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There is a decidedly bracing touch to the air these days and that can only mean two things – winter is approaching and we are moving headlong into the season of celebrations. It's not as if we do not celebrate through the year, we most certainly do. But there is something about the onset of winter where one festival follows another and converts days and weeks into a big, happy blur.

For us at DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, this year has been all about *joie illimitée* and one of the key reasons for it is the fact that DLF Emporio turned 10 in 2018. When it started its journey a decade ago, DLF Emporio was a voyage into the unknown simply because it existed in a class of its own making. Conceptualised as India's first and finest luxury destination, it set its own milestones and in doing so established benchmarks in luxury retail which are still considered the industry's gold standard.

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We are, quite naturally, delighted and our joy finds expression in the Festive edition of our magazine. This issue puts together the finest that DLF Emporio and The Chanakya have to offer – from the best of global and indigenous sartorial craft to the finest beauty tips; from gourmet flavours that come drenched in the festive vibe to destinations that are absolutely picture perfect, this edition is a celebration of the good life and great moments.

In fact, there have been a lot of exciting moments in 2018. The Chanakya was awarded the Iconic Brands – Rising Star Award at the Congress Hall in London earlier this year. It is a distinction highly coveted not only due to the fact that more than 500 brands were researched and reviewed to determine the winner but also because this award is conferred only on brands that are making a difference in their industry and beyond.

There is also the fact the DLF Emporio is earning laurels as it enters the next decade of its glittering run. We have just been awarded the title of the Most Admired Shopping Centre of the Year in the luxury category by Images, which is testimony to the fact that our patrons appreciate the effort we put in to make shopping at DLF Emporio an absolute pleasure.

To be conferred with two such honours in a single year – our proverbial cup of joy is running over.

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# A BOLD NEW LANGUAGE

*From unapologetic neon leather to whimsical firoza jewellery, fashion, this winter festive season, promises to be a compelling eclectic mix. State your preference!*

*By Ankita A Talwar*

**E**mpowered, evolved and confident are the new monikers embellishing the modern day woman. The coat she wears has some legit shoulders to cover and most runways, globally and closer home, mirror this in their Autumn-Winter 2018 (AW 2018) collections.

A selection of audacious fabrics in atypical silhouettes and intrepid colours are torchbearers of the AW2018 collections, but this doesn't mean they don't indulge fashion sensibilities—the luxurious, feel-good element is still the bedrock of most collections. Here we being you a quick glimpse.

## **Festive Flair**

With the festive season on us, there is no better time to translate the fashion cues from international runways to our Indian sensibilities. The message is to keep it strong, clear, and sharp but bring the austerity down a few notches with buoyant colours. Modern resort elegance rooted in Indian craftsmanship is captivating the imagination of major design houses.

## **Print Trends**

Animal prints have made a significant presence on the ramp. From wild cats, leopard, ocelot,





Versace



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zebra to tiger, stripes and spots, in OTT colours, are hitting fashion circles unapologetically, exuding power and independence. But staying true to the fashion ethos, animal print has gone under several iterations to reach AW 2018 with the boldest avatar insisting on a head-to-toe animal print version, giving you no space to hide. From the bottoms, tops to accessories, it is bespoke wilderness.

For those who may be getting squeamish, scarf prints are here to maintain the semblance to sobriety.

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Ensembles with scarf prints are making a following of their own with the big design houses who are adding their gratifying flamboyance with the use of gem and metallic colours.

**Fabric Picks**

Silks and tulle are still having their day in the sun, but don't ignore the leather in its grown-up version. From saucy skirts to sharp, knee-grazing shirt dresses, leather has evolved handsomely (stow away the leather leggings for yet another

day). Glossy vinyl comes close on the heels in a myriad of approaches from oversized coats, two-piece suits to blazers from Fendi and Miu Miu. Squarely put, there is an entire world of laminated offerings out there to regale. Tweed is the modish offering for the less adventurous.

Opulence is the name of the game and velvets, gerogettes, pashminas, and silks are the players. "Jewel colour-toned handloom fabrics with self-weave jacquard patterns that emulate a rich texture on fabric," recommends Raghavendra Rathore. He adds

that printed fabrics in silk and silk blends could further add to the element of festivity without making the outfit too heavy and overloaded with embroidery.

**Style, Silhouettes and Cuts**

Endorsing the character of empowerment, sharp cuts and straight silhouettes have hit the fashion weeks with vengeance. The sharpness of the coats when paired with knife-sharp pleats of skirts makes for a formidable duo. Drape a delicate retro silk scarf to reduce the bite. Suit jackets are a must.

