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THE IDEA OF LUXURY begins with the experience, an intrinsic and undeniable quality that elevates the product itself. It is a rendition of expertise and heritage, and many intangible values that connoisseurs recognise, appreciate and, most importantly, celebrate.

The 2019 Festive Issue of The Edition, the official magazine of DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, highlights these elements. It is a beautiful amalgam of insights, ideas and products, and seeks to reflect the ethos of the last few months of the year, when our social calendars are packed. We have carefully integrated the colours of the season, the best Fall/Winter silhouettes and expert know-how to help you make the most of the season. From ideas for an Indian-style soirée to grooming for a big bash, The Edition has it all. We're sure you will love the selection. Of course, we wanted to do this without compromising on fun and, for that, the chefs and mixologists at our renowned restaurants have created a delectable menu of drinks and desserts.

As 2019 draws to a close, we're excited about what lies ahead for the luxury market and for you, the patron of elegance. We look forward to more interaction with you and to hosting you at DLF Emporio and The Chanakya. We hope you enjoy this issue and we welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Happy New Year from all of us!

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CURATED LUXURY NEWS & VIEWS

Theme Fantastic HERMÈS

The Acte III, Scène I, La Clairiere scarf, designed by Edouard Baribeaud, demonstrates the elegant yet whimsical storytelling that has become a hallmark of the brand. The collection's name comes from William Shakespeare's beloved *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and is illustrated with renditions of the characters, themes and story plots. The scarf in silk twill with handrolled edges captures the humour and confusion of this 16th-century work, with an enchanted forest, queen of the fairies Titania and Bottom, the

actor who metamorphoses into an

ass. Baribeaud uses inspirations from

Indian miniatures, Baroque theatre and early cinema to depict the tale. Like with all Hermès scarves, this can be worn traditionally around the neck, as a headscarf or even as a top. The collection also features shawls in cashmere and silk. (*p.o.r.*)





The Sporting Man POLO RALPH LAUREN

Made from full-grain lambskin leather, this jacket combines the utilitarian appeal of a windbreaker with the brand's storied heritage. The neutral colour makes it the perfect add-on for a night out or a weekend brunch. Zipped up or draped across your shoulders, it ticks all the boxes. (₹35,000)

Gleaming Constellation CARTIER

The new collection by Cartier is for sceptics who underestimate the combination of precious stones with ornamental hard stones. Unveiled in the Magnitude line, an array of vibrant permutations and combinations can be seen, and the chemistry between the stones as they lie juxtaposed against each other is a union that was always meant to be. (*p.o.r.*)



The Roar Of Luxury gucci

In the Rajah line, the iconic codes of the Italian house are fused in one composite symbol: the Interlocking G Horsebit. This tricolour variation's tiger-shaped emblem is inspired by the collections of Hattie Carnegie, one of the most famous jewellery designers of the mid-20th century. Embellished with crystals and enamel, it's an elegant shoulder bag that's ready to be paired with any festive look. (₹2,51,000)

Starry Eyes MONTBLANC

Appreciate the mystery and magnificence of the universe with Montblanc's StarWalker Metal Fountain Pen, the design of which is inspired by the reports of those who have been to that vast expanse and described the moment of wonder when they saw the Earth—as can be seen in the blue translucent dome. (₹66,600) CURRENT



Twist Of Fate KATE SPADE

With bold leopard spots adorning the soft pink calf hair canvas, this Nicola Twistlock convertible shoulder bag is a structured specimen with an equal amount of grace and finesse. Featuring ample space inside, it's the perfect addition to any delicate look. (₹25,000)







Pastel Makeover SUREKHA JAIN

Surekha Jain's Couture 2019 collection is a whimsical walk down tones of pastels, free-flowing silhouettes that still manage to accentuate every curve of the body, and intricate, masterfully-done hand embroidery. A display of craftsmanship, it's a dream cocktail party look.



Sweet & Simple KHOYA

Made from the most organic and premium of ingredients, and no artificial colours, Khoya's range of mithai is created exclusively for each patron and to commemorate auspicious occasions. (p.o.r.)



Mastering Aromas THE KONCEPT PRIVE

You're not ready for a party until you've found your very own scent, and if you're still searching for it, Koncept Prive is where it's at. Home to iconic brands like Chopard and Cartier, get lost in the fragrances within the walls, and rest assured that you'll leave with your own. (p.o.r.)

Let It Glow

Designers are changing the way we see glitter-and we want it all BY PALLAVI SINGH

r Ake a glance at any of this season's fashion show looks, and you'll see one recurring element: glitter. Whether in the form of shimmered-out evening gowns and skirts, or a wash of glitz over the eyelids of models walking down the runway, it was omnipresent. Once thought to be overthe-top and teetering on the frilly side, it now epitomises a fabulous version of the woman-readyto-hit-the-

town look, and brings a certain power to the one who dons it. It's almost like a fantasy come to life, and designers are helping resuscitate it. For veterans like Monisha Jaising, the key to styling it is by "keeping it simple and classy with minimum jewellery. That is the way to use glitter in every occasion, be it daywear or for a night party." Brands like Pashma are giving it a retro spin, merging it with the on-trend laidback aesthetic. Use it sparingly through make-up to add a soft touch of glam, limit it to just one item, or choose one of the available cocktail gowns that are submerged in glitter for an exaggerated look. You can't go wrong no matter what you choose, because glitter is

back and it's here

to stay. 🍁



VANILLA MOON's wedges add the perfect amount of glitter to an outfit for a day event. (p.o.r.)



For a full-body affair, MOLTON BROWN's glitter spray does the trick. (₹3,000)



As the day progresses, ISHARYA LUXE's bracelet reflects different hues. (*p.o.r.*)

The British Export MOLTON BROWN

Known for bold fragrances and eccentric bottles that brighten up shelves, this English brand goes above and beyond to source and blend the rarest of ingredients from around the world to offer you an inimitable product.



Return Of The Classic VILLEROY & BOCH

The brand's latest collection takes innovative design and classic elegance to new levels. This selection, a graceful candlestand, adds a flair to the room with its royal-esque construction, and transforms any interior setting into a festive one. (*p.o.r.*)



The New Drama SHANTANU & NIKHIL Created for the new millennial consumer,

Raj-Kumari, the brand's

exaggerated drapes and dramatic silhouettes in

vivid hues and shades.

Autumn Winter '19

collection is full of



Follow The Lines Pashma

The finest of cashmere is procured for Pashma's exquisite shawls, and this selection in a warm, earthy tone with mirrored sequins offers both warmth and classic style. (*p.o.r.*)





Reimagined Dining VERSACE ROSENTHAL

Infused with baroque elements and opulent luxury, your table-set is about to become cultured, thanks to this collaboration between the Italian house and Rosenthal.



Wild Side LES PETITS KENZO KIDS

Clearly inspired by wildlife, Kenzo Kids' latest collection is all about keeping things trendy and playful. With the myriad inhabitants of the rainforest on it, the prints and colours truly come to life in the creations. (*p.o.r.*)



The Indian Edge

Add a touch of ethnic glamour to your festivewear

Take a contemporary turn with the looks that recraft tradition to fabricate a modern silhouette and colour palette. From reinterpreting the glorious sari, to pairing print-on-print in suits and *lehengas*, we're looking at an embroidered and embellished lookbook that offers various types of shapes, along with an eclectic mix of colours, including neons.

¹ SATYA PAUL; ² RI RITU KUMAR;
³ NEERU KUMAR; ⁴ NEETA LULLA;
⁵ NIKASHA; ⁶ SHYAMAL & BHUMIKA
(all prices on request)



Wild Love CASA PARADOX LUXE

Through the usage of natural materials, embossed metals and art deco imagery, the brand's Amazonia collection invites one to dive into the Amazon.



Button Up MIRARI

Set in delicate gold, these kurta buttons are especially unique because they can serve as cufflinks as well. Featuring diamonds in various cuts, they make for an ideal gift this festive season. (p.o.r.)



Game Face BERLUTI

To become the star of all Diwali parties this season, this fully-equipped leather poker clutch should do the trick. Completely handmade, the case comes with the requisite chips and playing cards. (₹4,09,000)



The New Look **PAUL & SHARK**

The brand's Fall/Winter '19 collection is all about sharp lines, puffer jackets and, as always, functionality. The looks stay true to the brand's ethos, and they all come together to make for an inimitable smart-casual look.



For the latest in trendy dining options, and the most organic of produce, head over to Nicobar's integrated restaurant at The Chanakya, which changes its menu to fit the season.



The Festive Wellness Makeover

Get ready for the party season with these easy skin, body and mind tweaks BY AMEESHA RAIZADA

The party season, coupled with weddings, *sangeets* and get-togethers, can be hectic and tiring. You still have to look your best, so you need a plan that goes beyond make-up and Red Bull. To ace this party season, we give you a six-point plan that will give you energy, take care of your skin, and ensure your health is not compromised.

Step 1 HYDRATE

This relates not just to consumption, but also to your skin. One doesn't feel that thirsty in the winter, and that can be both deceiving and detrimental. Tender coconut water is highly recommended to keep you hydrated, and it's more palatable than plain water. When it comes to your skin, try bathing with rose water, or use it as a toner for a rejuvenating effect. In fact, it's easy to make your own: boil rose petals in water for about an hour, strain out the petals, cool the water and then refrigerate it.

Step 2 EAT

Focus on vitamins and antioxidants, which will ensure that you have the energy you need. Adding nuts, fresh veggies and some omega-3 supplements works well. But consult your physician before you start taking supplements.

Step 3 SLEEP

Yes, we know this is redundant during this season, but you should try to get enough sleep-at least six to eight hoursas often as you can. Power naps help, too, but are not a substitute for a good night's sleep. Soothing music and downtime from screens two hours before turning in helps.

Step 4 SWITCH

If possible, avoid smoking, aerated beverages and junk food; instead, focus on whole foods and grains. If you're out drinking, drink one glass of water for each cocktail.



Step 5 MOISTURISE

This involves applying face oils, moisturisers, creams, or balms on your skin. The idea is to nourish the skin without letting it get in the way of all the celebrations. Before bed, use an ultra-moisturising lotion, and use a day cream without fail. And, most importantly, carry lip balm. Coconut oil can be a lifesaver, and you can use it as a balm by adding a few drops of lavender essential oil to it.

