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The Spring-Summer 2019 issue has been curated with care, because we believe the season marks a fresh new beginning. We have included exceptional products from our partner stores, simple yet handy advice from experts in fashion, beauty, lifestyle and wellness, and, of course, the exciting flavour of luxurious living. You're already a citizen of the world, and we're sure that you'll find the pages that follow both informative and entertaining. We would love your thoughts and ideas, and look forward to showcasing the best international and Indian fashion trends for you.

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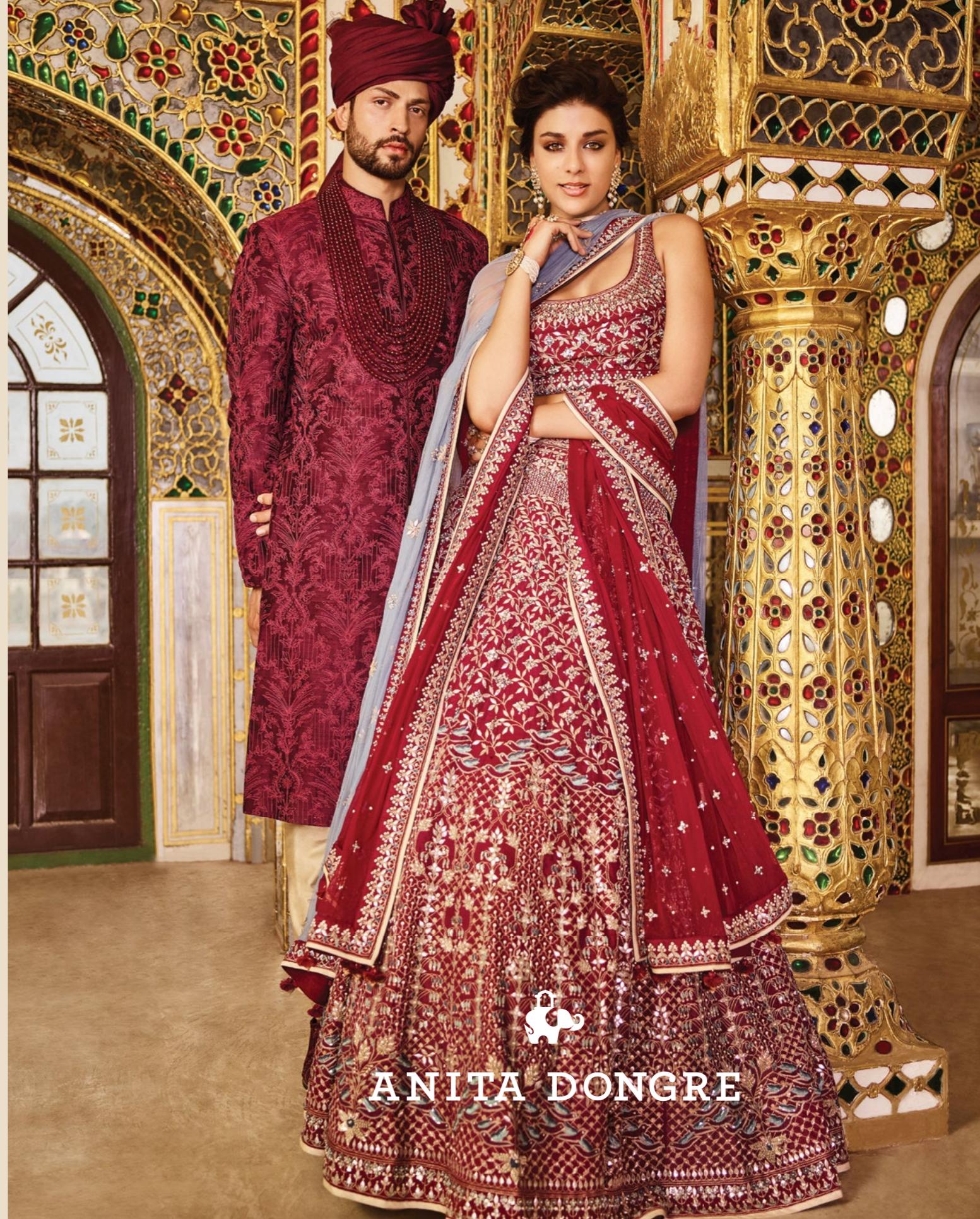
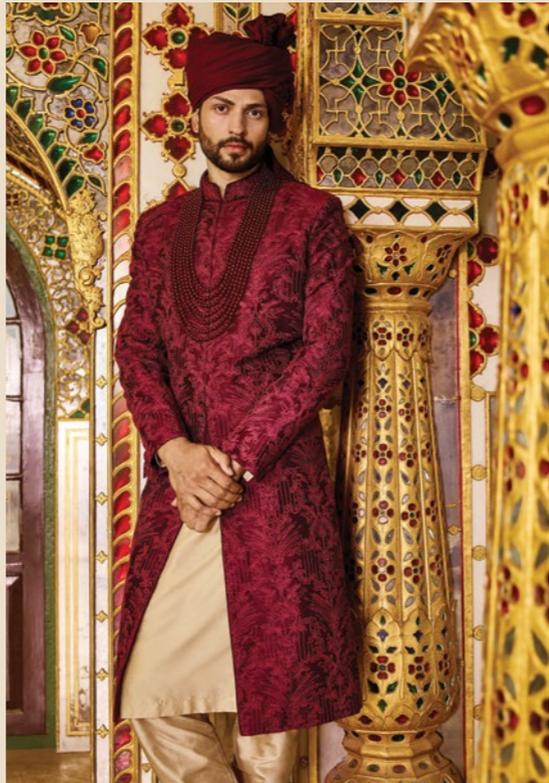
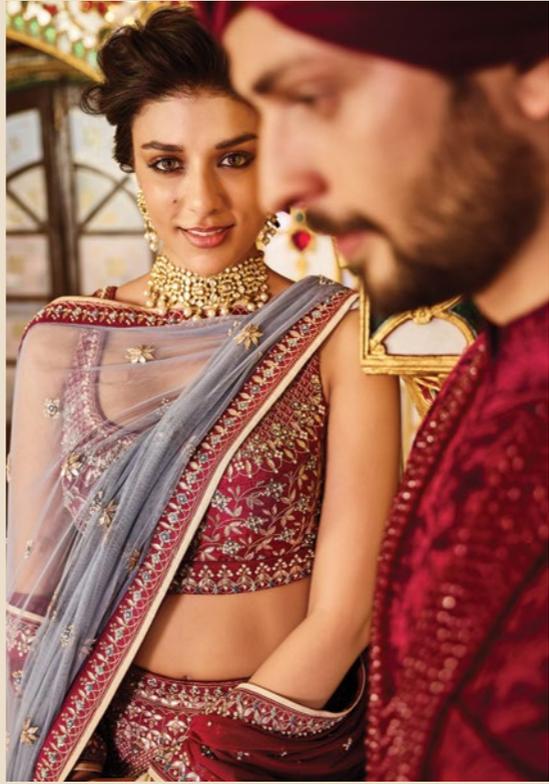

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Studded with diamonds, adorned with discs of emerald and book-ended with bead-shaped rubies, this fusion ring is a display of the extravagant turn creativity can take. Set in 18 kt gold, the prime position is held by an opaque cabochon ruby.



Easy Chic

MICHAEL KORS COLLECTION

Come spring, and the go-to look has to be bright with vibrant motifs, as seen in Michael Kors' Spring 2019 collection. To highlight the feminine floral prints and silhouettes of the dresses, you can use a straight-cut leather jacket as a foil. This juxtaposition-friendly collection is all about bringing back colour to the streets, and extending it to each element of the outfit; even the handbags get their turn in the sun with shade-and-shape play—we're talking about spring motifs such as butterflies and petals.



Theme Of Hybridisation

Gucci

The Cruise 2019 collection by Alessandro Michele has debuted the Interlocking G Belt, which combines two distinctive motifs—the intertwining Gs and the Horsebit. The reveal in Alyscamps, Arles, was a stunner, too.

The Iconic Touch

Fendi

With the iconic all-over brown FF motif, this circular backpack charm is cute and user-friendly, with a zip closure and clip. The gold-finish metalware helps it retain a classic vibe, while keeping it firmly mod.



The March

Lladró

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the iconic porcelain-maker has created this masterful statuette.



Check Mate

Bottega Veneta

The Luna crossbody bag in Intrecciato Checker from the Cruise 2019 collection channels the Op-Art aesthetic. The coin purse, sewn on by hand, features prominently in the centre and is a dynamic element. The woven shoulder strap can be removed, or worn elsewhere as a belt.



Face The Sun

Coach

With Michael B. Jordan, their first global face for menswear, Coach has launched a breakout collection of bags and accessories, which taps the vibe of the street.

Princess' Pride

Sunita Shekhawat

A part of the Firoza Collection, this stunning neckpiece features Meenakari detailing and is set in pure gold with polkis, pearls and turquoise. A fine example of the brand's artisanship.



Spice Magic

Molton Brown

The exotic black pepper and pink pepper spices entice the senses, while keeping the overall mood sweet and warm. These bodywashes are great for the skin, and smell like a balmy noon.

Rock Chic

Diesel

The new collection combines the best of Diesel's disruptive design and its street cred vibe. With structured jackets, biker boots and asymmetrical accessories, this range is lit.



Road Rules

Bally

The Crew backpack for men has the trendy alpine style closure, and is striking with its dark red colour and chunky straps. It also has a drawstring and three external zip pockets, handy to stash stuff.



Sensual Silhouette

La Perla

The new collection is bolder than ever, and we love this Petit Macrame brassiere and trousers combo. It sure says a lot without too much drama.



Razor Cut

Giorgio Armani

The sleek textured jacket from the Spring 2019 collection highlights the legendary designer's focus on the fit and pure Italian craftsmanship. A prize piece.



Leather & Life

Perona

The sleek Zuri jumpsuit has the power to create waves no matter how you pair it, and it's sure to be quite the evening-wear favourite.



Nature's Way

Nicobar

The new menswear collection sticks to the brand's sustainable and relaxed ethos to great effect.



