

THREE OF THE BEST

NEW SEASON SHADES



◀ PRADA

The Prada Society collection of sunglasses might be new for this S/S14 season but there's something about the timeless shape that makes us feel like they've always been a part of our wardrobe. Price on request



◀ LOUIS VUITTON

Louis Vuitton's mirrored sunnies come complete with leather blinkers if the round shape isn't enough shielding from the harsh sun. Price on request



◀ TAYLOR MORRIS

Launched in Dubai last month, British sunglasses brand Taylor Morris focus on classic dapper shapes with luxurious finishings and are the perfect accessory for those following a smarter dress code. Dhs885



JOKE'S ON YOU

While we'd ordinarily suggest steering away from comedy apparel, these tongue-in-cheek tees from satirical news website, The Pan Arablan Enquirer (think a Middle Eastern version of The Onion) hit so close to home, they're definitely worth the Dhs80 price tag. panarablanenquirer.com



TWO LEFT FEET?

While there are a few places in Dubai that you can have bespoke shoes made, The Left Shoe Company in the Gate Building in DIFC uses the latest technology to create your perfect pair of shoes. Taking into account the fact that most of us have two differently sized feet, the boutique is kitted out with 3D scanning technology that will create a 3D model of each foot. You can then choose your style, leather and material (as well as choosing to inscribe your pair of shoes, if that's your kind of thing), before they're delivered six to seven weeks later. Prices start from Dhs1,550, theleftshoecompany.com



TRAVEL SMART WITH YOUR SUIT

BY MAHIR ALI

A man about town needs to be prepared to impress when he travels.

Whether it's a business trip or a holiday, the lines are continuously blurred about what you need to take along.

Business travel always calls for a minimalistic, smart approach towards packing. It needs to be well planned to ensure that you have all the clothes you need for the meetings that you have at your destination. While travelling for a holiday affords more flexibility, it can be cumbersome because you probably need to account for more than one occasion.

Some of these tips from Mahir Ali, Head of Operations & Design at Ascots & Chapels, can help you travel smart with your dapper suit...

Always empty out the pockets before you pack your suit. The contents of your pockets can increase the chances of creasing, or in some instances break or, worse, cause the pockets to tear. A broken pen, ink and sharp edges equals permanent damage. One of the oldest tricks in the book is to fold your suit jacket inside out. This prevents wrinkling and any damage to the face of the fabric.

Trousers should be folded in half length-wise, and then into half again. This is to preserve the crease. Trousers are more prone to



creasing because their structure is not supported by the garment construction found in a jacket.

Hang the suit immediately upon reaching your destination, so it retains its form and prevents further wrinkling. This helps to air the suit, and ensures that you don't smell like your luggage at your meeting.

If you feel it needs slight pressing, then some light steam on the wrinkled areas can do the trick and restore the sharpness to your suit.

Try to carry an extra trouser to match your jacket. Trousers absorb more moisture due to direct contact with the body, whereas jackets are separated by at least one layer of clothing, making them easier to maintain. Also, suit jackets tend to be worn for half the time the corresponding trousers are.

Use a lint remover. It could prove to be the best use of three minutes. Garments tend to gather lint when they are packed, and a lint remover is easy to carry and can keep your suit looking crisp.

A travel bag for your suit is a neat investment. It cuts your problems associated with maintaining a suit in half. It is particularly handy if you need to hang your suit in a hotel room that has the typical "mildewy" odour of a hotel carpet.

British luxury men's couturier Ascots & Chapels are 130-year-old British tailors who offer an exceptional sartorial experience for men, delivered by masters in the art of creative tailoring. Their visiting tailor service, Global Concierge and specialist Colour Consultant set them apart.

Find their stores in Dubai Marina Mall (04 427 0124), DIFC (04 325 2216), Souk al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 450 8576) and at the Pearl Qatar (+974 4 002 7989), unique fitting rooms at the Control Tower at Motor City, Dubai (04 362 9975) and Al Raha Mall in Abu Dhabi (02 556 5340), with a new shop now open at the Galleria, Abu Dhabi (02 676 1001). www.ascotsandchapels.com.

STYLE RADAR

**INCOMING
THIS MONTH**

DAY OUT AT THE POLO

Fans of Ralph Lauren's casualwear line, Polo Ralph Lauren, take note as the US designer has opened his first Polo store in Dubai, at Mirdif City Centre. Separating the smart from the casual, the new boutique is dedicated to the full men's Polo Ralph Lauren collection, as well as Women's Blue Label. While you won't find stuffy suits or tuxes here, the new 2,400-square-foot store does have plenty of dapper knitwear, cotton weekend blazers and Lauren's classic polos in every colour imaginable. A veritable one-stop shop for weekend wear.



From the bottom up

Italian designer Miuccia Prada has looked to this part of the world for inspiration this summer and as a result, presents a collection of Arabian sandals. Available in regional Prada stores now, the shoes are hand-finished in luxury skins like crocodile and ostrich as well as the Italian house's signature Saffiano leather and soft-brushed skin. They work as well with city shorts as they do national dress, which is why when the summer hits, we'll be swapping our flip flops for these. *Price on request.*

THE STYLE CHAMBER

Bored of the usual suspects when it comes to updating your wardrobe? E-store TheStyleChamber.com, launched by Abu Dhabi-based founder Zayed Al Falasi, stocks an eclectic mix of cutting-edge designers from the hipster capitals including Antwerp, Milan, London, Paris, Berlin and Tokyo that you probably won't have heard of. "We aim to provide an exciting destination for the Middle East where men and women can discover exquisitely crafted designs and become inspired," Al Falasi explains. "This season, we plan to introduce intriguing silhouettes that champion a mix of stylistic themes such as futurism, architectonics and minimalism." The result is a bunch of logo-free wardrobe pieces that'll separate you from the mainstream, like these shirts and tees from contemporary French designer Sebastien Blondin.



NEW RANGE



GOLD MEMBER

If you don't know who Nicholas Kirkwood is, ask your missus. She's probably already well acquainted with the British shoe designer, but if you're not, it's worth knowing that this season he's launched his second men's collection. And as a part of that collection he's designed this dapper slipper exclusively for Level Shoe District at The Dubai Mall. Inspired by the boutique's signature colours of black and gold, the smart shoe is only available in this one boutique — perfect for men who like to keep their style exclusively refined.
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