Step 6 **PROTECT**

The first is your skin. As most moisturisers have in-built SPF to protect you from sun damage, you may not need to use a sunscreen. But, if you're going out for extended hours, it makes sense to use a separate sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30. Next, to recover from excesses, try to get a deeptissue massage—with a special focus on your face—when you can. And, most importantly, don't be too hard on yourself. You deserve to have some fun. 🍁

The Runway Report

The Fall/Winter 2019 looks, decoded BY AMEESHA RAIZADA

Te're living in an age where fashion has never encompassed, disrupted and included more. Fresh off the autumn/winter runways are looks that derive inspiration from both decades long gone and a metallic glimpse into the future. Think skirts that have sashayed from the '70s, bringing an extra bounce along the way. Power moves for women in the form of stiff-collared, structured blazers and coats with cinched-in waists, ensuring that what started a few years ago as a fad has now been deeply ingrained into the impeccably tailored female wardrobe thanks to brands like Ralph Lauren, Dior and Hermès. We're invited to be more eccentric with feathered accessories and hats that scream to be the star player.

This eccentricity in embellishment has leaked into the patterns and colour palette, both of which range from bold and almost frenzied displays of tessellating shapes and hues, to cleansers of nude and mild tones, and even some head-to-toe leather-clad looks, the suppleness of which can be felt from afar. So, whether you're dressing up for the limelight, or looking for impeccable craftsmanship, the collections have you in mind. 🍁

1 ROHIT GANDHI + RAHUL KHANNA (₹2,45,000); 2 BOTTEGA VENETA (*p.o.r.*); ³ KUNAL RAWAL (*p.o.r.*); 4 VARUN BAHL (₹4,25,000); 5 DIOR (p.o.r.)







The Ruby Touch

Embellish your ensemble with these accessories





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This festive season, it's all about gem hues, and you can't go wrong with tones of ruby. Liven up the party with fiery accents, through this curation of accessories that will burn bright with you through the night.

1 Necklace by DIOR (p.o.r.); 2 Bag by GUCCI (₹1,97,500); ³ Pélargonium perfume by AEDES DE VENUSTAS (available at THE KONCEPT PRIVE) (₹17,500); 4 Belt by BOTTEGA VENETA (*p.o.r.*); 5 Clutch by PERONA (*p.o.r.*); ⁶ Heeled boots by RALPH LAUREN (*p.o.r.*)



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Selected For The Spotlight

Whether your style is loud and dramatic, or quiet and minimal, here's the complete guide to festive jewellery BY PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI

inimalism or maximalism. It's a debate that's raged on for ages, and the two just keep reacting off each other, playing up their assets and converting each other's audiences in small doses. The same question has haunted the jewellery realm: should

one go for a simple, single-pendant necklace, or a tiered, ornate display of precious stones? Of course, a major part of the answer hinges on the mood and vibe one is going for, but there are some arguments for both sides. For brands like Mirari, the philosophy of minimalism is what's remained a recurring theme, even for festive occasions. But when you do want to take it up a notch, let one of the other elements in your look be on the subdued side. "That gives you the freedom to play with the other one and be bold with it," advises the brand.

The same maximalist look is being



brought about in a very subtle manner, as that's how today's woman dons it. She wants luxury, but not so blatantly, according to Sunita Shekhawat. Which is why, the jewellery connoisseur advises, the most important part should be layering, as that can be continuously customised to reach the desired balance.

If you are a fan of wearing maximalist jewels, there are myriad options from the designers. Isharya Luxe is briging out chunky bangles, dramatic earrings and link chains to cater to this preference. To truly give these larger-than-life creations their due, the brand recommends wearing them one at a time: "It's the best way to ensure that the statement piece gets to make its impact, and that the overall look remains aesthetically pleasing."

It's easy to think that styling minimalist jewellery is simple, but there's an art to making quiet things shine. Biren Vaidya, the Creative Head and Managing Director of Rose, explains, "Minimalist jewellery means simple and clean cuts in design, but it should have an important gem that would make it work for dressier and more formal occasions."

The type of jewellery you choose should also depend on the neckline of your attire. According to Vaidya, a V-cut demands a sweetheart-cut pendant, while closed necklines go hand-in-hand with chokers.

At the end of the day, whichever style you choose, just make sure you wear it with confidence. *

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No Place For Plain

Here's your guide to creating the perfect heirloom jewellery set, something that you and your family can cherish for generations BY PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI

hile summer may be on its way out, it's leaving behind a familiar face: prints. Prints of all kinds: floral, animal, graphic, abstract, the list goes on, and brands are influencing

consumers to layer them over and over. Take, for example, AM:PM's autumn/winter 2019 collection. It's a deep-dive into the possibilities of how print can be revamped for the winter. Dynamic hues are used as a base for delicate floral prints, which are then emphasised through detailing in a jacket that begs to be seen on a wintry day. Following suit are launches from Kate Spade that include demure dresses, which, upon closer inspection, showcase a bold animal-print pattern, perfect to be layered under a denim jacket for the months where the weather is in some sort of limbo. Dior has also put its stamp of approval through sneakers and other footwear that are examples of how casual print can be turned into elegant formalwear.

Chanelling the essence of printwork from far, Satya Paul's reinterpretation of the sari is in actuality a hand-painted feast for the eyes, but you'd be forgiven for assuming it's a print, taking its nearly impeccable artistry into account. Fendi is also playing a big part in contributing to the print-inspired lineage. The iconic baguette bag has seen a vibrant makeover.

It's a sign of the times that people want to express themselves more so than ever, and that's the very essence of printwork. It allows the wearer to display a mood and a feeling through motifs and shapes, however abstract they may be. And the versatility makes it appealing to a generation that has no time for multiple products-they want something that will prove its value beyond what it's made for. The value attached to one single product has increased exponentially, because they're aware that it's an investment, not just a momentary purchase. Enter brands like Hermès. The luxury house has heard the call for change, and this can be seen in their iconic products such as the scarves. Consistently reinterpreted since 1957, the new iterations have bold, graphic interplays of colours, printed to work against the light. Use it as a scarf, or tie it up as a belt to add a vibrant and edgy touch. Whatever you choose, the reality remains the same: print isn't dead. 🍁

It allows the wearer to display a mood and a feeling through motifs and shapes, however abstract they may be







Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality BY PALLAVI SINGH



RALPH LAUREN

PASHMA

With a splattering of sequins, this cashmere blazer is the perfect way to amp up a bare outfit. The unstructured fit adds a touch of nonchalance, while the glitz and broad shoulders make it black-tie worthy.
For the woman who likes to keep things minimal through layering.
Pair With a neutral T-shirt, slim-fit trousers and heeled boots.

This crested blazer is a power move if there ever was one. Fluid with an organic feel, the navy blue colour allows it to shine against any base, and the hip-reaching length adds a snug sense of comfort.

For the woman who appreciates a loose and breezy silhouette.

Pair With the RL 50 handbag, slicked-back hair and nude tones of make-up.



Shake The Floor

Get ready to dance all night long in the season's best footwear





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Whether it's sneakers with a gilded touch, or boots that offer to build up the drama, the right footwear can be a complete game changer. Offering comfort and the ultimate glam quotient, take your pick from the lot.

<u>1</u> CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN;
<u>2</u> BALLY; <u>3</u> FENDI;
<u>4</u> RALPH LAUREN; <u>5</u> DIOR (*all prices on request*)

Dial It Up

The watches to add more glitz to your wrist BY VARUN SARIN

DE GRISOGONO ALLEGRA 25

Exuberant would be an understatement for this 41.7mm creation, which is a combination of a mother-of-pearl dial, delicately interwoven diamond rings along the periphery, and both snow-set and bezel-set gems. (Available at Diacolor)

FABERGÉ COMPLIQUÉE WINTER

The legendary house has introduced a marvel with a dial that has moving segments and a Côtes de Genève decoration on the upper bridge, all of which are tied together by a statementmaking sky-blue alligator strap. (Available at Diacolor)

MONTBLANC SUMMIT 2

The age-old codes for premium watchmaking combine with stateof-the-art technology to offer a smartwatch that helps you stay ahead of your own curve. Fitted with Google's Wear OS, it still gives the feel of a classic Montblanc timepiece. (Available at Montblanc)

CARTIER BAIGNOIRE ALLONGÉE

Exceptional glam takes a utilitarian turn in this Cartier selection that

promises caliber 1917 MC, cased in a pink-gold body that sparkles with a dizzying surface of diamonds. (Available at Cartier)

AUDEMARS PIGUET ROYAL OAK FROSTED GOLD DOUBLE BALANCE WHEEL OPENWORKED

FABER

Adding some colour to the Royal Oak line-up, the Oak Frosted Gold Double Balance Wheel Openworked features myriad hues along each curve of the octagonal circumference, through 32 individually-cut sapphires. (Available at Kapoor Watch Co.) *

(all prices on request)





"I know most people use their phones to tell time, but there is something very romantic and beautiful about a timepiece." ~PADMA LAKSHMI



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Sculpted Glory

We sat down with Gaurav Gupta to discuss his journey to becoming one of the country's finest designers, and how others can follow suit

G aurav Gupta wants to break tradition—that's the only way to describe it. And looking at the way people are donning his sculpture-esque gowns and saris at weddings, cocktail parties and the red carpet, clearly the public wants that as well. But along with nurturing an avant-garde sensibility, he's also growing his eponymous brand to include a host of new avenues, starting with a jewellery line crafted to suit high couture. Here, he breaks down his path to reach his current status, and tells us what lies ahead for him.

What was the moment that inspired you to pursue this career?

I have always been passionate about art and sculpture-making specifically.

From there, my love for fashion stemmed organically. I was a straight A student, and like any other Indian parent, mine expected me to follow a business-centric academic path in order to further the burgeoning family business of iron and steel. While I was filling out the forms for the NIFT entrance exam, nothing had ever seemed so right, and, as they say, the rest is history.

How has the industry changed through the years, according to you?

It's both exciting and confusing at the same time. On one hand, there's an influx of new technology and ideas. The market has really grown a lot and has also become more accepting and appreciative of innovation. On the other, I see confusion in terms of a lack of a cohesive identity, when it comes to some brands out there—it's all overlapping. Only a few of them have a distinctive design ideology that sets them apart from the crowd. But overall, I think the

> industry has evolved gloriously. Rather than coming up with the usual run-of-the-

mill ideas, people are beginning to invest in meaningful narratives when it comes to design—and that's the glaring need of the hour.

Who is your perfect muse?

Cleopatra is my perfect muse because she is the eternal embodiment of grace, poise and fearlessness.

Any advice for someone aspiring to join this industry?

All I can say is that there are no shortcuts to success, especially in this field. Only dedication, hard work and true passion will take you further in the industry and help you unravel better opportunities. But once you do, there's no limit.



Where all do you draw your inspiration from?

I draw inspiration from my obsession with nature and its beings. For example, for my jewellery collection, the inspiration for designing the line emanated from the beauty behind the flight and freedom of the birds, the elated, lush and mysterious depths of the forests, the exhilaration behind the feeling of infinity and liberation. For my latest couture collection, 'Undercurrent,' I drew inspiration from the fierce waves of the ocean that flow in a rhythmic, electric concentricity.

Tell us a little about your journey to reach your current position as one of the top designers.