Fun In Colour

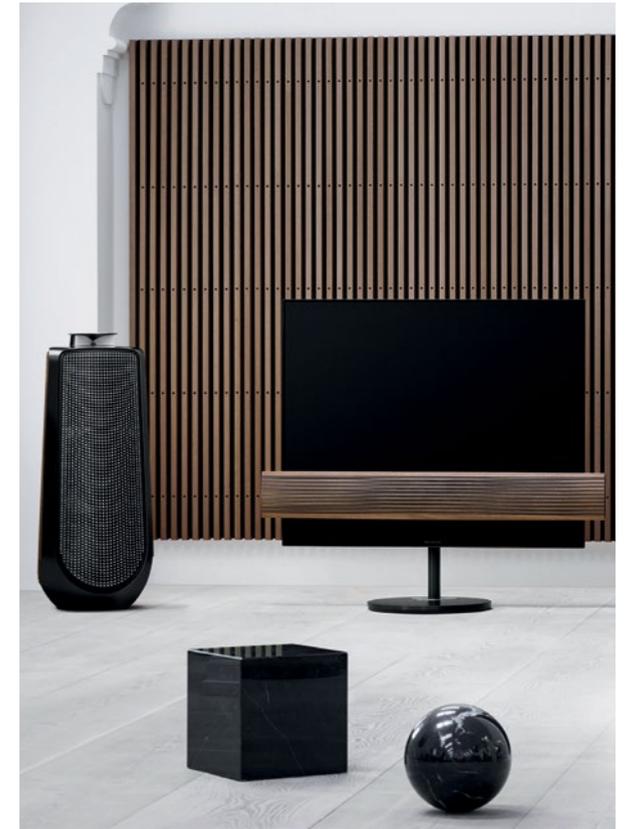
Les Petits

A range of bright colours marks this cute new ethnic-wear collection for children.

Fine Lines

Bang & Olufsen

The Bang & Olufsen Beovision Eclipse TV and Beolab 50 loudspeakers boast of the best sound a television can offer, while the design is seminal.



High Ruby

De Grisogono

Watchmaking and jewellery are about fine craftsmanship of every single detail, and the Grappoli S06 exemplifies this with a ruby Galuchat strap. The arrangement of stones in the dial is a mosaic of rubies in different hues. (Available at DIACOLOR)



Multiple Dimensions

Outhouse

The versatile pouch finds its embellished avatar with this piece. Sling it like you own it.

Bring On The Fun

Armani Junior

Little boys and girls get classic yet edgy jerseys to match their parents' street style. ♣



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Spring Steps SHYAMAL & BHUMIKA

Stunning and exotic, a diverse palette mixes with fine handwork to bring the designer duo's new collection to life. From serene pastels to fiery reds, the intricate embellishments hug the wearer, while adding a festive sheen to the warm season.





Yacht Life
SHIVAN & NARRESH

Tapping into the most prolific trends in the new EdoMer Series, the dynamic designers combine sexiness, glamour and comfort. The collection of swimsuits is refined, and quintessential beach chic.

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Tap the vacation vibe as you head into the summer



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- 4 Hiking sandals by GUCCI ₹60,000;
- 5 Petal earrings by KATE SPADE ₹11,000;
- 6 Belt by JIMMY CHOO (p.o.r.);
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The black and grey power combine is a definite must-try this season



1 Saddle belt by DIOR ₹1,50,000; 2 Bag by PERONA (p.o.r.); 3 Belt accessories by FENDI (p.o.r.); 4 Bag by LA MARTINA ₹17,950; 5 Tassel bag charm by COACH ₹11,000; 6 Sunglasses by BURBERRY ₹18,500; 7 Shoes by EMPORIO ARMANI (p.o.r.)



Grunge Luxe DIESEL

Leather, lace, engaging silhouettes, undisputed street cred. All these form intrinsic parts of the new collection from Diesel, which taps the bold, rough appeal of über-athleisure and gives you a glimpse of what disruption-era style sensibility looks like.

The Style Face-Off

Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality

BY PALLAVI SINGH

BULGARI SERPENTI RING

This beautiful two-coil ring in 18 kt rose gold channels ancient Greek and Roman mythology, and uses hypnotic design to create a striking icon.

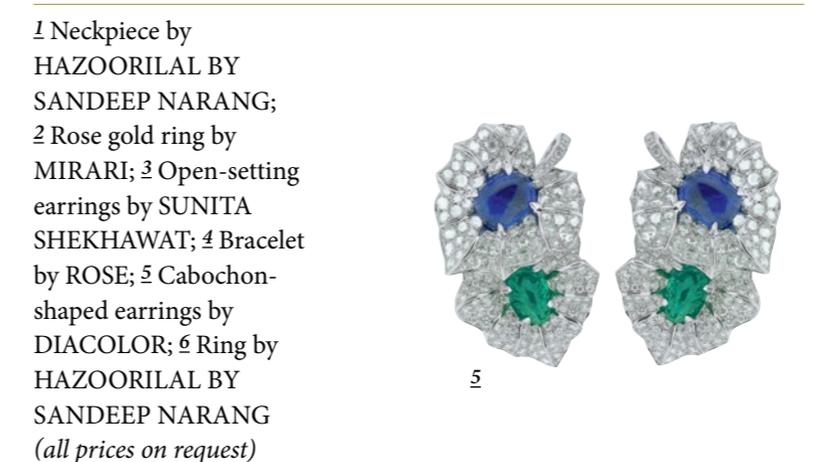
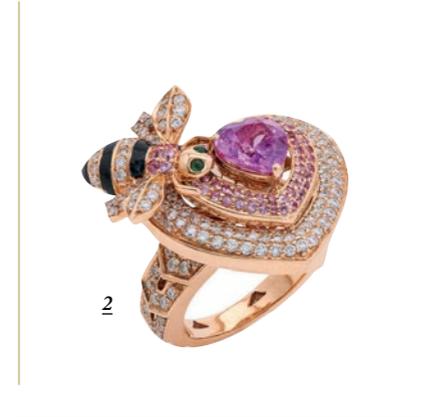


MIRARI INSIGNIA DOUBLE FINGER RING

This unique ring, set in 18 kt rose gold, features a medley of diamonds and pink sapphires, and a fascinating silhouette. It employs mirroring to create its form.

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1 Neckpiece by HAZOORILAL BY SANDEEP NARANG; 2 Rose gold ring by MIRARI; 3 Open-setting earrings by SUNITA SHEKHAWAT; 4 Bracelet by ROSE; 5 Cabochon-shaped earrings by DIACOLOR; 6 Ring by HAZOORILAL BY SANDEEP NARANG (all prices on request)



The Polo Life

With style and sinew in every aspect of the game, the fashion quotient of this sport has influenced not just stylemakers and aficionados, but the ethos of elegant living itself

BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR



Charles, Prince of Wales



Rina Sawayama



Meghan, Duchess of Sussex



Horse and hounds at the Westchester Cup in Windsor



Eric Underwood



Eddie Redmayne



Betty Bachz, Eliza Cummings, Amber Le Bon and Sam Rollinson



Polo player Ashley van Metre Busch of Sentebale St. Regis

Regality. A distinct sense of regality. That's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about polo. Then, the steeds, with fluid musculature, almost like poetry in motion.

From the audience—usually royalty and top-tier celebrities—to the setting, polo has its own intrinsic style. This game, played by the upper echelon, has created a design idiom that few luxury brands can ignore, and it's safe to say many of them trace their origins to dressage and horseback riding.

When it comes to fashion, there's a certain balance that has to be brought in because the occasion demands a statement, and the outdoor setting of the match means you have to dress accordingly. We spoke to styemakers and polo

aficionados to break down the look, and give you a primer of inimitable spectator attire.

To start with, one can't go wrong with a colour palette that borders on the lighter side, so if you're a fan of *khakis*, pairing them with a white shirt and a dark, light-weight blazer is a sure-fire fix. Just remember to go with a discreet and slim belt so as to not weigh the outfit down.

While the polo shirt may seem like an obvious and ubiquitous choice, you could choose to use it as a neutral canvas—to pave the way for more noteworthy accessories. A wide-brimmed hat is one road to go down, as long as it's of a breathable material—after all, it is outdoors in the sun—which is why you'll see a lot of straw hats. As for footwear, there are plenty of loafer

or driving shoe options to choose from—Salvatore Ferragamo, Tod's, Dior and Bottega Veneta have some excellent options. Should you want to experiment a tad, luxe brands are getting into trainers and sneakers head-first, offering you a safe way to include athleisure.

The hero fabric of summer, fine linen, stands its ground by perfectly straddling all the requirements: it's light on your skin and is a classy option. Even vibrant patterns are appropriate when laid on linen. Of course, we tend to favour the princely *bandhgala* and *bandi* in India, and with good reason. These two structured silhouettes are sleek and offer a plethora of bespoke options. Raghavendra Rathore, Canali, Ravi Bajaj and Ermenegildo Zegna are superb choices.

Dressing in outfits that offer both flow and a singular fit has never been easier, thanks to Kate Middleton's (and now, Meghan Markle's) consistent inspiration. A perfect mood-board, keep an eye out for pastel A-line skirts and dresses, both of which do justice to the feminine silhouette and ensure utmost elegance. Pair the skirt with a fitted button-down shirt and you'll be good to go not only for the match, but also for subsequent after-parties. A handy point to keep in mind is to not wear stiletto heels—if you do want the added boost, wedges are a safer option on grassy terrain, or you could go for embellished flats or Chelsea boots.

A final-but-imperative pointer from a frequent visitor: Don't forget your shades. ♣



Varun Bahl

Shyamal & Bhumika



Tarun Tahiliani

Shimmering Summer

They say nothing shines brighter than the sun, well, here's your chance to test the theory—sequins. We've chartered the hottest accessories and separates that truly let you shine this season, along with some advice from the people who know the best ways to incorporate them into your 2019 wardrobe

BY NIRJA DUTT

After the heavy winter, you need something to liven up your spring wardrobe, something that's easy yet effective. Enter sequins. What started out as an embellishment all the way back in 2500 BCE, is now this season's most coveted trend. Metallic, pastel, translucent or holographic, there's something for every style. Here are seven commandments on how to wear this trend just right.

Embrace your inner goddess
Think loud, think all over and think cocktail dresses, jumpsuits and capes all covered in your favourite shade of sparkly.

For Monisha Jaising, "Shimmer and sequins effortlessly complement timeless silhouettes. Intricately embellished mini dresses, structured jumpsuits, metallic jackets, sparkly pants and tops detailed with scores of sequins are

the perfect silhouettes to don for your party night-outs.”

Ranna Gill is on the same page when it comes to sequined dresses, and recommends “delicate dresses, mid-thigh tops and midi skirts for the day. For evening, sequins could be in metallic colours, shiny or iridescent on maxis, evening gowns, blouses or body-hugging dresses.”