As long as the ensemble is a male-style, two-piece suit, you can have a field day choosing the colours and the look. The blanket look, oversized coat has undergone many stages of corrections to reincarnate as a prim and structured coat. With so much energy, superheroes can't be far away. The capes are on just about everyone, albeit in metallic futuristic dominatrix tones, with Chanel leading the way in these galactic designs.

Festivals spell aplomb and extravaganza. Think flowy dresses, ethereal looks! For Surekha Jain it



Raghavendra Rathore



Surekha Jain

is the time to indulge in the layers of a sharara with a fitted top and dupatta for formal dos and a knotted top for informal get-togethers. For Shivan and Narresh, the iconic bikini blouse with a sari is the go-to outfit for an evening soiree. Ashima Leena root for cowl salwars, dhotis, Patiala jackets and lehengas.

**Colours and Hues**

A popular pick at most fashion weeks, silver teased the conventional to create hybrids, giving quilted jackets a makeover. Leather shamelessly self-promoted itself in neon colours from dazzling pinks to warm oranges. Gem colours, to deep, dark, rich hues are the picks for ensembles while the woollens seem to shy in white. Shivan Bhatiya, Head Designer and Narresh Kukreja, Creative Director, Shivan & Narresh suggest imbibing the vibe of winters by showcasing it in vibrant greens, charismatic neutrals, subtle pastels or in mystical earthy colours.

Surekha Jain, renowned designer, interprets it for us. "The festive season is going to be about exciting, happy colours - from experimental emerald green and red to pastel hues and ivory." For Ashima Leena, festivity is about "understated, elegant opulence", and about "infusing traditional inspirations with contemporary silhouettes", and rich deep hues of midnight blue, emerald and turquoise best represent this spirit.

But Raghavendra Rathore puts in a justified disclaimer. He says not to take colour trends literally because, "Every person has a certain skin type that works with specific colour tones. Also ethnicities, occasions and geography play a vital role when deciding on a colour palette for someone."

**Jewellery Effect**

No fashion vesture is complete without appropriate accessories. When it comes to jewellery, Kaabia and Sasha Grewal, founders of Outhouse, say, "This fall winter is about experimenting with natural and manmade materials and celebrating with colourful stones, clean and strong aesthetics." If you

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Tarun Tahiliani

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Outhouse



Shivan & Narresh

are not sure about how to carry it, the duo has some sound advice, “We recommend choosing jewellery before the outfit, to really make it easier for exploring options when it comes to choosing the right ensemble. Do not be afraid to mix prints with colourful, bold jewellery.”

The splendour of jewellery is mandatory for any festivity. “The season will stress upon accessories with precious gemstones such as Firoza pendant sets. Stones like white agate, chalcedony and opals will be a part of different colour play,” says Sandep Narang of Hazoorilal. Also, if you are not sure of what jewellery to wear with your attire, pick something that suits your look. You can also play it safe by adorning one or two significant classics such as a couple of diamond rings and earrings.

For Outhouse, the festive season is about celebrating colour and the sparkle of precious stones and fine craftsmanship. Their festive collection, The Wildflower captures that essence and uses a vibrant colour palette, in hand-enamelled floral patterns, mirror work, and patiently handwoven macramé.

**On a Closing Note**

In line with the overpowering sentiment of the season, each fashion diktat is bespoke to you!

Well-structured berets and caps with solid visors and wide-crowns close the season on the perfect pitch.

AW 2018 is not the season to hide but to be unabashed about your allegiance to fashion, brands and yourself. Being uncompromising, self-assured is the intonation for the year.



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# SOUL TEXTURES

*Every season has its own sartorial code and with the days of celebrations right around the corner, it is time for something that is truly and resplendently special*



## ANITA DONGRE

The soulful creations of Anita Dongre speak volumes about the quintessential design sensibility of the brand. Each outfit is replete with traditional artworks that demand superb expertise, an eye for detail and an astute play of vivacious colours set in the traditional framework. The Gul Mauhar lehenga, which is a wonderful combination of classic Banarasi fabric with intricate floral patterns, should be teamed with gorgeous jewellery and light make-up.

## ANJU MODI

Anju Modi's latest collection is inspired by the rich heritage of Indian culture and offers an exclusive line of ornate saris and lehengas that exude traditional charm perfectly coupled with artisanal craftsmanship and elegance. The colourful floral motif of the gown makes for a timeless appeal, whereas, the delicate patterns recreated in zari embroidery on the blouse complement the ensemble beautifully. The unmatched brilliance of the collection is sure to add panache to your festive look seamlessly.