My journey has been really enriching and fulfilling. To be honest, I consider myself as the blue-eyed boy of this industry since everything



What do your future goals include?

My focus is on the new stores that we have recently launched in Hyderabad and Kolkata. Also, having recently unveiled my maiden jewellery

collection, I think our focus will be adding new pieces and suites to the collection. The male audience is fast emerging as a key market for us, so the GG man is one of our priorities for the upcoming season.



has flown really smoothly and naturally. I'm proud to see our brand reach such great heights. This year, apart from it being our 15-year anniversary, has been monumental for us because of the launch of our very first jewellery collection and the further spread of our retail presence across India. All of us at Gaurav Gupta are excited to work on the myriad future projects that are in the pipeline and push the envelope while doing so.

What are the qualities it takes to make it in the fashion industry?

I think an innate passion and an eye for fashion is necessary, along with a strong grasp on attention to detail. Apart from this, the resilience to strive in the industry and being able to constructively deal with critics also plays an important role, because, honestly, the negative feedback is never going to stop. Once you realise that, and come to terms with it, everything just falls into place. *****

The Big Occasionwear Edit

Rock the party with this expert curation from India's best designers TEXT BY AMEESHA RAIZADA PHOTOGRAPHED BY SUNEET VARMA

Ake one look at the collections designers are bringing out, and you'll notice a common vein running through: a nudge to consumers to take risks. No one is shying away from breaking the norms anymore, and a rebellious streak is being fostered and encouraged by producers and purchasers.

Accepting the role of the disrupter means opting for larger-than-life creations with sequins and feathers trailing below. Opulence and extravagance have been brought back in full swing, along with corresponding accessories that have been conceptualised to such a degree that some need a classic LBD just to give them the limelight they deserve.

Even traditional wear is receiving this fashion-forward makeover, resulting in ethnic creations that give classic artistry and embroidery a modern canvas. According to Shivan & Narresh, "Millennials are becoming more open to new silhouettes, even when it comes to traditional clothing."

Our festive edit compiles the trends to help you find the look that can uplift your party spirit.

The Party Pieces

"Various pieces from our Patu Series collection can be styled as an ideal evening soirée look. For instance, the Indigo Bustier with gold leaf skeinwork can be paired with a pair of Indigo Palazzos." –Shivan & Narresh

"Our collections have some beautiful flowy and contemporary styles, which would look splendid as party wear." –Ritu Kumar

"This year, my couture collection comprised a Demi Couture collection that is the perfect fit for both dinners and evening soirées. There are georgette and printed jackets and ivory capes that will work just right with palazzo pants." –Varun Bahl

"One might want to carry a statement piece like our shoulder dusters; such iconic pieces are light but stand out when paired with any outfit." -Sunita Shekhawat

"Our collection has a variety of options to choose from: fitted gowns, A-line gowns, separates and contemporary saris. Depending on the occasion, one can choose the look. A halterneck top with a quilted satin skirt would be perfect for an evening soirée. A contemporary drape sari would be ideal for a cocktail party." –Pankaj & Nidhi

The Festive Silhouette

"Flowy draped saris and *lehengas* will be seen this festive season in different fabrics and textures." **–Shivan & Narresh**

"Festive fashion is ever-changing. I think the look is more fitted now, but it's a mixture of two: the tops are fitted, bottoms are flowy, so there's no real hard-and-fast rule." –Ritu Kumar

"This season will see comfortable silhouettes like capes, kimonos, floral saris, oversized jackets and A-line flowy *kurtas*." –Varun Bahl

"The festivities will see more Indofusion silhouettes like draped saris or *dhoti* saris, A-line *kurtas* with palazzo pants and *shararas* or *lehenga* skirts." –**Nikasha**

The Colour Palette

"This season is blessed with a vibrant palette that is combined with eclectic prints and patterns to liven up silhouettes. Indigo, rose, slate and chalk are some of the season's colours. Prints will also be observed this festive season with print-on-print being an emerging trend." –Shivan & Narresh

"Muted neutral tones." -Ritu Kumar

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On Richa: outfit by **Varun Bahl**, earrings by **Rose**, ring and bracelet by **Diacolor**; on Aastha: outfit by **Suneet Varma**, earrings by **Diacolor**; on Sonali: outfit by **Gaurav Gupta**, earrings by **Diacolor**, bracelet by **Mirari**









A Touch Of Neon

"Neon is one of the raging trends this year. Hues of neon can be incorporated into a festive look not just in terms of clothing, but also in accessories against monotone shades." -Shivan & Narresh

"Neon-coloured accessories against plain garments can add a pop to the basic solid colours." **–Ritu Kumar**

"My Rani collection for this season is full of neon colours like lily ochre, lime yellow and rani pink." –**Nikasha**

The Jewel Tones

"Pastel colour palettes will always look great, but rose gold will be the tone of this season. A play of coloured precious stones will also be in." **–Mirari**

"We'll be seeing a lot of bright Siberian emeralds along with coral and use of black onyx. You will also see tanzanite with pink rubelites, rubies and emeralds." –**Rose**

"Hues like emeralds and tanzanites are trending in a big way this season. Our Vanya collection delicately intertwines two signature greens: a fresh mint and a deep green, culminating in a bold and beautiful dual-tone effect, that is then enhanced with gold and *polkis*." **–Sunita Shekhawat**

"Neon pop colours add character. Traditional jewel tones will always remain, and we incorporate these by using malachite green, blue lapiz lazuli and marsala quartz stones set in silhouettes that work well against Indian and Western wear." –Isharya Luxe



THIS SPREAD (L-R) On Hitesh: outfit by Shantanu & Nikhil, shoes by Shantanu & Nikhil; on Aastha: outfit by Falguni Shane Peacock; on Richa: outfit by Neeta Lulla

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Revving Jewels Up

"Contrasting jewellery is very in this season. Jewellery with rubies or dark pink stones with a light pink or a peach *lehenga*, dark green beads with a pista-green outfit, or blue stone jewellery with a pale blue outfit looks absolutely gorgeous." -Sunita Shekhawat

"Mix it up! Take a necklace and wear it in your hair; this will instantly dial up the style quotient." —Isharya Luxe

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On Hitesh: outfit by **Anita Dongre**, shoes by **Rajesh Pratap Singh**; on Richa: outfit by **Varun Bahl**, earrings by **Rose**, ring and bracelet by **Diacolor**; on Vaibhav: outfit by **Varun Bahl**

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STYLED BY AYESHA AMIN NIGAM HAIR & MAKE-UP BY GURU MAKEUP ART SHOT ON LOCATION AT THE ARALIAS, DLF5 "If you wear an outfit with an open neck, the best way to go about it is to wear minimalist jewellery with a prominent gem on a thin chain." –Rose

The Throwback Trend

"Evergreen classics will be seen this year like capes, asymmetrical necklines and florals. One can incorporate these styles into one's festive wardrobe by adding bustiers, or off-shoulders and one-shoulders and festive capes with ornate skeinwork details. They add an extravagant element to any ensemble, and combine the classics with a revamped silhouette." –Shivan & Narresh

"A traditional look truly never goes out of style, and, if one pairs it well, the Aadh is an essential mention as it is a classic line that exudes royalty, elegance and heritage." –Sunita Shekhawat

The Pairing

"This festive season will see contemporary silhouettes paving their way into traditional wear. The Shivan & Narresh Signature Blade Runner Bustier with Indigo Trousers and Fagun Sheer Cape with Tribal Skeinwork details makes for the perfect contemporary festive look." –Shivan & Narresh

"I think the little dress seems to be out. What is happening is a lot of dramatic, flared bottoms with minimal tops." –**Ritu Kumar**

"Experiment with colours. One can try replacing traditional gold jewellery with coloured precious stone jewellery. It adds vibrancy to a monochrome look and matches the tone of your outfits." –Sunita Shekhawat

"I suggest one of my Demi Couture georgette jackets with intricate embroidery details, fitted on the waist to be paired with palazzo pants. Minimalism is maximalism, it's all in the details like ruffles, intricate embroidery and digital florals prints that make it just right for a party look." –Varun Bahl

"To create the perfect party look, we'd suggest you opt for blouseskirt pairings that are elegant yet perfect for a night that's going to be spent dancing. Pair the shimmer organza off-shoulder blouse with our crystalline skirt." -Pankaj & Nidhi *

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o less than a winter wonderland, the Swiss Alps are a retreat for the global elite with world-class ski slopes and superlative luxury. They offer unparalleled experiences in amazing towns, and no matter how many times one visits, one can find something new and something luxe.

ST. MORITZ

With an impressive history, St. Moritz offers famously breathtaking views and has earned a reputation as a pillar of luxury and a favoured destination of the world's billionaires and celebrities. The region is dotted with five-star hotels, including the iconic Badrutt's Palace. Set on a hillside overlooking the town, the hotel is beautiful, and supports guests with elite concierge services, eight restaurants (including the Michelin-starred IGNIV by Andreas Caminada), and pampering in the Palace Wellness spa, one of Europe's finest. The equally-popular Suvretta House provides "discreet luxury" across the board, including the Suvretta Stube, or the Chef's Table, where executive chef Fabrizio Zanetti will prepare an exclusive dinner for your party inside his kitchen so you can watch him work.

St. Moritz has many culinary hotspots, including Talvo by Dalsass, serving classic, no-nonsense Mediterranean cuisine in a 1658 farmhouse, and Cà d'Oro, focussed on a contemporary, modern menu, refined service, and a stellar wine list.

Of course, the opportunity for adventure is as important as the accommodation. It was in St. Moritz, more than a century ago, that tourists helped popularise many of the winter sports that thrill visitors to the Alps. The town hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1928 and 1948, and it still offers world-class, adrenaline-packed outdoor fun. And for slope action, Corviglia offers the widest angle of slopes for varying skill levels, as well as winter sports like sledding, and sporting events like skijoring (a race in which a horse pulls a skier over a frozen lake), ice cricket or snow polo.

GSTAAD

Renowned for its chalets, superlative hotels, and royal treatment round-



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The gorgeous swimming pool at Badrutt's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz; a glimpse of the serene winter landscape in Engadin, Switzerland; a chic bag from **Brunello Cucinelli**; the ideal alpine attire for a gent by **Corneliani**; **Fendi** boots that are perfect to hit the town in; a glitzy embellished **Pankaj & Nidhi** overcoat to make a statement; stellar shades from **Bottega Veneta**

> the-clock, Gstaad represents the pinnacle of what the region has to offer. An evergreen haven for superstars and tycoons, Gstaad offers an array of accommodation, nightlife and gastronomic adventures to satisfy even the most discerning guest's

desires. The town is also home to some of the most luxurious and iconic properties in Europe. Gstaad Palace, a 105-year-old towering structure set on a hill overlooking the town,

tops the list, because the almostfairytale-like hotel has exquisitely appointed rooms, five restaurants, two bars and a pulsating nightclub to choose from. The Palace also offers a unique helicopter lunch tour, which flies you around the Matterhorn for a Champagne toast before landing atop Glacier 3000, one of Europe's largest glaciers, for a gourmet meal at Refuge l'Espace. Another favourite, The Alpina Gstaad, may be relatively new but has certainly left an impression. Within the "five-star superior" hotel (a notch above five-star), you will find the world-class Six Senses Spa and two restaurants, Sommet and Megu, that have earned Michelin stars already.