Build it one at a time

If going all out is not your thing, try starting small; accessories are a fantastic way to start. They add the adequate amount of shine without the quintessential over-the-top '80s glam. The versatility is what makes them a go-to for designers including Gill.

“They look just right all by themselves and go perfectly with other embroidery materials as well. Sequins have the power to make an outfit both delicate and edgy. If sequins are incorporated with ruffles and cascades, the effect is like a cascading stream, and if teamed up with cowls and asymmetrical silhouettes, it makes for a sensual and striking ensemble. These are perfect as a little detail on the trims. Sequin earrings and chokers are also in this season,” Gill says.

Jaising agrees, adding, “Our latest Festive collection is glamorous and distinctive, and has sequined evening wear like cocktail gowns and saris, chic sparkly tops, and delicately embellished dresses.”

Pick feisty formals for the win

When you think of pantsuits and pencil skirts, they don't necessarily need to be grey, navy or plaid, they could be so much more! We love the idea of oversized holographic sequins studded on any one of these separates to take it to the next level.

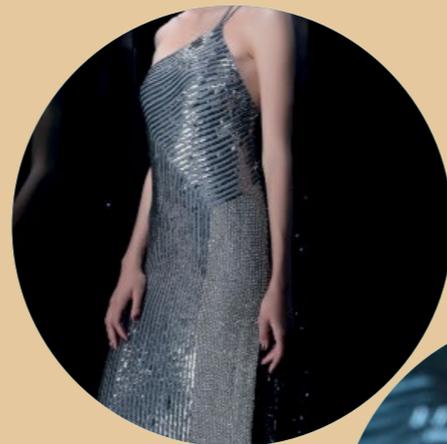
In fact, Jaising's advice for adding a “cool quotient” to one's look without going overboard is to “sport a sequin-embellished dress and finish the look with understated black accessories. Opt for a metallic jacket over a jumpsuit or top for a hot and chic look.”

If you have a black-tie event in the future, sequin-work is recommended by Shyamal and Bhumi for lehengas, saris and gowns, as those are silhouettes that lend themselves best to the work.

Make metallics your best friend

All metallic shades are flattering when worn in the right way. If you're choosing silver, wear it to a special occasion, perhaps in a silhouette that hugs your body and shows off your curves. When going for gold, pick it for one item—it could be an accessory or a separate, but trust us, one is enough.

When picking other shades, perhaps copper, bronze or pastel metallics (yes, that's a thing), you want to wear these in Indian silhouettes. The key, however, is simplicity, and lies in using the sequins to, as Rohit Gandhi and



Monisha Jaising



Pankaj & Nidhi



Rahul Khanna guide, “enhance the surface of the garment.” If you’re still struggling to find the right choice for you, they suggest that “dull metallics work with almost everything,” but, ultimately, it “all depends on the type of fabric used.”

Play with the power of white

Never underestimate the glimmer of a white-hot sequin number. Best served on a risqué dress, it is also great for layering. They also work well for daytime outings, specially Sunday brunches.

And this works across silhouettes, but particularly towards those with flattering cuts, says Varun Bahl, recommending you dive into sequins by “highlighting prints and embroideries.”

Use tone-on-tone twinkle

Although brights look brilliant, nothing beats the elegance of tone-on-tone ensembles. Think of a navy blue sari with navy blue sequins dancing on the *pallu*, or a red dress dotted with red sequined polkas; both are undeniably classic.

What makes this trend better? It transcends seamlessly across ages, patterns and styles. For Indian wear especially, embroidery has always

been a stand-out facet, which is what makes sequins the “soul of the contemporary Indian brand,” as per Gill. “Sequins are versatile and go very well with all embroidery material, hence, they are an integral part of Indian embroidery. Sequins are a part of most ensembles we do, from Indian tunics to evening wear.”

Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna add, “Indian craftsmanship is unique and used in many different ways. We like to mix traditional and modern techniques together to give a remarkable look to our silhouettes.”

Know that rainbow means royalty

Fashion has always been a way of reflecting the hopes and wishes of the current generation, and the one thing we all wish for is abundance, and nothing says that quite like all the colours. Mix and match is a thing of the past, now you want every colour, pattern and print all in one jumper, covered in sequins!

Even within sequins, you should feel free to experiment. Shyamal and Bhumiika say they use “varied kinds of sequins ranging from the traditional metal *katori* to the tonal shimmering ones to accentuate couture embroideries.” ❀



About Artisanal Luxury

Luxury buyers are transcending from experiential luxury to a more transformational and immersive experience

BY DINAZ MADHUKAR

Marco Zanini, the Italian fashion designer, once said, “Real Luxury is a balance between quality and the affection you feel for an object that cannot be easily replicated.” Little did he realise that he was completely on point on how luxury is being viewed by the most discerning luxury consumers today. Luxury is knowing that what you covet is superlative in quality and the most unique and rare in its creation—it is “Artisanal Luxury.”

I believe that the more astute luxury buyers are now transcending from experiential luxury to more

transformational and immersive artisanal luxury... a luxury that goes beyond mere consumption and connects with the resonance and reverence you feel for the brand—its legacy, myth, aura and persona.

Coco Chanel once proclaimed, “Those who create are rare, those who cannot are numerous. Therefore, the latter are stronger.” However, today, the latter are willing to go to great lengths to become a part of the former—the creators. That is where artisanal luxury usurps the mantle: The one-of-a-kind, bespoke luxury which tells you the tale, not just about

the product, but the folklore that it carries beyond its conception. Luxury purveyors are now delving deeper into luxury brands, those they feel are more relatable, an extension of their own attitudes and personalities, so to say. They buy the brand because it alludes to their core and essence. From Lladró to Berluti, the charm of owning artisanal luxury is in its unique tales whispered into the ears of its most resolute of patrons. These are Coco Chanel’s latters in conversation with the creators, wanting more of them and their craft.

These luxury dialogues now



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pan from crafting bespoke (just the one piece in the world) products to more immersive glimpses into the world of luxury via disruptive and transformational luxury workshops. Master ateliers bring alive a unique new world of unseen luxury to people who may not be able to create but are supremely able to consume via exquisite immersions and experientials—this, to them, is the highest form of artisanal engagement. A Lladró buyer, today, loves to be a part of a workshop that tells them how their prized possession comes to life, and these experiences are more inclusive, so

brand love and brand reverence are almost instant. Similarly, a Berluti customer gets to experience the unique form of leather tattooing, the dexterity involved in owning that “one of a kind” or “made for me” creation. These dialogues in luxury are “exclusively-inclusive” and, therefore, at the very core of the evolution of artisanal luxury.

While this is here to stay, there is also now “a new allegiance” taking shape—a conscious following for luxury brands that are creating conscientious luxury products. These are brands keeping legacies alive while constantly

rethinking the environment they operate in. Dominant luxury houses are making “environment-first” decisions to create and craft more environmentally-harmonious products. Chanel, denouncing the production of exotic leather goods, has won the hearts of many customers both old and new. The world of luxury is now changing to include consumption with a heart and fashion with a cause.

As the luxury industry is levelling-up, so is its creative ingenuity. We are learning to make way for new luxury verbiage like Athletic Luxe or Luxe Athleisure.



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The sneakers dominate this space, and have arrived at the luxe scene to emerge as the most buoyant and clever Athletic Luxe innovation, finding fancy with the biggest luxury brands (including Gucci, Fendi and Dior) across the globe.

The other haute couture trend is the "Reinvention of the Classics."

Christian Dior once advised, "Don't buy much but make sure that what you buy is good," and he stuck to his own adage.

His *maison* constantly goes back to reinvent its "rarest of the rare" vintage creations, and to great effect. Dior's revival of the "Saddle bag" and re-imagining of Lady Dior are some of the most ingenious creative reinventions and the sincerest homages to the classics.

Add to this list of classical revival the allure of wearing a watch. While we have seen the emergence and dismissal of the smartwatch, classic watches with their complications, movements and mechanisms are as relevant today as they were before, for they are seen more as an extension of one's taste and personality. So, the more attitudinally relatable a brand, the more its lure. Brands like Jaeger-LeCoultre, Panerai, Hublot, Audemars Piguet and Roger Dubuis have found huge fans among Indian consumers simply because they exude differential brand attitudes.

Similarly, when it comes to beauty, we have come full circle to settle on the "natural fresh-face look." Cosmetics are slowly

but surely being substituted with natural and organic products, which are gentler and environment- and derma-friendly. Consumers are revisiting the art of old botanica as applied by our ancestors, and the emergence of a cult brand like Paro is a validation of this trend. Beauty is fast becoming synonymous with well-being. In my opinion, pure play cosmetic brands should gear up to battle it out with healing and remedial "made in India" holistic beauty products.

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The Riviera You Haven't Seen

Here's your personal itinerary to the playground of the elite

BY PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI



The rustic charm of Saint-Tropez belies its luxurious centre



Clockwise from left: The Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc is an Antibes landmark; **Shivan & Narresh's** stylish 2019 collection; **Pankaj & Nidhi's** resort-ready 2019 collection; the Antibes port, alive with yachts; palatial luxury at the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat

the French Riviera before heading north into the countryside. While this route led Napoléon back to a short-lived second reign as emperor, today the same route can be conquered with horsepower instead of on horseback.

The Napoleonic Road boasts some of the most scenic roads in the world, where the über-wealthy put their supercars and grand tourers to the test. It includes the infamous Col de Turini (Monte Carlo Rally's most celebrated stage), which will pose a challenge even for the best drivers, and the Parc Naturel Régional du Verdon, where it's possible to drive along an epic gorge dubbed the "French Grand Canyon." The mountain roads and tight turns are a thrill, before you reach the dreamlike seaside route from Monaco to Saint-Tropez.

It is studded with palaces and bastions featuring imposing architecture, gigantic rooms, luxurious gardens, and enchanting terraces. Together, they reflect a past defined by the pursuit of elegance and the art of good living. Rent the right car (a Porsche or Ferrari is recommended) and plan a trip for late April or early October, when you'll have the roads almost entirely to yourself and your ride.

Turquoise waters, sun-kissed beaches, beautiful people, fast cars, inimitable style. For decades, the Côte d'Azur has been the world's greatest luxury getaway—and it's only getting better. While everyone knows about Cannes and Monaco, there are hidden gems that are worth exploring, and the luxury will appeal to even the most well-heeled.