## SHYAMAL & BHUMIKA

The designer duo's latest launch, Muse of Mirror offers varied and refreshing outfits for the contemporary woman who loves to experiment with different looks. The sheer sleeves of the choli look stunning as it weaves in a traditional as well as a modern approach. The plunging neckline of the choli merged with intricate floral patterns creates a mesmerising contrast which looks nothing but stunning. Team this ensemble with a sensational neckpiece and you are camera-ready.

## SUREKHA JAIN

Surekha Jain's festive collection celebrates the spirit of mirth and happiness with its bright, rich colours and couture that exude a poised balance between Indian aesthetics and Western sensibility. The traditional artwork on the colourful kurtas complements the festive vibes of the ensemble. The long, flowy divided skirts come in matching prints and add colour to the outfit. Adorning a voluminous white pearl-based neckpiece with matching earrings are what you need to complete the look.





### ROHIT BAL

The couture collection by Rohit Bal celebrates the vistas of Kashmir and the beauty of Nature on planet Earth. The collection proves to be a perfect blend of sensitivity with an innate sense of luxury interwoven in its many layers. From thread embroidery to gold wire and *zardozi*, the collection is replete with floral themes in very realistic, creative and imaginative renditions. Wear this for any evening party with matching accessories and you will look flawless in this exuberant creation.



### TARUN TAHILIANI

Tarun Tahiliani's latest couture collection is a testimony to the finest craftsmanship and sheer elegance. Working mostly on soothing pastel hues, the outfits are made of hand-woven *resham* and feature exquisite sequined artwork. The elegant couture line-up is bound to make one's appearance absolutely spellbinding. Enhance the look with a hand-embroidered blouse highlighted with light-catching crystals and fine fringing to look your festive best.



### SUNEET VARMA

The Naintara couture collection by Suneet Varma is inspired by the essence of life and celebrates the enigmatic lives of modern independent women. Tailored to perfection and crafted with the choicest fabrics, the designer experiments with a spectrum of shades of colour palette to create truly magnificent silhouettes. The mix of traditional motifs with abstract artworks are enhanced by the age-old crafts of India and makes it a perfect blend of the feminine, the romantic and the bold.

### ABU JANI & SANDEEP KHOSLA

Infusing modern silhouettes with traditional fabric and contemporary design, Abu Jani & Sandeep Khosla's new festive collection is all about delivering grace and sensuality, in its minimalist aesthetics. This awe-inspiring *lehenga* and blouse set is all you need to make a statement this season. The intricate embellishments of the outfit, sewn to perfection, demand special mention. The attenuate detailing along with the subdued tonality of the piece is your perfect pick to stand apart from the crowd. Pair it with rose gold *kundan* jewellery and matching accessories and you are all set for the party.





### NEERU KUMAR

The colours of celebration well and truly come alive in this turmeric yellow creation by Neeru Kumar. A designer who has pioneered and popularised a completely new vocabulary, Kumar is known for her innovative usage of traditional designs and indigenous fabrics to fashion a style that celebrates our heritage even as it looks forward to a contemporary idiom. This celebratory ethnic ensemble from Kumar's Tulsi repertoire is a glowing case in point.



### GAURAV GUPTA

Marked by a certain dramatic flair, Gaurav Gupta's design sensibility has flattered the female form by imbuing it with a fairy tale essence that is avant-garde and yet, strangely familiar. The off-shoulder white gowns are striking in their conceptualisation and exquisite in their renditions. The platinum embellishments create an outfit that is opulent and definitely one-of-a-kind. This is for all those times when you want to enter a room and ensure that every eye turns towards you.



### ASAL BY ABU SANDEEP

ASAL by Abu Sandeep's latest collection has all the flair you need this festive season. The collection is accented with handmade craftsmanship to create a comprehensive couture range for women that blend traditional approach with contemporary appeal. The meticulously handwoven floral motifs accentuate the outfit's sophistication and appeal. The outfits are all you need to turn a few heads during celebrations.



### SHANTANU & NIKHIL

Shantanu & Nikhil's creations are marked by their design sensibility, sharp cuts and perfect tailoring that is any connoisseur's delight. This beautiful layered gown will illuminate your fashion statement this Diwali. The outfit is created in onion pink shades with sheer metal embroidery on the top and asymmetric frills tailored to perfection on the lower half. Team this dreamy outfit with matching accessories and make-up and you are ready to take the world by storm.





### SIGNATURE BY SATYA PAUL

Satya Paul's collections are a metaphor for supreme craftsmanship in every stitch that highlight Indian aesthetics in a contemporary language. Crafted with delicate roses, butterflies and lavender in soft, pastel colours, the brand's festive collection is all about elegance and grace. Making it an outfit that portrays beauty and simplicity, this *sari* is perfect for an evening look. Drape this gorgeous garment with matching accessories for a grand appearance.