For those who prefer a boutique hotel, a strong choice would be Ultima Gstaad, which offers the luxury and service of its bigger rivals but with a more personalised approach that lends an added sense of privacy.

For elite culinary experiences, Gstaad offers a vast selection of worthy candidates. LEONARD's and



Chesery, inside Le Grand Bellevue hotel, are iconic and must-visits on a trip to this town. Both focus on using the finest ingredients to make simpleyet-refined dishes that combine modern and traditional techniques. The tasting menu in both restaurants is exemplary.

Once the sun sets, Gstaad is a focal point for post-skiing celebrations. Within the Hotel Olden Gstaad is Pinte, which offers fine cocktails, a warm and welcoming ambience, and a crowd as alluring as the surrounding scenery. Or you can head over to the famous GreenGo, located within Gstaad Palace. The club draws many elite guests, with top DJs performing all night as guests groove on a dance floor that floats above a swimming pool. If you have the time, Gstaad will give you the experience.

DAVOS

While understated, Davos has cemented its reputation as a global centre of finance and commerce. The town hosts the annual World Economic Forum, but Davos is more than just a place for international financiers and political leaders to meet. With the highest elevation in

Europe, it has been an escape for the Continent's elite since the mid-19th century. Originally a centre for spas and other wellness-focussed properties, Davos inspired Thomas Mann's 1924 Nobel Prize-winning novel The Magic Mountain after Mann's wife sought treatment in the town's well-regarded healthcare facilities. Eventually, tourists brought winter sports to Davos during the colder months, including the first T-bar ski lift in the world. Today, Davos provides the ultimate balance between business and pleasure. Fivestar hotels like the InterContinental Davos host business leaders one day and elite vacationers the next. The Hotel Seehof Davos offers a lengthy list of experiences ranging from exotic culinary happenings to curated outings in the surrounding mountains. Most places feature modern design with Swiss flair.

Trains (regular and mountainascending versions) run throughout the region; cable cars, ski lifts, and gondolas enable visitors to explore nearby Klosters, one of Europe's top winter sports destinations. A classic Swiss village, Klosters is a downhill skier's paradise; and while service is





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT The smoking lounge at the iconic Gstaad Palace hotel; an embellished bag from **Dior**; a monochromatic tan look from Ralph *Lauren*; with endless cafés and boutique stores, Gstaad is the perfect family destination; a functional cap and scarf combo from Hackett; the Meisterstück Urban Key Chain from **Montblanc** to help you during your travels



paramount, the town forgoes showy displays of wealth. It is low-key, and returning guests place a high value on the village-wide attitude of discretion, which is perhaps why the town has remained the ski destination for the British royal family for decades.

Diners with both extravagant and simpler tastes will enjoy Davos; from the menu at Glow, featuring local seasonal produce, to the exhaustive wine list at La Vetta-both establishments have been honoured with a Michelin star. For after hours, stop by Ex Bar for a drink, and then check out the late-night scene at Pöstli Club, a place ideal for rubbing shoulders with other partygoers-and maybe a royal or two.

Of course, the Swiss Alps have more to offer. In fact, they have been one of the cornerstones of the James Bond film franchise. Other than 007's home base of London, no place on earth has been featured more in Bond movies than the Alps. Classics like Goldfinger, On Her Majesty's Secret Service, For Your Eyes Only, GoldenEye, and The World Is Not Enough all had scenes shot among these majestic

peaks. The franchise has filmed extensively in Switzerland, specifically in the area south of Interlaken. But perhaps no location is more iconic and representative of Bond's Swiss adventures than his visit to the lair of villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld in On Her Majesty's Secret Service. For this legendary scene, producers selected the rotating Piz Gloria restaurant atop Mount Schilthorn. The restaurant completes a full rotation every 45 minutes, providing jaw-dropping 360-degree views for guests, complete with more than 200 picturesque peaks in all directions, including Mönch, Jungfrau, and the infamous Eiger. To celebrate its cinematic legacy, Piz Gloria highlights its role in the 007 universe with attractions like Bond World 007, a Bond-themed multimedia museum full of interactive games, adventures and memorabilia. The theme continues through the Piz Gloria menu, where guests can find a James Bond spaghetti or a 007 burger. Of course, there's also a Bond-themed bar, where you can order a martini prepared however you'd like itshaken or stirred. *

Lessons In Craftsmanship

Janavi India's latest collection offers a scenic trip to the valleys of Kashmir BY KANCHAN RANA

t first glance, the embroidery on the finest of cashmere seems like a minimalist display of pastel tones and hues that seem straight out of a watercolour painting. Look again and you'll see a humble story of Kashmir woven intricately, with details straight out of the landscape that's served as a muse to artists and artisans for generations now. And in Janavi India's latest collection, *Spirit of the Valley*, the muse has never looked as vibrant.

Having grown up in the valley, Jyotika Jhalani, the brand's president, has a trove of memories and experiences to draw from. The collection is a tribute to this childhood, and the heritage of craftsmanship that's been fostered in the area for years now. Through Jyotika's lens, one can see the usual trademark sights of the valley—the *shikaras* drifting along peacefully, the still waters of the Dal Lake, the tranquil surface of which seems to come through in the silk threads, and the full extent of nature in bloom. But there's more than just that. There's a hint of childhood nostalgia, and mischief, attached in the way frogs have been handpainted on the shawls, in how the water lilies seem to look as much at home on cashmere as they do in their natural habitat, and in how Kashmir's history of papier-mâché seems to effortlessly drape around one's



shoulders. It's a walk down memory lane, and everyone is invited to join in.

Janavi India has grown to become one of the world's premier design houses of cashmere products. Since its inception in 1998, the brand has worked towards creating not only a product that embodies the ethos of impeccable craftsmanship, but also that of shared experiences and heritage.

The latest Kashmiri collection is one part of a capsule of inspirations

derived from cultures spanning the globe: *Classics & Chantilly* is one that is revisited by the brand on a recurring basis to suit the changing colour palette, and which features lace directly brought in from France. With its solid lines and stripes, it's a departure from the landscapes and sceneries, but an equally elegant offering. The *Global Series* is, as the name justifies, a look at cities across the world, with their skylines and motifs stitched across.

One of the trademarks of the brand that's been consistent is the protection and encouragement of local artisans. Currently a community of over 300, there's a certain amount of pride that's



attached to creating a product that allows the wearer to be transported while wearing it—that allows them to wear a mood. It's what has allowed them to push the cashmere envelope even further.

Here, design is recognised as a manifestation of the mind of the visionary, weaver and wearer, allowing all to express their inner selves in one composite product. The curiosities of everyone involved have led to the weaving of heirloom-worthy products, fit for both gifting and passing down to future generations as a keepsake.

"We have grown into an enterprise that celebrates the versatility of cashmere as a material. With Janavi, you are assured of world-class excellence in craftsmanship and authenticity."

Currently present at over 200 of the world's most influential multi-brand retailers, alongside two flagship stores at The Emporio and The Chanakya, New Delhi, Janavi India's aim is to take the 'Make in India' campaign even further. Seeing how the shawls are already making waves and holding their own alongside global heavyweights, the goal doesn't seem too far. *

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The Über-Luxe **Party Tables**

A round-up of the most wanted New Year's Eve locations in the world **BY AAKRITI JASWANT**

hether you prefer an easy soirée or want a bustling party, these luxury hotels offer excellent culinary and celebratory experiences. But these tables are hard to come by, and you need to reserve yours well in advance. And, you can take the word of celebrities and eminent personalities that these are experiences where the VIP treatment is a notch above the rest. Happy New Year!





BORTHWICK CASTLE Edinburgh

This 15th-century castle, which is believed to have hosted Mary, Queen of Scots, is an exclusive private-hire venue, and the New Year's Eve party is magnificent. You'll love the stunning countryside, grand fireplaces, Hogmanay-themed buffets and the afternoon whiskey sessions here.



RAFFLES HOTEL SINGAPORE Singapore

The most sought-after social affair in Singapore, the New Year's Eve Gala channels old-world glamour with evening gowns, tuxedos, Champagne, elegant canapés and turn-of-the-century opulence. The evening ends with the traditional shower of glittering balloons at midnight—a beautiful sight.



BURJ AL ARAB JUMEIRAH Dubai

A gorgeous location, you cannot go wrong with a night at the Royal Suite. The exclusive gala dinner is perfect for people-watching and gives you access to a close-up of the extraordinary fireworks display. A variety of live entertainment and gastronomic masterpieces make this one of the best parties in the world.



GRAND HOTEL REYKJAVIK Reykjavik

Bringing in the new year here will be memorable. The elaborate Deluxe Gala Evening Programme includes a lavish five-course meal, viewing of the largest New Year's Eve bonfires at Breidablik and postdessert fireworks under the famed Northern Lights.



THE LODHI New Delhi

A landmark in the capital, this iconic hotel offers you and your loved one a private retreat to ring in the new year, should you wish for that. With curated experiences in terms of spa treatments and dining options, there's no paucity of options. If you crave music, there's the annual NYE event at the hotel.



BELMOND COPACABANA PALACE Rio De Janeiro

Rio is all about music, movement and colour. The hotel hosts the world's elite, and its new year celebrations include excellent entertainment, dinner buffets put together by Michelin-starred chefs, privileged access to the Copacabana beach and more.



HOTEL ARTS BARCELONA Barcelona

As the streets fill with performers and an infectious air of festivity, the Hotel Arts hosts a luxurious dinner with signature drinks, the best of many European cuisines, and an excellent follow-up buffet breakfast to start the new year. 🍁

Sustainable Luxury For The Connoisseur

As sustainability moves from being just a buzzword to an entire movement, luxury brands are shifting processes and priorities to move to more ethical practices. Here's how you can contribute

BY AAKRITI JASWANT

S ustainability is no longer just a watchword, but a movement that has changed consumption patterns across sectors. Luxury is also a big part of this change, and storied brands are moving to cement their positions as purveyors of taste with an ethical soul. According to the Luxury Goods Worldwide Market Study by Bain & Company, millennials and Generation Z are now driving 85 percent of the global luxury sales growth, and they are changing the game as they go along.