Let's begin with a drive down the Route Napoléon, the historic route that starts near the Riviera. When Napoléon escaped from exile on Elba and returned to France in 1815, he arrived on the coast of



Clockwise from right: The stunning Villefranche-sur-Mer seaside village; the harbour at Saint-Tropez; charming villages and streets dot the Riviera coast; **Nicobar's** relaxed, natural collection is a travel essential



One of your first stops has to be Saint-Tropez, often called the “jewel” of the Riviera. It’s a place of romance and charm, luxury and authenticity, one that has captivated artists such as Chagall and Matisse.

The Hôtel Byblos, just steps from the Place des Lices market, represents the mythical Saint-Tropez vibe of the 1970s. It houses the Rivea restaurant and the Les Caves du Roy nightclub, which are highly sought after. Another great place is Hôtel de Paris Saint-Tropez, the town’s only hotel with a rooftop pool. A short walk from the Vieux Port, it has an on-site Clarins spa.

To live the Riviera life, check out Le Club 55, made famous by Brigitte Bardot, which has become the premier oceanfront destination for those wishing to rub elbows with celebrities and royalty. Another must-visit restaurant is La Terrasse, which celebrates the

seasonal flavours of Mediterranean cuisine. There’s also La Voile, at the La Réserve in nearby Ramatuelle, set amidst nature.

Next stop: Antibes, made famous by Pablo Picasso and his six-month stay, which gave the town

The Picasso Museum, housed in Château Grimaldi. The town is also popular for Jazz à Juan, or the International Jazz Festival at

Antibes Juan-les-Pins. Among the legendary albums recorded here are Miles Davis’ *Miles à Antibes* and John Coltrane’s *Live in Antibes*. The festival, which began in 1960, now includes popular music, but its real magic is found in the spontaneous moments that occur throughout the city during the concurrent festival. Musicians organise impromptu jam sessions and talented amateurs get a chance to play with their idols.

To stay, the legendary Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc is called the most elegant address on the Riviera, a delicate combination of sophistication and cool. You can

eat at the Eden-Roc Restaurant, on its seafront veranda that offers sweeping views of the lush Lérins Islands, or Piano Bar Fitzgerald, a 1930s-style bar.

Of course, if you’re looking for the ultimate escape, look no further than Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. Since opening more than a century ago, the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, a Four Seasons Hotel, remains the epitome of palatial luxury on the French Riviera. With lush gardens and finely-manicured lawns, the property offers stunning views of the Mediterranean and beautiful pools. It’s like paradise. ♣



2019 & Beyond

All the trends, decoded
by the experts

COLOUR/BLOCK

“Highlights of lavender in red and greens.”

SHILU KUMAR, founder,
designer of **PASHMA**

“The new collection by the Raghavendra Rathore, Jodhpur Brand would be a mix of colourful pastel tones for the day to darker neutral and jewel tones that are more apt for the evening.”

RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE

“This season, yellow is very exciting. Apart from this, one can expect silver, pops of red, ivory, oyster grey, sand pink and mauve.”

GAURAV GUPTA

“Pinks, corals, reds, and always ivory.”

SUREKHA JAIN

“Koi Series exudes the rich vivacity of a vibrant set of colours. Giving the prints a refreshing chromatic blast, shades of Herb (herb green), Geru (carrot red), Neel (cerulean), Chhui (ochre), Coal (black) and Chalk (powder white) have been utilised for the collection.”

SHIVAN BHATIYA, head
designer, and **NARRESH
KUKREJA**, creative director,
SHIVAN & NARRESH



Shivan & Narresh



Raghavendra Rathore



Gaurav Gupta

SILHOUETTES

“We recommend silhouettes that are minimal in feel but have functional details on the garment. Hidden interlining details are also something that the brand tries to incorporate when designing a garment holistically.”

RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE

“For SS19, we are experimenting with textured elements, bold shapes and silhouettes that are structured yet fluid. The construction is weaved in a way that would make the woman wearing it seem inches taller and more powerful. For the first time the brand is introducing *Chikankari* in a very contemporary and chic way. The collection is going to be a quintessential blend of traditional and modern sensibilities with easy, free flowing fabrics and lots of ruffles.”

GAURAV GUPTA

“Our SS19 collection is all about comfort and ease. We have floral, traveller, our heritage Paisley collection and more. There are patterns inspired by Sheesh Mahal, Jaipur, Pretty (with flowers and pricks), The Artist (contemporary patterns), and more.”

SHILU KUMAR, founder,
designer of **PASHMA**

“Adding a dash of glamour to any silhouette, dramatic fringes and voluminous ruffles will rule 2019. Giving a rhythmic twist to any attire, the details will make all the difference for a daytime city brunch, evening celebration at a destination wedding or for lazy lounging on a decadent holiday.”

SHIVAN BHATIYA, head
designer, and **NARRESH
KUKREJA**, creative director,
SHIVAN & NARRESH

“Sharara pants.”
SUREKHA JAIN



Pashma



Surekha Jain



Shivan & Narresh



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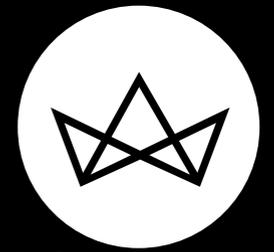
“Shilpa Shetty.”
SHIVAN BHATIYA, head
designer, and NARRESH
KUKREJA, creative director,
SHIVAN & NARRESH

“A personality that is evolved and
well-travelled. Somebody who
appreciates a bit of quirkiness but
has a classic yet dapper sense of
style. Somebody who has a good
sense of aesthetics, an effortless
sense of style and is able to carry
off a look with ease and comfort
without trying too hard.”
RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE

“I am always inspired by the
strong, beautiful women around
me. For me, the ultimate GG Muse
is someone who is explorative,
traditional yet progressive. I like to
draw from her individuality and
transform that into a garment, thus
making it timeless.”
GAURAV GUPTA

“As a luxury renowned brand,
our collection is for any and
every individual who prefers
comfortable clothing.”
SHILU KUMAR, founder,
designer of PASHMA ♣

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A Relaxed Reinvention

Sneakers and trainers are changing the fashion game... and how!

BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR



Christian Louboutin (for her)



Michael Kors (for her)



La Martina (for her)



Emporio Armani (for him)



Louis Vuitton (for her)

There's something liberating about a versatile fashion trend. And it gets exciting when that trend moves across different terrains of design and simultaneously creates a memorable pop culture footprint.

That's exactly what will be key to the androgynous 2019 sneakers movement, which seeks to blend utilitarian value with an eccentric layering of patterns and textures. By harnessing a sensibility that appeals to all gender identities, the practice

of sports-focussed shoemakers creating products for an athletic audience is long gone. In its place has come the idea of the sneaker as an all-time, any-time style statement that bridges athleisure, RTW and even formal wear.

As luxury brands move into the space, they are reinventing the idea of sneakers. Louis Vuitton, Jimmy Choo, Christian Louboutin, Tod's and Gucci, among others, have shoe collections that present a twist to the classic lace-up sneaker.

To truly drive in the idea of reinvention, Bally is actually bringing back a model, the Champion, from 1991 and is keeping it "like-for-like" with its original contrasting colours and perforated accents. While it may

look like just a trend, its rebirth can be traced to the global movement of increased dedication to health. The more-than-adequate cushioning is not just a heavily padded statement, but is also a guarantee of optimum shock-protection. And



Bally (for him)

Tod's (for him)

Gucci (for him)

Jimmy Choo (for her)

Paul Smith (for her)

all this is being done while also keeping in mind a growing need for personalisation in every aspect of one's attire.

But just because the idea of the sneaker has its origins in sports doesn't mean that luxury *maisons*

aren't introducing a touch of their own heritage to them. One look at the substantial play on colour blocking and embellishments or embedded accessories shows you what to expect from 2019.

Gucci's contribution is an all-

over distressed look, a tribute to the shapes and sizes that vintage sportswear has taken over the years. One of the more distinctive looks is perhaps the Louis Vuitton Archlight sneaker, the over-the-top sole of which is a thundering scene-stealer.

Paul Smith has used its patent stripes to embody the colourful spirit of summer, incorporating the spectrum in a swirl in their 'Basso' offering. Or take La Martina, which has embellished its shoes with distinctive brass buttons.

The scope, say trend-watchers, are endless as high-tops and dress sneakers both make appearances in the 2019 forecast. For the luxury buyer, this means you can get into the movement at whichever level you like and subsequently, lace up

for the summer. There is a pair of sneakers out there for you, and enough inspiration to highlight its usage. More than anything, the world of luxury now offers extraordinary personalisation. So, as they say, just "kick" back. ♣

A Creative Degustation

The brilliant chefs at MKT, The Chanakya, have created these mini-me versions of their popular dishes

FOOD STYLING & PHOTOGRAPH BY ANWITA+ARUN

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Seafood dumpling with chilli garlic sauce

Farfalle pasta in arrabbiata sauce with parmesan shavings

Grilled murg malai tikka

Seafood maki sushi with wasabi and pickled ginger

Chicken dim sum with spiced soy sauce

Bruschetta, topped with olives, tomatoes, olive oil and basil

Vegetarian Cantonese dumpling with special chilli dip

Veggie California rolls with asparagus and dill



Prisma dining spoons and Kola serving spoons from NICOBAR



NOI, which takes its inspiration from the elite bar culture of the Swiss Alps, offers an enviable blend of cocktails, spirits and food. It has become one of the most popular spots for luxury shoppers and patrons

Greet The Season

The mixologists at NOI, The Chanakya, have created a cocktail and mocktail set to welcome the summer

BY PALLAVI SINGH
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ANWITA+ARUN

Fresh ingredients, a delicate swirl and plenty of ice. There's no better way to celebrate sunshine and take a break from luxury shopping than by indulging in a fruity cocktail. Here are two absolute sensations created by the mixologists at NOI, the best new bar in town. As they say, "Cheers!"



DOVER'S CLUB

Blend 30 ml of vodka, 100 ml of strawberry juice, 10 ml of lemon juice and a couple of tablespoons of egg whites with ice. Strain and garnish with a strawberry.

CHEWY ORANGE

Add 100 ml of orange juice, 15 ml of caramel syrup, a couple of shakes of rock salt and some ice. Shake and then add chunks of orange. Top off with club soda. Garnish with a leaf of Kaffir lime for fragrance. ♣

Spring Bouquet

Harness the power of organic living with these herbs and greens (and some berries)

BY SUDESHNA ROY

FOOD STYLING & PHOTOGRAPH BY ANWITA+ARUN

Nature's bounty is limitless, and we're all rediscovering its benefits and taste.

