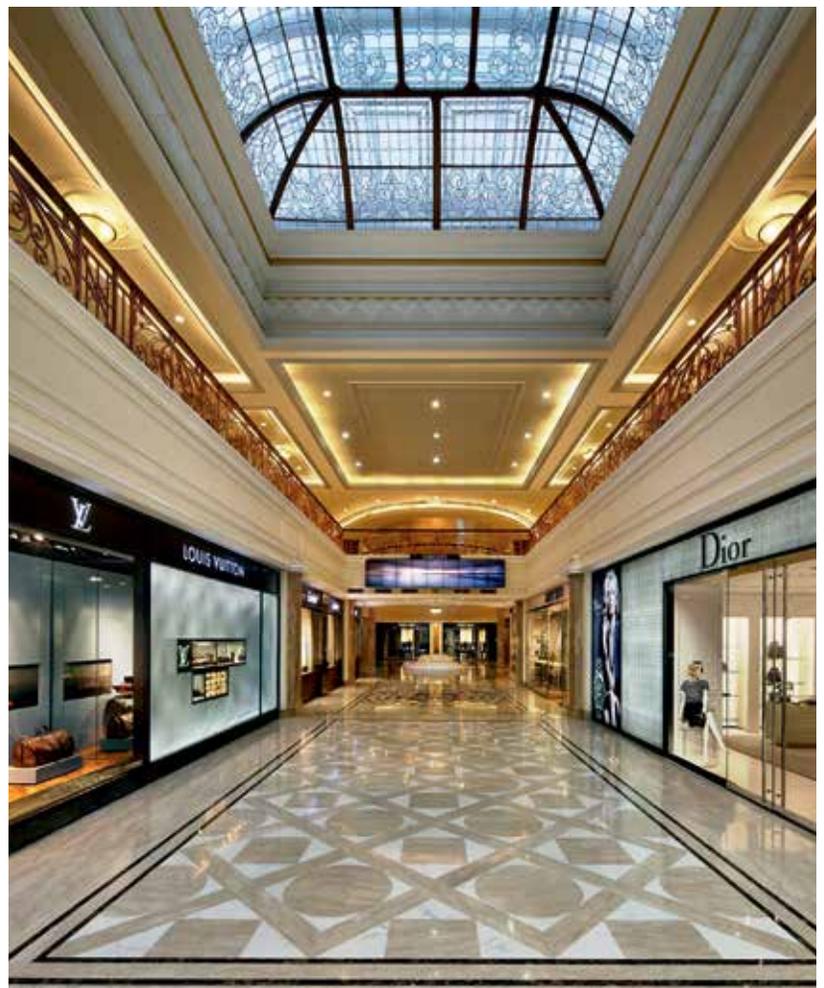
BRAND NAME	CATEGORY
Hugo Boss	Fashion
Jay Strongwater	Lifestyle
Johnson Watch Co.	Jewellery & Watches
Kapoor Watch Co.	Jewellery & Watches
Kate Spade New York	Fashion
La Martina	Fashion
Les Petits	Fashion
Longchamp	Fashion
Molton Brown	Lifestyle
Missoni	Fashion
Paul Smith	Fashion
Paul & Shark	Fashion
Salvatore Ferragamo	Fashion
Tumi	Lifestyle
TWG Tea	Lifestyle
Villeroy & Boch	Lifestyle

## SECOND FLOOR

BRAND NAME	CATEGORY
Abhishek Gupta	Fashion
Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla	Fashion
Anju Modi	Fashion
Ashima Leena	Fashion
Ashish N Soni	Fashion
Bridal Gallery Hazoorilal By Sandeep Narang	Jewellery
DIACOLOR	Jewellery & Watches
Gaurav Gupta	Fashion
Janavi	Fashion
Kotwara by Meera & Muzaffar Ali	Fashion
La Prairie	Lifestyle
Malini Ramani	Fashion
Manav Gangwani	Fashion
Mirari	Jewellery & Watches
Monisha Jaising	Fashion
Neeru Kumar	Fashion
Neeta Lulla*	Fashion
On The Go	Dining
Pankaj & Nidhi	Fashion
Patine	Fashion
Peacock Bride By Falguni & Shane Peacock	Fashion
Raghavendra Rathore	Fashion
Ravi Bajaj	Fashion
Ravissant	Lifestyle
Rina Dhaka	Fashion
Rohit Bal	Fashion
Rose	Jewellery & Watches
Shivan & Narresh	Fashion
Shantanu & Nikhil	Fashion
Signature By Satya Paul	Fashion
Shyamal & Bhumika	Fashion
Sunita Shekhawat*	Jewellery
Suneet Varma	Fashion
Surekha Jain	Fashion
Tarun Tahiliani	Fashion
The Gem Palace	Jewellery & Watches
Varun Bahl	Fashion

## THIRD FLOOR

AM:PM	Fashion
Anita Dongre	Fashion
Ash Amaira	Fashion
ASAL by Abu Sandeep	Fashion
Ensemble	Fashion
Namrata Joshipura	Fashion
Niki Mahajan	Fashion
Ogaan	Fashion
Pashma	Fashion
Rajesh Pratap Singh	Fashion
Ranna Gill	Fashion
Ritu Kumar	Fashion
Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna	Fashion
SET'Z Restaurant & Bar	Dining
The SET'Z Bar	Dining
The Entertainment Design Co.	Lifestyle
Vanilla Moon	Fashion
Worship Salon & Gentlemen's Tonic	Lifestyle



Note - \*Stores opening soon

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