In an age where people have realised that wasteful practices that hurt the environment or cause distress to other living creatures is not acceptable, sustainability requires striking a sensitive balance. Plus, given that consumers are increasingly aware, it's a given that they would want their favourite luxury brands to reflect this philosophy. Maisons and ateliers have, of course, responded by changing their production processes, their material procurement tactics and their messaging.

This year marked the fifth time the Dow Jones Sustainability Index named Burberry as the leading luxury brand that's taken significant steps to improve its production in a way which benefits the ecological and economic criteria. The iconic British brand has taken a pledge to stop destroying its unsold products. Going even further, Burberry has decided to stop using real fur and phase out the products that use it in their existing line-up.

Awareness about the ecological impact of one's buying habits has allowed brands to break the association of luxury with wasteful consumerism

> The seriousness with which they are reshaping themselves as a conscious brand can be seen from the fact that the label sourced 48 percent of its total energy requirements in 2017-18 from renewable sources.

Another favourite brand of the millennials, Gucci, has also made tremendous strides on the sustainability front. As far back as 2011, it released eyewear that was made from environment-friendly materials and in 2012, it launched a sustainable and biodegradable sandal collection. Jimmy Choo, Armani, Ralph Lauren, Tom Ford—the list goes on—have decided to go fur-free, and in 2017, Gucci joined them.

Donatella Versace, in an interview with *The Economist*, said, "Fur? I'm out of that. I don't want to kill animals to make fashion. It doesn't feel

right." Versace is also committed to making its products furfree. As the ranks swell, jewellery giant Tiffany & Co. has also founded a philanthropic entity for reef conservation and ethical mining. This heightened awareness

about the ecological impact of one's buying habits has changed attitudes and marketing, as brands consciously break the association of luxury with wasteful consumerism.

Connoisseurs of luxury can do their bit, too, and nudge other brands towards ethical production. Plus, sustainable buying doesn't have to be a chore. With a little more awareness and preparation, you can become a responsible buyer rather quickly. The



As global luxury brands embark upon sustainability, home-grown brands are not far behind. From ethical sourcing to energy efficiency, they are embracing the future A truly sustainable company's labels have clear information about the whole manufacturing process, and more and more brands are doing this every day

best part about being an adopter of sustainable buying practices is that you are likely to be able to direct the choices companies make by your Earth-friendly stance. Here are some simple ways to give you a head start.

Do your research

This is definitely the best way to begin. Just a couple of minutes of browsing will tell you which brands have ethical policies that support sustainability. This also means that you will discover brands you may not have known about, or brands that closely mirror your beliefs.

Avoid products that use fur

Most coveted luxury brands have removed fur from their collections, and have now added their voices to the movement to change the landscape of creativity. These brands are enjoying greater patronage, and you should join them. There are still a number of brands that have yet to disengage in practices that hurt the environment, but higher demand for their competition should force them to do a rethink.

Refuse over-packaging

To give you the complete experience, luxury brands usually go the extra mile. This makes every buying moment more memorable, of course, but they also tend to over-pack your purchase. By opting out of extra packaging, you can help the brand and yourself—minimise wastage. If each of us agrees to do this, a lot of unwarranted excess material will no longer be needed.

Not

only is buying "pre-loved" a sustainable practice, one can also chance upon exceptional vintage pieces that can't be found elsewhere

Pay more attention to labels

Gucci came up with the "Gucci Equilibrium" programme, a part of their 10-year sustainability plan. This, in turn, was a move towards scrapping the use of leather in the manufacturing process. This is what you should be on the lookout for. While buying a luxury product, check the source of the raw material and, if available, the supply chain of the product. A truly sustainable company's labels have clear information about the whole manufacturing process, and more and more brands are doing this every day.

Give "pre-loved" a chance

This is an important way in which you can contribute to the ideals of sustainability, while helping someone preserve the sentimental attachment they may have for a luxury product. Many websites and a number of brands themselves allow you to buy used luxury products that are still in an excellent condition. Not only is this a hugely sustainable practice, but one can chance upon some exceptional vintage luxury pieces that can't be found anywhere else. Two

wins in one!

Try to donate

This works both ways, of course. Give out your old luxury products so that others

get an opportunity to buy them and cherish them for many more years. The brilliant craftsmanship of luxury products means that they retain their elegance for generations, so someone else has a chance to enjoy them. You can also give it back to the company, if they have a recycling policy. Added bonus: this helps you and the brand reduce each other's carbon footprint.

Become an advocate of sustainability

As most sustainability advocates know, the decision to buy ethically is not made in a vacuum. You can help by spreading the word among your friends and family so that they, too, are aware of the changing face of luxury. As the word reaches a broader audience, brands will be encouraged to reform or reinforce their actions. *





The Consumer Shift

A new consumer has come into power, and brands are realigning themselves BY DINAZ MADHUKAR

few years ago, a white sneaker would have hardly been the **L** way to gauge the luxury market. 'Sneaker' was as far from the luxury vernacular as a backpack. Today, it's an omnipresent status symbol, as are fanny packs, which were once discarded to the mistakesof-the-2000s pile. If you look closely, there's a common thread connecting them; it's a potent thread, too-one that's poised to make up almost 50 percent of the luxury spending power by 2025. It's the deliberately undefined millennial consumer. In the corridors of high-end fashion, they're the ones calling the shots and shaping this newfound aesthetic, one that doesn't seem quite as stiff and closed-off as it once was. And if a brand wants to make any headway, even one that has

centuries of heritage backing it, it has to capture the zeitgeist.

And brands are doing so. Let's circle back to sneakers. Now, more so than ever, luxury houses are racing to make the sportiest, edgiest pair. They're tapping into the various domains of streetwear, hip-hop and pop-culture at large, in order to create something that a target consumer identifies with and genuinely finds functionality in-and with their repositories of the best in craftsmanship and design, the options are limitless. From Gucci's iconic embroidered ones, to embellished varieties by Bally, we're seeing these stores flooded with options that were traditionally not in their domains. Tod's has come up with the 'Shoeker,' a hybrid shoe-sneaker that guarantees both style and functionality. And influencers are adopting it, too— Sonam Kapoor famously wore sneakers at her wedding, pairing them with her *lehenga*. It's a reflection of both the shift in consumer power from the Gen X to the millennials, as well as that of a new lifestyle being adopted by the latter.

Often overused, wellness is a keyword that's prompting a lot of these developments. The generation in power, having been brought up in the digital age, is exposed to everything under the sun. They see robustness in posts by celebrities, influencers and contemporaries, and that's prompting the move to ensuring their own. It's being done by ushering in a new uniform, one that's both fashionable and advanced enough to support and enable a more active lifestyle. Fashion and sport are no longer exclusive of each other, they're intersecting like never before. And this merging of worlds has allowed the houses to reap the benefits, as luxury wear is moving from being something reserved for special occasions to being a part of one's daily attire. Brands like Burberry, Ermenegildo Zegna and Louis Vuitton are catering to this and encouraging the growth by producing exceptionally-tailored activewear that has their unique branding. For instance, think of Gucci's collaboration with Dapper Dan last year. It resulted in '80s-era tracksuits from the Dapper Dan archives, but fitted to suit the house's ethos. It's a clear marker of how brands are working with influences far and wide to suit the changing sensibilities, and most importantly, to keep things fresh. We're seeing an influx of capsule bags, the size of which is just about enough to fit a phone, wallets canvassed with strawberries and other eclectic prints, and backpacks and messenger bags that are making their move on the luxury handbag's erstwhile prime position. By weaving pop culture into these products, it's not a forced fit for young consumers. They can find an identity in them, not just something to strike a pose with.

Finding oneself in products is an empowerment tool that's now being offered by brands. Self-expression has never been so prevalent, and through personalisation services, such as those offered by the brands housed in DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, consumers get something they never did before—a choice. Corneliani's ID Jacket allows you to choose your own chest piece, creating a bespoke, finely-crafted garment. Gucci's DIY service, which has recently been launched in DLF Emporio, takes this customisation a notch higher by allowing patrons to create their own tote bag, leather goods, sneakers and

Brands are working with influences far and wide to suit the changing sensibilities

clothing. The charm in owning something that has been created solely for you is completely different—it's an experience in itself. A Gucci customer now has the privilege of seeing exactly what goes into fabricating one of their iconic pieces, and the end result of group ideation. Homegrown brands like Janavi India are following closely; the brand that's known for its fine cashmere shawls is making its product more appealing to millennials by letting them get basically anything embroidered onto it: even your furry friend's face.

Perhaps a reaction from the minimalism we've been seeing for so

long, expressive branding has made a comeback in the most obvious way: logos. A result of the exposure to celebrities who are donning this look all over social media platforms, it's no surprise that the generation that's plugged in is following suit, literally.

Today, more than solely offering new products that are infused with a touch of nostalgia, it's about something deeper. Millennials want to take risks, and they want to be associated with brands that do the same. They want to be a part of a dream, albeit a portion of that dream should be conjured up for just them, no one else. *****







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THE SHINE

The festive season calls for some big and bold beauty ideas, but they have to be tempered with freshness. Or, you could take a page from current beauty trends and go minimalist. Either way, remember to pamper your skin with essential oils and moisturisers, and give it a weekly detox to maintain that glow all through the season.

Winds Of Change

The rundown on modifying your skincare routine for the fall BY **PALLAVI SINGH**

here's a lot that happens to your skin during the shift to winter: all of a sudden, and most obviously, there's a lot less moisture going in, and the skin's barrier against external elements gets weaker because of harsh winds, leading to increased sensitivity and irritation. In order to help you keep your skin as healthy as possible, we've rounded up some expert-backed tips to ease the change.

Plump It Up

Your skin needs an external push during these months to help compensate for the loss of moisture, and that involves using a heavier moisturiser, especially at night. Look for creams that are packed with ceramides, but still non-comedogenic in nature, to keep your pores clear. You could ease your skin into this by prepping it in the meantime with a hyaluronic acid serum, as it helps trap the moisture in.

Anita Dongre



Stow The Slough

It's recommended to cut back on intense routines that include daily exfoliation, as this could potentially strip your skin of its natural oils, which are vital during these months. Lessen the usage of retinoids as well; in heavily concentrated formulas it can venture into the harsher side. Milder exfoliating acids such as glycolic and lactic are more forgiving, and they help keep the glow in your skin.

Stay Blocked

While there are some things that needed to be added, some need to remain status quo: sunscreen. It's easy to forget to use it, but it's an annual arrangement. You could opt for a more lightweight version of your summer choice, but it should still be at least an SPF 30.

Keep The Glow

If you think your skin is looking a little sallow, vitamin C can be the way out. The derivative can help even out hyperpigmentation and some studies have shown that it boosts collagen production, thereby leading to an even brighter complexion.