These goodies are available around the year, so it's time to include them in your culinary repertoire.

ROSEMARY A perfect pot-herb, this is slightly minty, piquant, balsamic with a woody aftertaste. Full of vitamin A, it is great for your skin and hair.

CORIANDER A citrusy, refreshing and aromatic herb, it is a natural diuretic (helps reduce water retention) and improves digestion. Adds flair to anything.

CHIVES Also known as 'rush leeks', chives have an onion-like flavour with hints of garlic. Good on top of salads, and aids bone strength.

MINT A calming and soothing herb, its pungent aroma gives it a huge versatility in usage.

CURLY LEAF PARSLEY Used in almost every cuisine, it is easy to pot-grow, and adds a slightly sharp taste as a garnish.



THYME A part of the mint family, it has a delicate zing of a flavour, and is great in grilled food.

LOLLO ROSSO LETTUCE Considered a great weight-loss food, its toothsome crunch has a mildly spicy flavour.

BABY SPINACH A crisp, springy texture and tons of folate and potassium (helps regulate blood pressure), this also has a distinctive, balanced taste.

ARUGULA Its bold and peppery crunch is unique, and can add some life to a basic salad bowl. Add some lime zest for extra pep.

RED CHARD The slightly bitter taste of chard belies that it is a nutritional powerhouse.

RED LEAF BEET Pungent yet neutral, this leaf is packed with goodness, and adds a robust colour.

CELERY With a good measure of vitamins A and K, you can't find a better crunch.

MICROGREENS A trove of vital nutrients, microgreens range in flavour from spicy to tangy, and add texture to anything.

AND FOR SOME COLOUR... Cranberries, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, heirloom chillies and edible flowers. ♣

Candy Crush

Flattering for every complexion, this is the new black
 BY AMEESHA RAIZADA

After Living Coral was announced as Pantone's Colour of the Year, the makeup industry surged forth to create candy orange. Here's a primer on luxury beauty products for that bright and sun-kissed look.

1 M.A.C Galactic Glitter

With highlighters like this, it's hard not to obsess over glitter—the holographic copper flecks can be applied directly onto the skin.

2 Estée Lauder Pure Colour Envy Lash

Highlighting your eyes with a pop, this mascara will add drama to your day, and carry on into the night.

3 Kjaer Weis Lip Tint in Sweetness

Organic makeup at its best, this is infused with shea butter for youthful, stunning all-day lips.

4 Glossier Cloud Paint

This gel-based cheek tint has a feathery feel, and is inspired by the sunsets of NYC. So user-friendly!

5 Make Up For Ever Colour Pencil

A makeup essential, this creamy matte pencil glides on skin and blends seamlessly with your base.

6 Fenty Beauty Mattemoiselle Saw-C

Rihanna's beauty brand has created fire with its weightless, slim matte lipstick in exotic tangerine.

7 Geranium by Essie

This nail lacquer's dynamic shade of red-orange adds a glossy pop to the tips of your fingers in an instant.



8 Huda Beauty Obsessions Palette Topaz Eyeshadow

Nine warm pigments come together in this eyeshadow palette. Use topaz, rose gold, amber, burnished bronze or tangerine orange.

9 Bobbi Brown Luxe Liquid Lip

Swish the doe-foot applicator over your lips for a lush, ethereal blood-orange pout, packed with the goodness of wild mango butter.

10 Benefit Chachatint

This “smooch-proof and smudge-proof” stain blends easily, and its pink undertone adds a tropical hue to your lips and cheeks.

11 Chanel Le Vernis 917 Opulence

This glamorous shade is a blend of rust orange and deep red, and is packed with bioceramics and ceramides to improve the quality of nails over time.

12 Becca Backlight Targeted Corrector

A key component of the makeup routine, these targeted colour correctors easily disguise discoloration to create an even skin-tone. The peach hue can be used to neutralise dark circles and hide hyperpigmentation.

13 NARS The Multiple in Portofino

This is the original multi-purpose tint stick, perfect for those who are always on the go. Smooth over the skin's surface, it gives you a seductively sheer and glittery finish.

14 Tom Ford Wild Ginger

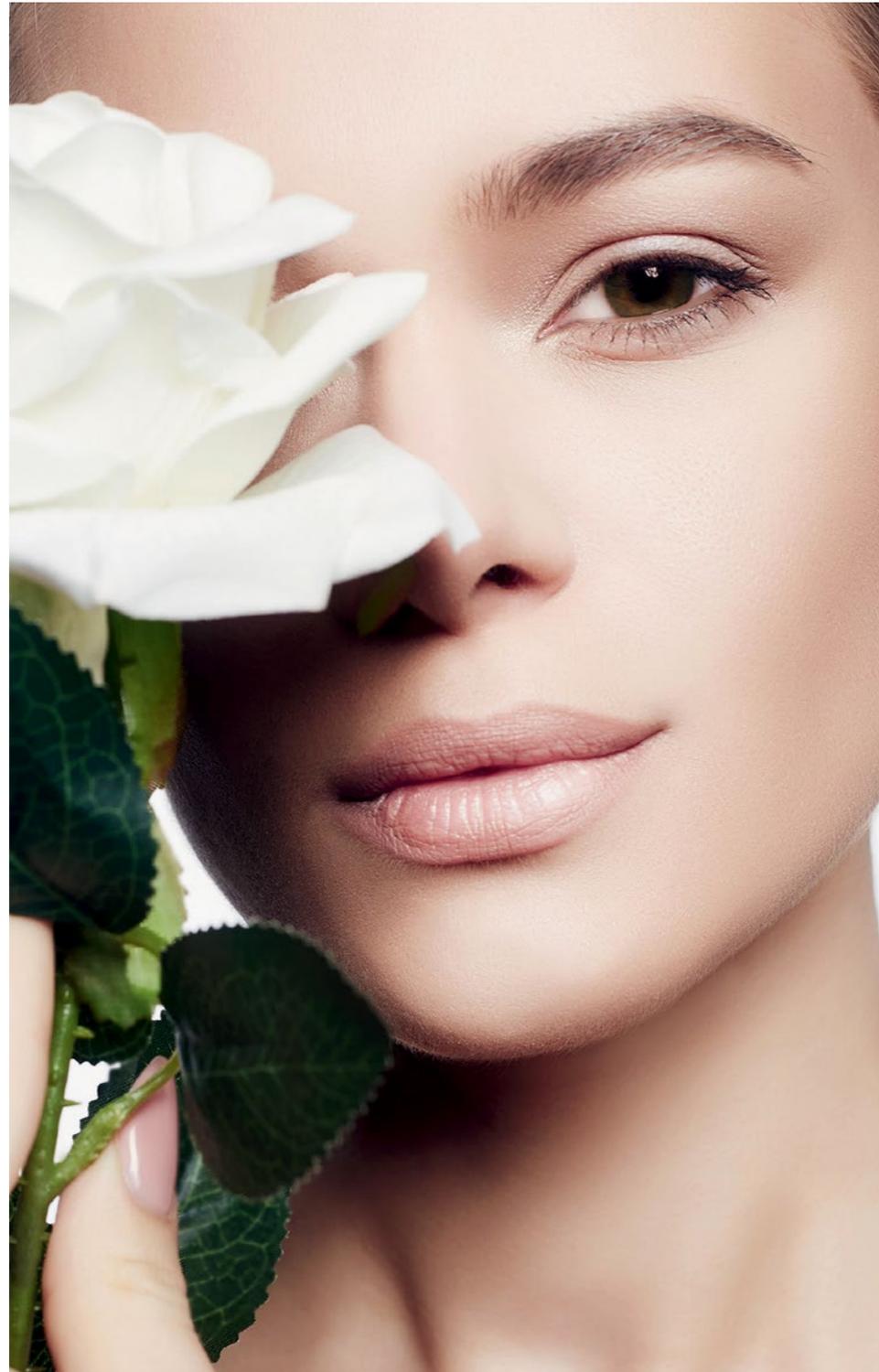
Filled with the goodness of Brazilian murumuru butter and chamomilla flower oil, this has an ultra-creamy texture. ♣

Skincare Wonders

These five under-the-radar products will take care of all your beauty needs in 2019, beginning with the spring

BY LATHA SUNADH

More than formulations and their popularity on Instagram, great skincare products embody a sense of permanence, as much in terms of usage as your skin. These products are packed with powerful ingredients and have set the gold standard in beauty.



1 Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour Cream Skin Protectant

It's a trade secret, because celebrity makeup artists say it's the best moisturiser and multi-usage product for anyone with dry skin. The formula is versatile, so you can use it on your face, body, lips, and feet. Enriched with vitamin E, this thick, apricot-coloured salve is like petroleum jelly but more luxurious.

2 Clinique Moisture Surge 72-Hour Hydrator

If it's all about dewy looks this summer, then this is the go-to cream! Its ultra-hydrating formula with auto-replenishing technology gives your skin the power to rehydrate itself. How? The refreshing gel-cream locks in moisture and gives your skin a healthy glow for 72 hours, non-stop.

3 Estée Lauder Advanced Night Repair Eye Concentrate Matrix

Add a natural sparkle to your eyes with this skin strengthening formula. With 360° Matrix Technology that cushions your eyes for a wide-eyed, fresh gaze, the concentrate also reduces the appearance of dark circles and puffiness.

4 Dior Dreamskin 1-Minute Mask

Radiant skin is the need of the hour and that's why this is good for the busy woman. It comes with the 'new skin effect', and is the perfect peeling mask. The foam-to-crème texture is enough for this product to make it to your kitty. Its ingredients? Opilia, a plant that gives you a natural glow, and Longoza, a flower prized for its age-defying effectiveness.