The Reinforcements

Last but not least, add some moisture back into your surroundings at home by investing in a humidifier. You'll see, and feel, an immediate difference in your skin. *

The Winter Respite

A curation of skincare products for the winter BY **PRIYANKA CHAKRABARTI**



<u>1</u> ESTĒE LAUDER Nutritious Super-Pomegranate Radiant Energy Eye Jelly

The area around your eye is delicate and needs to be treated with utmost care. That's why this eye jelly has been formulated to treat fine lines and wrinkles, instantly cooling the skin to leave it smooth and radiant.

<u>2</u> DIOR Hydra Life Hydration Rescue Intense Sorbet Creme

Don't let the buttery texture of this cream mislead you: it's an incredibly light cream that offers intense moisture for your face, but none of the greasiness. The infused chamomile extract calms any redness or irritations, and adds a mild fragrance.

3 ELIZABETH ARDEN Visible Difference Skin Balancing Exfoliating Cleanser

With all the pollutants we face on a daily basis, it's important to clear the pores out, which is why we recommend this exfoliant. Gentle enough to be used regularly, but potent enough to retexturise any imperfections, it's balance in a bottle.

<u>4</u> YVES SAINT LAURENT Top Secrets Lip Perfector

This balm helps accentuate the natural colour of one's lips, and effectively does away with dryness. More than just that, it also serves as a primer before applying lipstick, making it the perfect base for pigment that stays on. <u>5</u> SHISEIDO Future Solution LX
 Replenishing Treatment Oil
 A blend of six luxurious oils, this nourishes your skin and keeps it looking young through its age-defying benefits. The best part is that you can use it all over your body, including on your hair and nails.

<u>6</u> CHANEL L'eau Micellaire AntiPollution Micellar Cleansing Water
While using specific products to
target a skin-related problem area is
advised, the most important step is
often the most overlooked: removing
your make-up. This selection's
micelles dissolve make-up, impurities,
UV filters and pollutants, all while
maintaining the skin's pH levels. ★

Think BOLD

The essential vanity kit to set the night—and the party—ablaze BY AAKRITI JASWANT

<u>1</u> DIOR Pump 'N' Volume HD Mascara

Why choose between length and volume when you can have both? With bristles that help lift your lashes and give them individual definition, and a formula that guarantees the maximising effect, this squeezable mascara also works overtime to protect the delicate eye region.

2 CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN Rouge Velvet Matte Lipstick

This intense pigment is meant to last all day long, and the opulent vial-case it comes in doubles as a necklace, should you feel so inclined (and you would!). While it has a matte texture, there's a velvet touch to it that keeps your lips looking full and supple.

<u>3</u> GIVENCHY Magic KHÔL Eye Liner Pencil

Stay defined with this pencil that won't budge—unless you want it to, in which case smudge it all over your eyelid for a wash of pigment. Available in vivid colours, the creamy finish makes it incredibly easy to maneuver around the contours of your eyes.



<u>4</u> TOM FORD Soleil Flawless Glow Foundation SPF 30

For the nights your skin requires lightweight coverage, the Tom Ford Soleil foundation offers that along with intense hydration, making it the perfect choice for fall. It leaves a healthy, satin finish with none of the shine but all of the glow.

<u>5</u> YVES SAINT LAURENT Les Sahariennes Bronzing Stones

So you've got the rosy tint from your blush, but you still need that sunkissed touch for special occasions. Enter YSL's bronzing stones. The ultralight matte powder makes the luminosity seem effortless and the result of an inside effort.

<u>6</u> CHANEL Joues Contraste Powder Blush

Why let go of that summer glow when you can hold onto it for a little while longer? Radiate through the festive season with this silky baked blush that adds a healthy glow and blends with the rest of your products seamlessly, making it easy to incorporate in your routine.

<u>7</u> GUERLAIN Precious Light Rejuvenating Effect Illuminator Concealer

Apply this illuminating concealer before or after the rest of your make-up to hide all visible signs of fatigue. Enriched with subtle gold tints, this over-achiever lifts the high points of your face and conceals dark shadows effectively. *



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With a long-lasting drydown, these fragrances make a statement

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Be an upstanding guest through these novel gifting ideas BY VARUN SARIN





Twilly d'Hermès

1 CARTIER Carat

(p.o.r.)

(prices start from ₹12,500)

2 CREED Spring Flower

3 HERMÈS Twilly d'Hermès

4 GUERLAIN Bloom Of Rose

(prices start from ₹6,300)

blossom and Grasse tuberose (p.o.r.)

Top notes: black cherry, cherry liqueur, bitter almond

<u>7</u> TOM FORD Lost Cherry

and griotte syrup (p.o.r.)

Top notes: violet, iris, hyacinth and ylang-ylang

Top notes: bergamot, apple, apricot, melon and peach

Top notes: ginger, tuberose and sandalwood (p.o.r.)

Ravissant

Make luxury a daily part of life with this silverplated collection of tableware that exudes royalty and magnificence. A perfect gift for any function, it'll add a touch of elegance, and, due to its understated class and neutral colourways, will play well with the other elements in the room. A versatile set, it can be kept as an ornamental add-on as well as for serving dishes. (*vase* ₹44,300; *box* ₹39,950; *candlestand* ₹45,000)

FESTIVE 2019



Lladró

This porcelain piece is inspired by traditional African masks, but in a modern and contemporary design. The perfect bold addition to the general décor, its striking black lines are enhanced through the gold lustre. (*p.o.r.*)



Janavi India

Add a personal touch to your gift through Janavi India's new personalisation service, which allows you to get any element embroidered onto their luxe cashmere. (p.o.r.)

Hermès

Paul & Shark

Villeroy & Boch

Customisation seems to be the byword this

season. Paul & Shark is getting in on this action

by offering the chance to get their finely-crafted t-shirts embroidered with a name. (p.o.r.)

> Hermès' Carnets d'Èquateur collection of tableware is the perfect gift for the person who loves nature in its truest form. The creations are celebrations of art as well, and it only takes one glance at the precise sketches to see why. Nature comes to life through the delicate use of colour, each chosen to invoke a feeling within you and set a mood.



The deep hues used for the brand's expertly-

crafted pieces make them stand out in any setting,

and it works as a gift that appeals to all. (₹2,500)



ArgentOr

Whether it's to store valuable keepsakes, or to be used as a prized vanity kit, ArgentOr's silver-plated box with a vibrantly-coloured lid will brighten up any table. (₹16,000)



Montblanc

For the tech-savvy person in your life, there's no better selection than Montblanc's futuristic augmented paper. Bringing your handwriting to the digital world, it seamlessly transfers all notes and sketches in the notebook to your phone, and comes in a sleeklooking case. (p.o.r.)



Yoku Moku

Yoku Moku's playful boxes and creations add a touch of lightness to any gathering and help bring people together. Gifting their indulgent chocolates and cookies will be the sweetest gesture.



Mirari V

A symbol of prosperity, this charan padukan encapsulates the essence of the gifting season with its simple yet divine aethetic. Ornate and festive, you can bank on its authenticity. (p.o.r.)



Khoya V

You can't go wrong in bringing a box of *mithai* as a gift, and it especially works in your favour if that *mithai* is made from the most premium and organic of ingredients. It's a gift that is both auspicious and delicious. *



New Spaces

For the new year, incorporate some little twists to give your house the revamp it deserves **BY VARUN SARIN**

It's always a good time to redo your living space, and as we move into the next decade, why not incorporate some of the trends that are expected to make waves, and make your home the star of the festive season and the gatherings that come with it? With the help of some of the best in the industry, we've collated the best ways you can amp it up.

WRAP IT UP

Use printed wallpapers and re-design your rooms around it; it's a quick way to add a festive feel, and if you choose the right material, it adds an organic vibe. Just be sure to take the other fabrics in the room into account; pairing floral patterns with geometric, such as dining chairs with a structured print, is a combo



ArgentOr

The deep gem hue on a pale base can liven up a bare space, and the various elements on it weave a story as well. It's great as a gift or as a fun addition to the mantel. (p.o.r.) that won't let you down. When it comes to the specific pattern, CASA PARADOX's insights for 2020 offer some assistance: "In 2020, we shall see an influx of designs and aesthetics inspired by nature. Elements that evoke a strong connect to nature and the environment will be big this coming year," advises the brand's creative director Raseel Gujral Ansal.

THE SWATCH

Bold colours work well in a room where the other elements are subdued, with tones of green in the curtains, pale blue furniture and neutral walls. Reserve the bold colours for a standout item. The colours of the season will see, according to CASA

While minimalism will always reign supreme, brands are experimenting a bit more this season



Molton Brown

The room doesn't only have to look good, but it also has to smell good. Let Molton Brown's incense and candles take care of that for you. (*entire set* ₹28,050) PARADOX LUXE: "a shift from cool neutrals to warmer ones. Blues will also be a big trend this coming year, but darker shades of blue shall prevail. Gem hues are timeless, and can never go out of trend, especially during the festive season." What you keep on the mantelpiece is what brightens up a space, and ArgentOr's suggestions include pieces that have colour on silver and copper bases.

SHELVE THE DRAMA

Ornaments and figurines are a great way to add personality and character to a room, and various brands are catering to a sensibility that desires more than just the usual statues. CASA PARADOX LUXE's Amazonia



CASA PARADOX LUXE

Striking the perfect balance between ornamental and minimal, the brand's collections are where you should start when scouting for something that will add culture and art to your home. (*p.o.r.*)



Creed ◀

When it comes from a globally-acclaimed fragrance house, you can rest assured that the scent will be nothing short of mesmerising. These candles are packed with essences and look pretty good standing on their own. (*p.o.r.*)

collection uses natural materials that are embossed with metals to create an Amazon-inspired sphere, while collectibles from Ravissant include silver frames bordered with beads to add a touch of elegance to your photos and memories.

MINIMAL MINIMALISM

While minimalism will always reign supreme, brands are experimenting a bit more this season. CASA PARADOX LUXE is playing with vintage vibes and channeling that era of design. Nicobar's throw pillows and cushions add a distinguished flourish to any room, and along with being ornamental, Creed's scented candles do their job pretty niftily. *****



Janavi India

Ensure that warmth follows you into every corner of the house by draping one of these fine cashmere shawls over a sofa—it adds utility and finesse. (*p.o.r.*)



Nicobar

Use a throw pillow to easily restyle one of your bedrooms. With plenty of options available, you're sure to find the perfect choice. (*p.o.r.*)

The Saga Of The Gullwing

One of the most beautiful cars ever made, the 300 SL is an enduring classic BY VARUN SARIN

esthetics and engineering. Construction and desire. Great design is always seen as the perfect interaction of two intrinsic tenets, and almost every car enthusiast will agree that the Mercedes-Benz 300 SL epitomises automotive design.

Since it made its debut in 1954, the 300 SL Gullwing (also called W 198) has been an inspiration for racing sports cars. In fact, it was voted "Sports Car of the Century" in December 1999 by a jury of trade journalists. The shape was originally created to optimally combat wind resistance, while still maintaining the street-driving requirement of two seats—and the clear belief that "form follows function." Over the course of the last half century, it has become an iconic car, and one of the most desired by vintage car collectors for its beautiful proportions. The special thing about the 300 SL is that immense emphasis was placed on aesthetics, even though the body was developed by coachwork engineers (the standard practice back then).

Every part of the car highlights the progressive thought behind it. The 215 horsepower-generating six-cylinder engine, for instance, was canted 50 degrees to the left to affect the lowslung bonnet and small frontal area. Another defining characteristic was the centrally arranged Mercedes "star," flanked on either side by horizontal inserts, which allowed the body to integrate a large radiator opening for the engine. The "eyebrows" over the wheel arches also seemed to "stretch" the curvaceous body, which gave it a sleekness unseen at that time.

But the most distinctive feature, of course, were the "gullwing" doors. Revolutionary in design and necessary to accommodate the innovative lightweight space frame, the top-hinged, upswinging doors also allowed the car to gain legendary exclusivity. Not that it lacked the firepower. With a top speed of 250 kmph, the 300 SL was the fastest production car of its day. *****




The renowned chefs at MKT, The Chanakya, and SET'Z, DLF Emporio, have created a drinks and desserts menu perfect for any festive gathering



SWEET BANANA WONTON from MKT

Ingredients

1 large ripe banana 6 wonton sheets 15gm brown sugar 1gm ground cinnamon 10gm coconut powder Oil (for frying)

Preparation

Chop the banana into small pieces. Mix sugar, coconut powder and

cinnamon in a small bowl. Add the chopped banana to this mixture and stir well. Place a little bit of this banana mix in a wonton shell, and fold from the centre, pressing the ends gently. Then, heat oil in a saucepan or wok until it's medium hot, around 350 degrees. Drop in a few of the wontons-they should cook in under a minute. You should turn them over once the first side is golden. Take out

the wontons with a skimmer and place them on paper towels to drain the excess oil. Sift some powdered sugar over them, and they're ready to serve. If you're feeling a little indulgent, dip the wontons in a chocolate fondue.



GRAND MARGARITA from MKT

Ingredients

45ml blanco tequila 10ml lime juice 15ml passion fruit syrup or pulp Dash of sea salt Lime zest 5ml simple syrup

Grapefruit slices 45ml sparkling wine to top

Preparation

Add all the ingredients except the sparkling wine into a shaker with ice, and shake until chilled. Strain over

fresh ice. Then, top it off with the wine, and garnish the glass with the grapefruit slices for a festive touch.



MILLE LAYER CRÊPE CAKE from SET'Z

Ingredients For Crêpes 90gm butter 675ml milk 6 eggs 210gm flour 80gm cocoa powder 105gm sugar 1 litre whipped cream

For Ganache

225ml heavy cream 60gm sugar 170gm chocolate

15gm butter 50gm powdered sugar

Preparation

Make the crêpe batter by melting the butter and allowing it to brown slightly. In the same pot, warm the milk. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder and sugar. Gradually mix in the eggs before adding the butter and milk. Let the mixture chill. Over medium heat, pour 60ml of the batter onto a nonstick skillet. Cook until the crêpe

begins to brown, then flip. Repeat until all of the batter is used. Stack the crêpes on top of each other, spreading whipped cream between each layer. Once assembled, trim the edges for a cleaner look. For the ganache, bring the heavy cream and sugar to a boil. Then, pour the mixture over finely-chopped chocolate, and the butter, and whisk until smooth. Allow the ganache to cool before pouring it over the crêpes. If desired, sprinkle powdered sugar on top.



Ingredients

45ml tequila 15ml crème de cassis 5 slices pineapple 1 pinch roasted fennel seeds 5ml simple syrup 10ml lemon juice 1tbsp brown sugar

Preparation

Take the pineapple slices and roast them with brown sugar and fennel seeds for about two minutes, till the pineapple becomes soft and slightly pulpy. Then, muddle this in a shaker and add the rest of the ingredients. Shake well and serve

in a chilled glass. To add a touch of glamour, wrap a gold leaf foil around the glass. 🖈

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Chorne Channes Contraction Con

The Sherwani

1) This can have a single pocket or two lower pockets on the chest area.

(2) From the waist down, the *sherwani* has a flare that complements its length.

(3) There is an extra overlap of one panel (mostly left over right) to allow for easier movement when you're sitting down.

(4) The *sherwani* is longer in length than the *achkan*.

(4)

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Real Style

Experts at Raghavendra Rathore decode Indian menswear

The *sherwani* and *achkan* are two regal formal options for men. Though both are similar in appearance, there are intrinsic differences in construction and fit. Raghavendra Rathore is perhaps the best known master of these two emblematic pieces, and he and his team at Raghavendra Rathore Jodhpur help highlight the differences.

The Achkan

1 Unlike the *sherwani*, the *achkan* has a slimmer fit below the waist.

2 The *achkan* is more fitted around the hips and maps the body's contours.

(3) The *achkan* is shorter in length than the *sherwani*.

Overall, the *achkan* is seen as a more modern rendition and, in that sense, more versatile in a multi-function setting.



Decoding Italian Style

The Edition caught up with **Stefano Gaudioso Tramonte**, General Merchandising Manager and Style Director of **Corneliani**, to decode the trends for Fall/Winter 2019

enswear is all about the sharpness of shape and the edge of superlative quality. Corneliani is known for both, and has been lauded for celebrating Italian craftsmanship. Stefano Gaudioso Tramonte elaborates...

From making raincoats and overcoats to becoming one of the best family-owned fashion brands in Italy, how has the journey been for Corneliani?

Alfredo Corneliani, a pioneer in the Italian menswear sector, opened a craft business in Mantua in the 1930s. It was an immediate success, but production was halted by the start of World War II. Alfredo's sons, Claudio and Carlalberto, went on to found Corneliani S.p.A. in 1958, which has since become a global reference point for highend menswear. Today, Corneliani houses 1,250 employees in its Mantua headquarters, Milan offices and showrooms, branches in China and the US, and direct retail operations. Distribution is global, with over 750 points of sale worldwide among high-end luxury department stores, multi-brand speciality stores, and 60 mono-brand stores.

Corneliani takes pride in remaining 'truly Italian.' What is the brand ethos behind this?

Sincerity, from our family roots. Sophistication, which comes from our deep *savoir-faire*. Vibrancy, through our sensitivity, enthusiasm and liveliness.

Corneliani is synonymous with sharply-tailored suits. Is there a special focus on iconic lines in each collection? We are devoted to excellence with continuous research on new fabrics and a deep study of new silhouettes. We want



to be the curators and creators of Italian style for our men. Much more than a product, we want to deliver a service, a way of life and the ultimate experience of Italian excellence.

Is the Indian consumer similar to global fashion consumers, or different?

Over the past years, I have seen India's deep respect for its traditions and an approach to fashion rooted in the country's thousands of years of history. The Indian man is refined and sophisticated; he is cultured and has a sensitivity for beauty and authenticity. He's connected and he's spending money to have a genuine experience—not to simply own products.

Other than luxury readymade clothing, Corneliani offers bespoke tailoring. Are there many takers for it in India? Yes, of course! It's an important part of our business because it means exclusivity. It means you have the chance to select what's best for you.

What plans does Corneliani have for the Indian market, knowing that India is an extremely price-sensitive market, even in the luxury segment?

We have many new projects such as a new brand identity, new store concepts, and digitalisation. Our objective is to become an experiential brand in terms of the shopping experience, communication and our digital approach.

Tell us a little bit about the ID Jacket line. Why is there such a special focus on it?

In 2005, the company was able to sense the global "casualisation" trend and launched the first ID Jacket. The perfect mix between a formal jacket and an outerwear piece, ID became the expression of the casual soul of



Corneliani and allowed the brand to become stronger. The iconic jackets with chest pieces now offer different customisation possibilities; they are available in a wide array of materials and colours, the chest pieces are interchangeable and one can create one's own combination according to one's mood and the occasion.

Take us through the Fall/Winter 2019 Collection. What should we be looking out for?

Corneliani presents a new chapter of its compelling narrative with a collection that celebrates the label's sensibility through a wide and versatile offering developed to meet the needs of the contemporary man's dynamic lifestyle. We present three capsule collections, each distinguished by its own dedicated label. To celebrate the heritage of the brand, we've launched Beyond the Rain, a capsule collection of four iconic raincoats that mix tradition and innovation. Elegance and performance meet in the Style & Freedom project through a special offering of sweatshirts, joggers and knitted sweaters, all crafted from upscale materials. In keeping with the hyperconnected lifestyle of contemporary men, the Connected *Style* capsule includes a series of iconic pieces—including a zippered jacket, a field style, a backpack, a small travel bag and a computer case—which, behind an elegant and refined look, hide a high-tech soul. Each item includes a customised power bank, which, through electromagnetic induction, enables recharging the mobile phone in the pocket of a jacket or a bag. To guarantee extreme safety, all the products included in the Connected Style line feature a silver film for protection from radiation. *

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Introducing The Modern Man

It's time to look beyond the classics for a standout style BY GAYATRI MOODLIAR



here was a time when 'Indianwear' and 'Westernwear' were such binary terms that an individual had to choose one team and stay in that lane. Thankfully, those days are long gone, and the modern man now has the option to fuse both sensibilities into one look, whether it's by playing with separates, or opting for one infused with the spirit of the other. In fact, the stalwarts of the Indian fashion community are fostering and nurturing this outlook, creating a mood board that's new, fresh and versatile enough to flit from occasion to occasion-something one can appreciate during a season that demands constant change.

The aesthetic this festive season is an apt confluence of global cultures, which is set to appeal to a new breed of luxury consumers—those who require a rapid revamping of styles, and aren't afraid to dip their toes into the edgier side. There aren't a lot of distractions on the fabric; the crux remains the way it drapes one's body and how it moves with the wearer. For designers like Shyamal & Bhumika, it's all about "intricate embroidered details on sleeves and collars," as these draw attention to the structure of the attire, yet create wearable art.

Expect to see a lot of contrasting shades and prints when it comes to the colour scheme of the ideal attire for an Indian soirée. Designer duo Shivan & Narresh recommend pairing their prints with solid colours so as to "enhance the festive look." On the other hand,



if you're a fan of bold colours, make that the star attraction by matching the item washed in it with a muted base or top. Shyamal & Bhumika's coloured look is simple and easy to implement: "a pale-toned *kurta* with a bright coloured contrasting *bundi*."

When it comes to the actual fusion of Indian and Western attires, there's a host of ideas to choose from. Pairing embellished trousers with a traditional *kurta* is what Shivan & Narresh suggest to attain the look in a simple way. Other touches, as propogated by Shyamal & Bhumika, include "asymmetric



hemlines, *bundi* jackets and cowl hemlines."