5 Forest Essentials Sheet Masks

Sheet masks are all the rage and these three masks—the Sundari Hydration Mask, Ojas Arresting Mask, and Tejaswi Brightening Mask—come with power-packed ingredients that are known to deep-condition and replenish. Handy and easy to use, Ayurveda has had a makeover with these offerings. ❀



Freshness Blooms

Super show-stopping fragrances for the elegant woman

1 JIMMY CHOO
Illicit Flower
Top notes: apricot, zest of mandarin and freesia

2 HERMÈS
24, Faubourg
Top notes: a bouquet of white flowers

3 ROBERTO CAVALLI
Florence
Top notes: orange blossom, grapefruit petals, hibiscus seeds, blackcurrant and mandarin essence

4 BULGARI
Omnia Pink Sapphire
Top notes: pink pomelo and pink pepper

5 YVES SAINT LAURENT
Mon Paris
Top notes: white musk, raspberry, datura flower, and patchouli

6 BOTTEGA VENETA
Parco Palladiano XIV
Top notes: pomegranate, mandarin, blackcurrant buds and cedarwood base

7 VERSACE
Bright Crystal Absolu
Top notes: yuzu, pomegranate seeds, peony, magnolia and lotus flowers

The Beauty Horoscope

The best luxury products to keep your glam and glow on point through 2019

BY AMEESHA RAIZADA



JANUARY

CHANEL Sublimage La Crème
Hydrates and renews your skin's vitality with rare ingredients.



FEBRUARY

LA MER The Regenerating Serum
A powerhouse serum with birch, eucalyptus, and their Miracle Broth.



MARCH

GUCCI Hydrating Eye Cream
Erase dark circles and fine lines with the hydrating pep of avocados.



APRIL

LA PRAIRIE Luxe Sleep Mask
Ideal for any weather, this helps make your skin firm and supple.



MAY

MOLTON BROWN Bathing Oil
Sublime, with Indian moringa oil, precious *oudh*, myrrh and honey.



JUNE

GUERLAIN Orchidée Impériale Black
This cream contains black orchid to define contours and add radiance.



JULY

SISLEY PARIS Black Rose Mask
Perfect for the humid weather, it leaves your skin looking energised.



AUGUST

ORVEDA The Healing Sap
This Kombucha-packed moisturiser boosts the texture of your skin.



SEPTEMBER

L'OCCITANE Immortelle Divine
This lotion prevents damage to mature skin with herbal ingredients.



OCTOBER

ESTÉE LAUDER Enlighten Serum
This night serum has mulberry and turmeric extracts that restore glow.



NOVEMBER

TATCHA The Silk Cream
Boosts smoothness with green tea, tropical algae and rice from Japan.



DECEMBER

AUGUSTINUS BADER The Cream
This cream reverses the damage of environmental stressors on skin.

Openness Abounds

NICOBAR

When it comes to the world of decor, the new movement is towards less is more. A feeling of space is becoming paramount and sustainability is catching on, which makes this rustic black-and-white striped cushion a good choice for your space.



Your Creative Space

These simple ideas can help you turn your living areas around

BY PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI

None of us likes to disrupt a space that works, or a space we've grown comfortable with. Each space has its own energy, something that we cannot help but absorb or radiate. If you've been living in a space for a while, chances are you've experienced inertia. You can't really put a finger on it, but you feel it nonetheless. Well, here are some ways to get some mojo back in your space, direct from architects, decor specialists and space healers.

Generate a thematic flow

To redecorate your area as an open-plan living space, the strategy is repetition. The recurring elements could include rugs, plants or art.

Connect the dots

Using reflections of what's present around the house in key areas like

the family room help tie the house together. A handy trick would be to strategically place a mirror on an opposing side or across a window.

Merge your art

While using a lot of artwork is good, it could lead to in-fighting amongst the works. Place smaller pieces, or use a flat-screen television as a foil. When it's on, the actual art retreats into the background.

Reinvent the old

Vintage rugs and curios are charming, but their size may not blend with modern-day houses. But you can use them by layering them—old rugs on a larger rug, and artefacts on steel.

Give it some space

To give each area its own character, play with ceiling heights and

lighting. Even if you're able to drop the ceiling of one room just a bit, it's easy to accentuate the fall through low-hanging ceiling lamps.

Add some finishing touches

The details are what let you add a bit of yourself to the room, and don't be afraid to get creative. A large wooden table can be brought to life just by using two different types of chairs. For synchronicity, neighbouring spaces can use the same materials of chairs or sofas.

Make it homey

While a room with a high ceiling lends a touch of the regal, it's also easy to get lost in the extra depth. Letting curtains gather on the floor visually reduces the height. Plus, elements like upholstered tapestry and a bookshelf soften the room as a whole. ✿

All About The Details

Some excellent accessories that underline the art of fine living
 BY AMEESHA RAIZADA



Casa Paradox

These plush cushions balance luxury and minimalism, and highlight Casa Paradox's indigenous sense of aesthetics. Decorated with a black jaguar and white flower motif inlaid with fine crystal work, they go well with the pure hair-on leather rug with stripes of gold foiling. Together, they merge the abstract and the geometric.

Lladró

This realistic figurine, chiselled to perfection, is reminiscent of *The Jungle Book*. Every detail of the mother panther and her cub has been executed to perfection—the muscular stance, the perked ears, the wary eyes, and the impression of motion. This contemporary piece illustrates Lladró's unquestioned porcelain expertise.



Nicobar

Inspired by "journeys across the Indian Ocean," Nicobar stresses sustainability and infuses this piece with tropical, sunny vibes. These ceramic mugs are perfect for serving both hot and cold beverages, and are designed to last.

TWG Tea

The goddess of love, Aphrodite, has inspired Mon Amour Tea, an enticing concoction. Tea tasters travelled the globe to curate this infusion, which will enchant your partner. Primarily a black tea, the flavour is accented with the scent of yellow blossoms and the sweetness of Aphrodite's sacred fruit, quince.



The Old Hollywood Drive

The famous Cadillac V16 made its debut in 1930, and became an instant celebrity-loved masterpiece

BY VARUN SARIN

Throughout its 115-year existence, Cadillac has been held in varying high levels of esteem, based on the products it was turning out at the time.

During the 1930s, Caddy reached for the stratosphere, introducing a world-renowned V16-powered line that was the equivalent of a Bugatti Chiron hypercar today in terms of unmatched desirability. This put Cadillac on par with its legendary U.S. competitor Duesenberg and European luxury carmakers such as Rolls-Royce and Hispano-Suiza. Cadillac delivered a bare chassis with a V16 drivetrain to Fleetwood, its in-house coach-builder, which crafted bodywork for celebrities, making Cadillac's V16 a Tinseltown darling, decades before the Escalade came out.

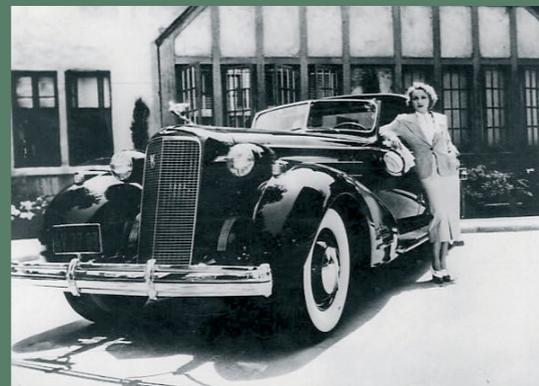
Unfortunately, between the time Cadillac set out to produce its V16 and its debut in 1930, Wall Street suffered the crash of 1929

and the Great Depression settled in, minimising the market for such thoroughbred machines. That was a shame, because the V16 was a masterpiece of mechanical design. Cadillac then introduced a V12 in 1931 with the idea that it had similar cachet at a lower cost—the same kind of premium drivetrain overall, which would make it popular and reliable.

Cadillac took another crack

at 16 cylinders boasting an all-new engine with an unorthodox 135-degree V angle in 1938, hoping that an economy coming back to life may be a fertile market for a next-generation V16. Alas, that car also sold in miniscule numbers, so Cadillac dropped the V16 engine.

Yet, the concept was revived with the Sixteen concept car in 2003, a teasing reference to those classic cars. ♣





The Boardroom Code

The concept of power dressing has evolved, and the rules of engagement are constantly changing for men and women

BY SRIRAM KHATTAR

As the severity of the three-piece pinstriped suit gives way to a more relaxed yet formal two-piece variant—paired with less regimental accessories—the world of boardroom dressing is shifting. Metrosexuals now carry their penchant for colour into the boardroom, and where blacks, greys and blues once ruled the corporate corridors, you now see more playful and flamboyant colours.

Combination suits are becoming the rage, and the double-breasted suit is being reinvented and reimagined to cater to younger audiences. Luxe menswear brands such as Ermenegildo Zegna, Canali, Hugo Boss, Corneliani, Tom Ford and Giorgio Armani, to name just a few, are some of the leading gamechangers in menswear.

The accessories now include statement-making socks and shoes pairings, signifying the fun element that is nowadays stomping

the professional arena. Black and tan leather shoes now have more creative fashion cousins in opulent oxbloods, olive greens, gregarious greys, boisterous blues... the list can go on. Moreover, classic Oxfords have made way for the Monk and the Double Monk, and the more agile Penny Loafers. Men are adopting footwear trends like never before, and legacy leather *maisons* like Berluti, Salvatore Ferragamo and Bally are helping shape these new “walk the talk” journeys.

The writing instruments being used in boardrooms are also back with a bang, a trend that’s becoming a style statement. Montblanc leads the pack with its limited- and special-edition series entrenched in the pockets of CEOs and CXOs.

There is also a revival of timepieces that personify individual attitudes and lifestyles. Men and women are gravitating towards watch brands that they find an

affinity towards, and differentially positioned brands like Panerai, IWC, Hublot, Audemars Piguet and Jaeger-LeCoultre have made their way into the horological corridors of power. These brands are being patronised not just for their complications and mechanisms, but also for the brand character and aura they exude.

Another trend is the adoption of elegant eyewear, which is slowly shaping corporate style. Spectacle frames are becoming a statement piece worn as a stylised accessory, and range from tortoise-shell and bevelled to metallic. These are all the rage in the power circuits, and purveyors like Brooke & Carter host some of the trendiest eyewear brands like Bulgari, Prada and Tom Ford, to name a few.

While global trends and luxe brands continue to forecast and invigorate boardroom fashion, women are shaping the new boardroom fashion decorum. More glamour is finding its way into the otherwise mundane corporate environs, and a feminine colour palette is becoming a *sine qua non*. It is a highly welcome, positive contrast to the monotony of erstwhile grey-black fashion, and is bringing with it a certain amount of sure-footed charm.

Pastels are being welcomed as acceptable and ambient boardroom colours. While the corporate

guideline still dictates a certain length of hemlines and silhouettes, there is an element of chic that is being showcased in women’s suits. Cinched waists, peplums and corporate drapes are now part of the resolute “power-dressing with poise” expression. Ease, form and function are being merged to form a composite yet fun and elegant new corporate fashion routine.