There's a lot that's to be said about the modern man's accessory game this season, as men's embellishements have come a long way. Cufflinks and embellished statement belts are the usual contenders, but you could upgrade it through delicate silk scarves and pocket squares, both of which transform any look into an even more elegant affair, taking your curated ensemble multiple steps ahead. 🖈



Kunal Rawal

Blurred Lines

Quirky looks for the hipster

For the millennial who wants his personality to come across, brands are offering more and more options to help do so. Unique, eclectic, and, most importantly, fun, it's time to let your inner hipster out.

1 Shirt by PAUL SMITH (*p.o.r.*); *2 Kurta* by NICOBAR (*p.o.r.*); ³ Sweatshirt by RALPH LAUREN (₹6,690); ⁴ Trousers by HACKETT (₹12,500); 5 Shoes by BERLUTI (₹1,09,500); ⁶ Shoes by BRUNELLO CUCINELLI (p.o.r.); Z Deodorant by MOLTON BROWN (₹2,350); <u></u>[§] T-shirt by POLO RALPH LAUREN (₹18,000); <u>9</u> Bag by PERONA (*p.o.r.*); <u>10</u> Ring by BOTTEGA VENETA (p.o.r.)

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Two products, two design philosophies, superlative quality BY PALLAVI SINGH

PAUL SMITH

Spanning the surface of the shirt is the brand's 'Artist Studio' print, an eclectic mix of colours and patterns. Featuring a curved hemline and shell buttons, the fit is a refined, slimming one, perfect for all body types. **For** the man who wants to stand out from the crowd and leave his mark. Pair With solid trousers, or layer it over a plain white tee.

SHIVAN & NARRESH

The Fagun *kurta* top, with its intertwining motifs and solid usage of primary colours, invokes a sense of dynamism in the look.

- The colourful and playful prints allow it to steal the limelight.
- *For* the man who likes to keep things fun, yet classy.
- Pair With open-toed shoes and organic bracelets.

A Strike Of Class

An array of options to suit every sensibility BY VARUN SARIN

IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN BIG PILOT'S WATCH ANNUAL CALENDAR SPITFIRE

With a 168-hour power reserve, fuelled by the Pellaton automatic winding system, the beauty of this calfskin-strap watch is in its annual calendar, which has separate displays for the month, day and year.

Available at Kapoor Watch Co. (₹1,50,000)

MONTBLANC 1858 GEOSPHERE

With a watch that serves as a call to return to nature, Montblanc has created the perfect blend of rugged and elegance. A deep khaki hue helps inspire the feeling of exploration and admiration of our surroundings. **Available at Montblanc (₹**5,37,300)

FRANCK MULLER VANGUARD YACHTING

Deriving obvious inspiration from a nautical sensibility, the Vanguard has the brand's trademark numerals, along with a distinctive strap to embellish an array of ensembles.

Available at Kapoor Watch Co. (₹7,35,000)

PANERAI SUBMERSIBLE MARINA MILITARE CARBOTECH 47MM

With just a few pieces available, this timepiece, operated by the P.9010 calibre, gets a sleek look in its matte black carbotech case. Adding to its exclusivity is the chance to experience a training day with the Italian Navy, which comes as a part of the purchase. **Available at Ethos Summit** (₹1,77,700)







"I have a weakness for watches. I have to stop myself from buying more." ~TOM JONES

HUBLOT CLASSIC FUSION BLUE TITANIUM

Vibrant blue alligator straps meet at an 18k-gold case, which houses a HUB1112 self-winding movement that guarantees precision in exemplary form and shape.

Available at Kapoor Watch Co. (₹1,65,000)

DE GRISOGONO NEW RETRO

True to its name, the no-frills New Retro's aesthetic is rooted in the fifties, with infusions of modern-day style to suit the man who values simplicity and class above all.

Available at Diacolor (p.o.r.)

PARMIGIANI FLEURIER TORIC HÉMISPHÈRES RÉTROGRADE

Created for the travel enthusiast, the calibre PF317 built into this watch allows two time zones to be dialled in, each accurate to the minute. A clean dial allows for one's focus to immediately be honed in on the intricacies of these movements. Available at Ethos Summit (*p.o.r.*)

H. MOSER & CIE. PIONEER TOURBILLON

Blending styles in a midnight-blue dial, the Pioneer Tourbillon's flying piece of art offers a sporty addition to a distinguished canvas.

Available at Ethos Summit (p.o.r.) *







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Planning a suave look for the night? Well, whether it's a metallic sheen, or a subdued tuxedo look, we've combed the latest trends to offer a look that won't be forgotten soon.

¹ Signet ring by BOTTEGA VENETA (p.o.r.); ² Shoes by SANTONI; ³ Wallet by MONTBLANC (₹40,600); ⁴ Trousers by HACKETT (₹16,500); ⁵ Briefcase by BERLUTI (p.o.r.);
⁶ Cufflinks by ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA (p.o.r.); ⁷ Silk jacquard vest by RALPH LAUREN (p.o.r.); ⁸ Shoes by CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN (₹64,500)

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Grooming For The Man

Use these tips to lay a strong foundation and take your party look to the next level BY KUMAR SHREE

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hen it comes to grooming for the urban man, the game has changed dramatically. Not only have luxury brands launched menspecific products, there's now a specific solution for every problem you may encounter—skin, face, hair, or hygiene.

The first and most important is either a good shave or beard care. In both cases, the base is skin preparation. As each man's hair growth pattern is different, it pays to choose a specific razor. Also, it may help to shave after a bath, when your skin is well hydrated. While showering, exfoliate your skin to soften facial hair and help uproot stubborn ingrown hair. Once you're done, splash your face with cold water to soothe the skin and then use a balm. If you keep a beard, use a serum to give it lustre and maintain hair health, and go for regular trims. Get a beard-specific wash and use it at least twice a week, and comb down your beard to release loose hair.

Then comes your hair. Pick a hairstyle that suits your face, not something you see everywhere. A "good" haircut adds sleekness to your face, so be open to your hair stylist's suggestions. To take care of your mane, remember to gently towel-dry your hair after showering. Rubbing it excessively damages



the cuticle. Plus, unless you want a wet look, let your hair dry before applying any styling product. Start with a pea-size amount and add as needed. The best choice is a watersoluble styling product. Another pointer: if alcohol is one of the first three ingredients, avoid the product as it dries the scalp and can cause flaking. Shampoo regularly to slow down the build-up of oil or sweat on the scalp.

After your beard and hair is taken care of, consider showering with an organic body wash or soap. There are a lot of excellent luxury brands that offer targeted products, so pick one that appeals to you.

Finally, when it's time for you to step out, you have to select the right fragrance. When picking one up, don't smell the scent from the bottle. Spray it on a blotter, let it dry, and then take a whiff. It's similar to a bottle of wine. Once it breathes, that's when you get down to its essence. Believe it or not, the best places that retain scent are where there's some hair, such as the back of your neck, and on your chest. Spritz some on, and you're ready for a night on the town. *****



This festive season, these on-trend fragrances will reign supreme



CREED Green Irish Tweed Top notes: lemon, verbena and peppermint (p.o.r.)



HERMÈS Voyage d'Hermès Top notes: juniper berries, sandalwood and amber (p.o.r.)



BOTTEGA VENETA Illusione Top notes: lemon and bitter orange (p.o.r.)



UOMO SALVATORE FERRAGAMO Urban Feel Top notes: bergamot, clary sage, and *coffee* (₹5,900)



Z ZEGNA Intenso Top notes: mandarin, lemon, pink peppercorn and cardamom (₹8,000)



BURBERRY Mr. Burberry Indigo Top notes: lemon oil, blackcurrant and rosemary (₹6,000)



hey say that prevention is r better than cure, and that holds true for this season especially. Your body becomes more vulnerable to colds and the flu when its barriers (skin, airways, etc.) become compromised—something that cold temperatures and low humidity can lead to, making it easier for germs to enter your system. Here are some tips to ward off the bugs and stay in peak shape through the season.

One of the most common causes is actually stress, as it lowers your resistance to infections. Identify your mental stressors and work towards navigating them more effectively. Brands like Paro by Good Earth offer essential oils to help reduce stress.

Eating antioxidant-rich foods, such as walnuts, whole-grain cereals,

Fall In Line

Winter can bring with it an array of infections and hindrances. We've created the ultimate plan to stay healthy BY AMEESHA RAIZADA

> honey and drinking ginger tea can protect your body's tissues against inflammation, while omega-3 fatty acids promote blood flow. Foodhall has options curated just for this.

Commit to getting at least 30 minutes of steady-state exercise-it could just be a brisk walk, but some activity helps enhance your defenses, as it boosts your lung functions.

In order to catch a cold, the virus needs to actually make contact with your membranes. Therefore, clean and disinfect the small objects around you that most people interact with: switches, doorknobs, phones. These are all hotbeds for mushrooming infections, and it's important to stop them at the nascent stage.

Studies show that zinc supplements can support your



immune system, allowing it to resist the flu and colds. However, be sure to consult your physician before incorporating it into your diet.

Lastly, go to sleep. Getting eight hours of sleep is the best way to help your body to operate at its optimum level, and can help it recover faster should you succumb to the germs. *



From curating the ultimate wedding glam to commemorating the end of summer, DLF Emporio celebrated it all



The Luxury Wedding Fiesta

DLF Emporio hosted a grand showcase of the latest in wedding couture through a reinterpretation of its annual wedding property. From August 3 to September 3, patrons witnessed wedding couture and pret collections from the country's renowned couturiers housed at DLF Emporio. Personalised styling appointments were arranged with leading in-house couturiers such as Surekha Jain, Suneet Varma and Gaurav Gupta for pre-registered guests. Various food stalls were also organised.













Spring Summer End Of Season Sale DLF Emporio organised a 'Spring Summer End of Season Sale' celebration on June 21, 2019, exclusively for its patrons. The celebration included immersions such as tarot reading, face reading, nail art, string art, and foot and shoulder massages. The evening also witnessed guests indulging in a lavish high-tea spread. Patrons enjoyed shopping from international and Indian luxury brands like Burberry, Jimmy Choo, Gaurav Gupta and Anita Dongre, among many others. *







Luxe Affaire

Organised in association with the DSB Foundation, the first episode of 'Luxe Affaire' was full of artisanal treasures. The night included a silent auction, demonstrations of traditional sari and turban tying, jewellery pairing guidance and handblock painting, as guests were treated to delectables from The Chanakya's MKT. The event allowed brands like Outhouse, Perona, Noir, Janavi India, Paro by Good Earth and Neeru Kumar to showcase their new collections. 🍁

A Night To Remember

The Chanakya celebrated new launches, trends and art with fervour





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