Of course, traditional Indian wear is on an equal power footing, with women choosing to wear saris and traditional ethnic suits to work—but even these have evolved to have sharper, cleaner cuts and unique impeccable pairings.

The allure of ease and comfort is also showcased as women’s footwear digs its heels into the cold marble floor, exuding a definitive amount of charm and sophistication. From pumps and wedges to kitten and pencil, the intrinsic inclusion of the fun component of fashion into workwear is truly remarkable.

The need of the hour is not severity, but the advent of a stylised fashion dynamic. Fashion is constantly foraying into the corporate realm to make office spaces a cynosure of high power and high fashion! This is clearly the era of the new corporate, one that does not shy away from bringing her or his style quotient on to the professional turf and into the corporate bastion. ♣



l'homme

FOR THE GENTLEMAN



Back In Black RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE

Precision-cut fits, stylish combinations of black and grey, and a season-busting mix of fabrics—Raghavendra Rathore's new collection is for the man who wants to be effortlessly stylish. The clothes seamlessly blend timeless tradition with a contemporary outlook, and the mix of *bandhgalas* with jackets is trend-proof.

Sole Survivor

Embrace the season's most dynamic shoes



1 Mesh sneakers by SALVATORE FERRAGAMO; 2 Scarlet loafers by JIMMY CHOO; 3 Floral slip-ons by CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN; 4 Beige sneakers by GUCCI; 5 Sky blue driving shoes by TOD'S; 6 Olive sneakers by BOTTEGA VENETA; 7 Brown leather sneakers by BERLUTI
(all prices on request)

The Art Of Time

These timepieces pack a serious punch

BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR



ROLEX Oyster Perpetual GMT-Master II

The Oyster Perpetual has always been for the traveller, and the latest version, with the capability of displaying the time in two time zones, sticks to the same path, but comes with an advanced movement. It's got an Oystersteel makeover as well, along with a two-toned bezel, all fitted onto a Jubilee bracelet.

PANERAI Luminor Submersible 1950 Amagnetic

Crafted for those seeking adventure, the P.9010-calibre watch can go right down to a depth of 300 metres, its visage clear with luminous hour markers. Enclosed in a 47-mm brushed-titanium case, the watch comes with a power reserve of three days.

HUBLOT Big Bang Tourbillon Power Reserve 5 Days Sapphire

Distinguishable and how, Hublot's tendency to push the envelope put it on the map, and this polished sapphire crystal-case selection is no exception. With a skeleton tourbillon movement, the power storage on this one runs up to almost 115 hours.

BREITLING Premier B01 Chronograph 42

Clean and elegant, this timepiece prides itself on its simplicity. But don't be mistaken by that, it still delivers with its self-winding mechanical movement that operates under the brand's trusted Breitling 01 calibre, and even comes with a range of strap options.

JAEGER-LECOULTRE Master Ultra Thin Moon Enamel

The latest of the series, this watch is horological showmanship at its finest and looks the part as well. The deep-blue dial brings to life the detailed art of *guilloché*, while the exceptionally thin case—at 10.04 mm—houses the famed JLC calibre-925 powerhouse.

IWC Big Pilot's Watch Constant Force Tourbillon Edition "Le Petit Prince"

Taking whimsical inspiration from *Le Petit Prince*, this is IWC's first watch to be produced using hard gold, and is also the first with a constant force tourbillon. Limited to a collection of just 10 watches, there's a moon phase display on the blue dial that adds to its appeal. ✨



A Bold Bouquet

These fragrances are as summery as they are strong



CREED
Viking

Top notes: Calabrian bergamot, Sicilian lemon and La Réunion Baie rose
(₹26,500 for 100 ml)



MONT BLANC
Emblem Intense

Top notes: clary sage, grapefruit and coriander seeds
(p.o.r.)



DIOR
Eau Sauvage

Top notes: bergamot essence, hedione, lavender, oak moss and patchouli
(p.o.r.)



PAUL SMITH
Hello You!

Top notes: yellow mandarin oil, bergamot oil and coriander seed oil
(p.o.r.)



LOUIS VUITTON
Sur La Route

Top notes: cédrat, bergamot, Balsam of Peru extract, pepper, nutmeg and white musk
(p.o.r.)



ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA
Elements of Man
Wisdom

Top notes: citrus, Italian mandarin and winter lemon
(p.o.r.)



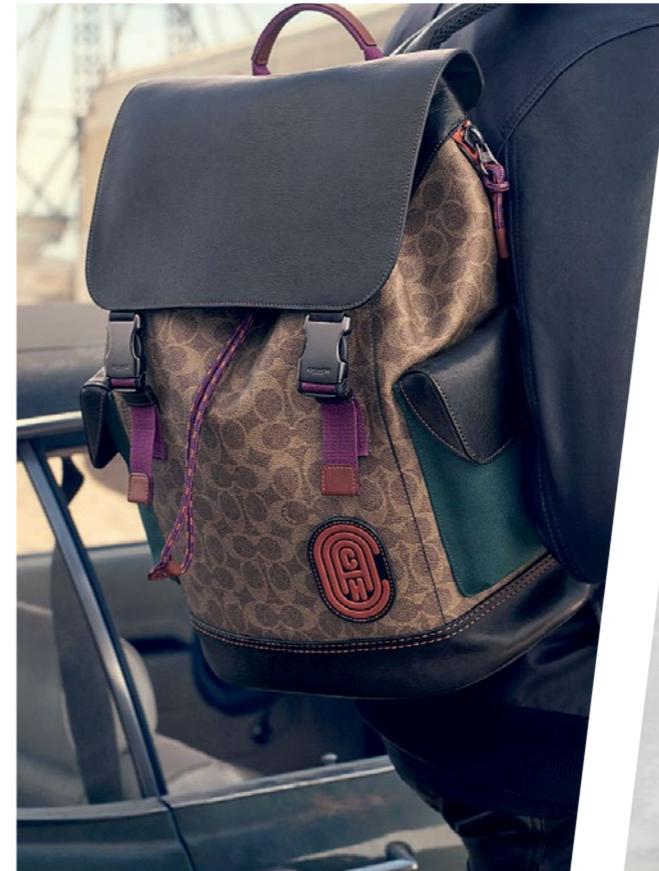
GUCCI
Guilty

Top notes: bergamot, musk and orange blossom
(p.o.r.)

The Style Face-Off

Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality—for the man

BY VARUN SARIN



COACH RIVINGTON BACKPACK

From the Spring-Summer 2019 collection, this backpack uses Coach's well-loved silhouette and updates it to a more street piece.

The combination of different leather adds its own dimension, as does the track-inspired logo.



PERONA LIAM BACKPACK

With timeless lines, this structured backpack traverses the brand's minimalist philosophy and sticks to a sleek approach. The buffed leather finish adds an element of playfulness, but the bag shows you mean all business.

The Big Bag Theory

Some of the season's best for the discerning gentleman



Think Fresh BOTTEGA VENETA

The Cruise 2019 collection features this brilliant yet functional backpack made from leggero leather. It has a central Intrecciato portion for added appeal, as well as an interior padded compartment, a smartphone holder and adjustable shoulder straps.



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1 Saville tan bag by JIMMY CHOO; 2 Shake backpack by BALLY; 3 Backloubi backpack by CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN; 4 Business bag by SALVATORE FERRAGAMO; 5 Reconquista Man messenger bag by LA MARTINA
(all prices on request)

The Art Of The Soirée

Setting a benchmark in luxury, DLF Emporio's events marked high-points in 2018. Here's a window into the world of fashion, beauty and lifestyle

Designers In The Spotlight

Students from premier design colleges took part in DLF Emporio's 6th edition of Design Awards. The theme for the final display was 'Flora and Fauna.' Designer duo Shivan & Narresh, luxury influencer and entrepreneur Kalyani Chawla, *Hello! India* editor Ruchika Mehta, and Executive Vice-President, DLF Luxury Retail & Hospitality, Dinaz Madhukar, were part of the jury. Harshita Jain of Pearl Academy, Delhi, was the winner in the apparel category, while the People's Choice Award went to Shweta Chauhan from the International Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD).



Design Awards entries on display



Judges Narresh Kukreja, Kalyani Chawla, Dinaz Madhukar, Ruchika Mehta and Shivan Bhatiya



Shivan, Narresh and Kalyani Chawla



The design students



Dinaz Madhukar browses through the entries



Styling sessions by Ria Kamat



DLF Emporio Shopping Fiesta

Trendspotting

DLF Emporio, in association with *Vogue India*, celebrated the 3rd edition of the Shopping Fiesta. People could browse and purchase items that Fabio Immediato, senior fashion editor at *Vogue India*, had shortlisted with a red tag. Some lucky shoppers were also styled by fashion stylist Ria Kamat.



Accessories at Ogaan



DLF Emporio Couture Weddings



Models on the ramp



Aki Narula, Ami Patel and Mohit Rai



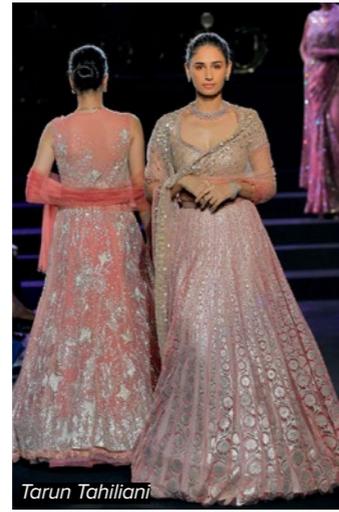
Ashima-Leena with guests

The Right Ensemble

The 6th edition of DLF Emporio Couture Weddings, held in New Delhi, catered to style-savvy grooms and brides-to-be. Top celebrity stylists like Aki Narula, Mohit Rai and Ami Patel assisted attendees in deciding their wedding looks. Designers Gaurav Gupta, Surekha Jain, Shivan & Narresh and Suneet Varma extended a helping hand at the outlets and gave ideas for customisation.



Shantanu & Nikhil



Tarun Tahiliani



Leena Nayyar, Surekha Jain
with Prashant Gaurav Gupta
and Dinaz Madhukar



Guests enjoying TWG Tea
after the masterclass



Chandni Singh's masterclass



Malini Ramani and Anjali Chawla



The 11th Luxury Shopping Festival



Mannequins clothed in ethnic wear

Taste For Luxury

DLF Emporio concluded the 11th edition of the Luxury Shopping Festival with aplomb. Luxury brands were showcased in the premises, along with a Gifting Pop-Up store, which had products from brands such as Outhouse, Isharya and Argentor, along with the creations of student designers who won the DLF Emporio Design Awards 2017-18.



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A Toast To The Luxe Life

The Chanakya hosted much-awaited events that raised the glamour quotient and welcomed the glitteratti to the new hotspot



Women's Day celebrations



Kajee-Karan's makeup masterclass



The TCGF masterclasses

Power To Women

Celebrating the spirit of womanhood, The Chanakya hosted its very first Women's Day function. The event became a platform for women to socialise and support each other. The ladies were treated to a delightful luncheon at Café C and offered luxurious pampering services such as nail spa, hair styling and foot and shoulder reflexology. The women also indulged in mystic activities like numerology, and aura and tarot reading.



Nonita Kalra and Ruchika Mehta



Kaabia and Sasha Grewal

Gifts Galore

The festive season is all about spreading love. The Chanakya Gifting Festival featured exclusive experimental displays for gift-selection, interactive masterclasses and special showcases of bespoke services by the global luxury brands housed at The Chanakya. Visitors took part in lucky draws and won exclusive gifts. Nykaa Luxe organised a fascinating makeup class by Kajee Rai, while Perona held a leather masterclass.



Rableen Virdi, Prashant Gaurav Gupta and Nicky Singh with the Italian Embassy team



The spellbinding opera performers

Italian Flavours

The third edition of the World Week of Italian Cuisine was kickstarted with 'The Italian Aperitif' by the Italian Embassy at The Chanakya. The audience enjoyed live opera that livened up the mood. Authentic Italian food, complete with Italian gelato and a truffle station for desserts, helped ensure that the event was a treat for connoisseurs of gastronomy.



Prashant Gaurav Gupta, Centre Head DLF Emporio and The Chanakya



NOI bar launch party



Rajeev Talwar with Dinaz Madhukar and Sunil Sethi



Malini Ramani with guests



Nikhil Mehra with Dinaz Madhukar



Rahul Arora and Suneet Varma



Rohit Bal with guests

A Dynamic Evening

The capital's first high-energy bar, NOI, opened its doors at The Chanakya in May 2018. The launch party saw eclectic rhythms and fine cuisine come together for a top-notch experience. This fashionable soirée was attended by trendsetters Gaurav Gupta, Rohit Bal, Malini Ramani, Shantanu & Nikhil, FDCI President Sunil Sethi and fashionistas like Pia Pauro, Kalyani Chawla and Peter and Cecile D'Ascoli, amongst others. ♣

Breathe Easy

Don't let allergies ruin spring, these remedies will help build up your defences

BY SUDESHNA ROY

Along with the many wonderful things that spring ushers in, it's also a season that can work up allergies. Swollen sinuses, itchy eyes and, of course, sneezing, are common discomforts because allergies force your immune system to react in an inflammatory manner to particles such as pollen from trees or weeds, dust, and pollution.

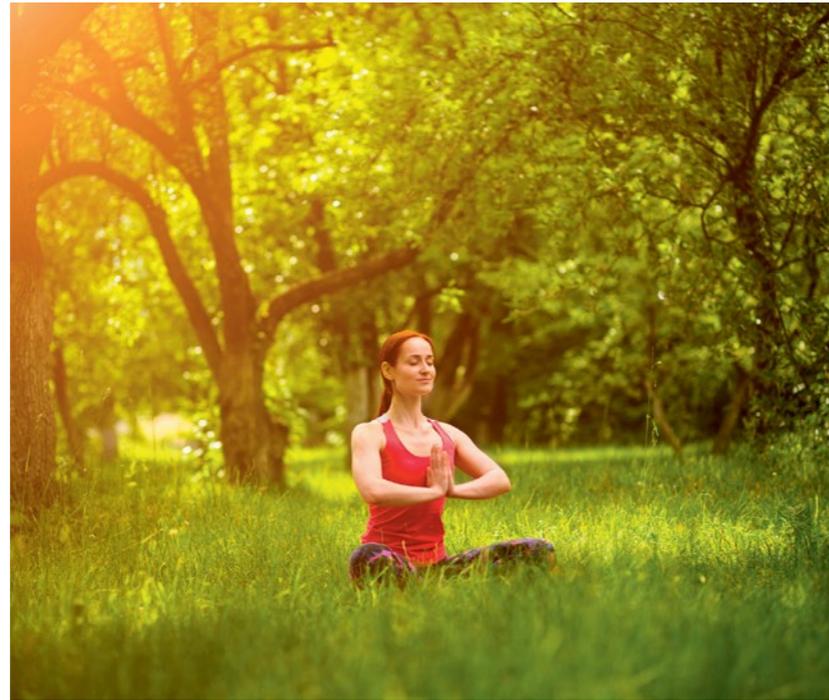
But there are pre-emptive ways to prepare yourself for the season, and if you do fall prey, there are strategies to help you breathe easy.

STEP 1: SHORE UP

Wash it away Take this advice literally; if you've stepped out and have a history of allergies, hit the shower the moment you get back in.

Pro moves A study conducted by the University of Florida showed that a course of "good bacteria" could help minimise hay fever symptoms. Think fermented foods like yoghurts or supplements.

Green shield Some plants are scratch-provokers, but there are a few that help in cleaning up the



air in closed, poorly-ventilated indoor spaces, diminishing the air pollution-birthed allergens. Bamboo palms and peace lilies are good options.

Humidity check Mold thrives in moist areas—invest in a dehumidifier to fight the humidity so fungi can't grow indoors.

Boost immunity Natural foods such as *neem*, honey, garlic, lemon juice, ginger, turmeric and green vegetables boost the body's immunity, so try to include them in your daily diet.

STEP 2: COMBAT

Decongestants Fast-acting, safe and available over-the-counter, natural

drops and inhalers help restrict nasal fluid leakage. But avoid usage for more than three days.

Antihistamines Stop your body from releasing histamines, which bring out the flu-like symptoms, with natural options—foods that are high in vitamin C like *amla*, guavas, broccoli, papayas, spinach, oranges, kale and red bell peppers.

Run it down The inclination may not be there when you're sniffing or drowsy, but running has been found to reduce inflammation. So, get those shoes out now.

It goes without saying that if you're very uncomfortable and have difficulty breathing, visit an allergist or your doctor immediately. ♣



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VARUN BAHL *fashion*

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HERMÈS *fashion*
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KHOYA* *luxury confectionery*
PANERAI *watches*
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ROLEX *watches*

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CHANEL *fashion*
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OUTHOUSE *accessories & jewellery*
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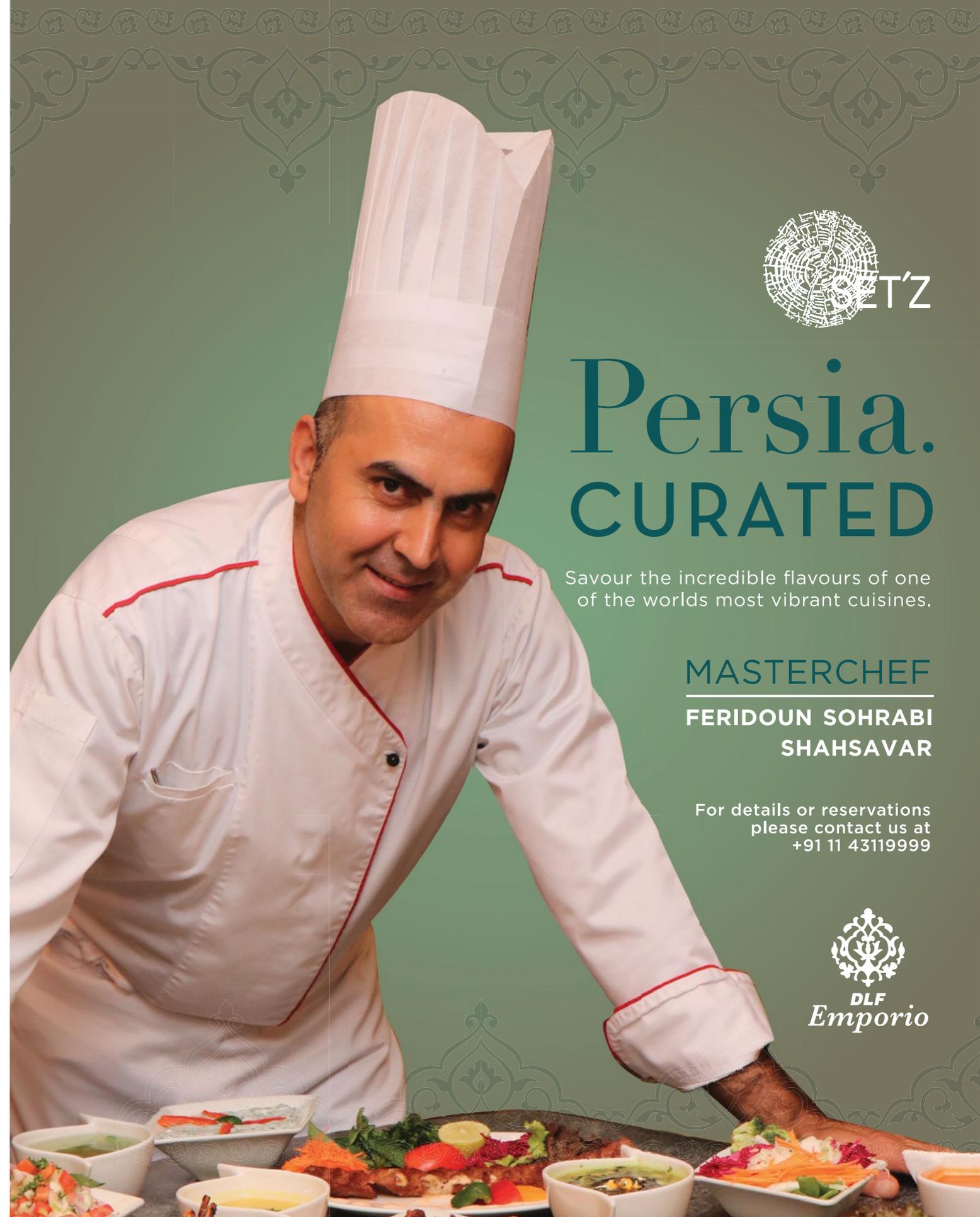
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