### ABHISHEK GUPTA

Abhishek Gupta has, over the years, achieved mastery in creating couture that portrays a freshness of perspective, simple lines and assiduous detail. He likes to create textures of fabric using traditional and modern techniques to achieve a look that is contemporary yet deeply rooted in Indian craft. His latest fall collection is testimony to his signature style where he has created outfits that are the right mix of elegance, sophistication, comfortability and femininity.



### AM:PM

The festive season demands that we dress brightly and AM:PM's latest collection fits the demand perfectly. This maroon *lehenga-choli* is a statement piece that exudes elegance and sartorial brilliance. Its ruffled layering represents harmony amidst chaos. The intricate golden threadwork on the jacket blouse makes it a must-have. Minimal make-up and diamond jewellery will round off the entire effect.

### MONISHA JAISING

This Coral gown from 2018 collection by Monisha Jaising is a must-have ensemble for this festive season. This elegant single block colour shoulder gown features a 3D bow, left thigh slit and structured corset inside. The silhouette and the vibrant shade make for a picture-perfect fashion expression. This outfit spells out the creative mastery of the designer with respect to structure, form and intricate detailing that bring out both style and comfort in ample measure.





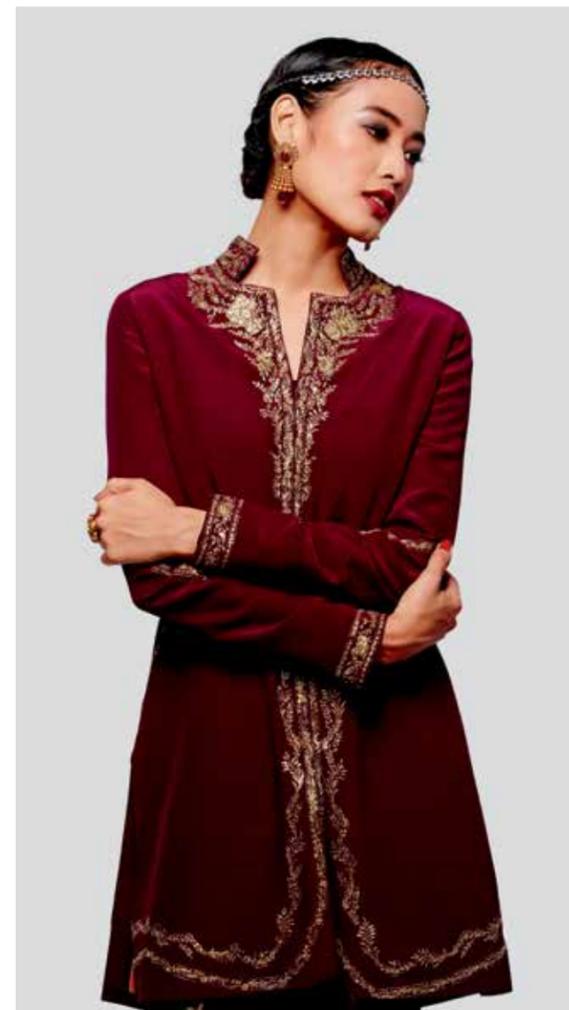
**PANKAJ AND NIDHI**

This festive season, wear an outfit that brings out the perfect combination of the bold and the feminine. This striking blue layered outfit from their latest collection mirrors the brand's sense of female empowerment. Exhibiting elements of masonry, architecture and construction, this striking outfit is made of two layers. Exquisite work of hand-painted floral motifs with glitter on the outfit is sure to upgrade the style factor in every woman's wardrobe.



**ROHIT GANDHI + RAHUL KHANNA**

The designer duo is famous for their experimental ventures in introducing distinct textures and engineered designs in the arena of fashion. Their creations place great emphasis on silhouettes and detailing which draw inspiration from contemporary art and minimalism. The label's Autumn Winter '18 collection is replete with frosty and pastel hues like lilac and teal blue, embellished with metallic studs and intricate applique work on sheer fabrics. Celebrate the essence of the festival with these gorgeous outfits.



**RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE**

Raghavendra Rathore with his impeccable sartorial sense strikes the perfect chord between traditional and modern. His creations are synonymous of superlative craftsmanship, complemented with sophistication and grace. This outside velvet jacket stands for ultimate elan. The bright coral red of the jacket along with intricately hand-woven threadwork along the neckline makes it a must-have possession for true fashionistas. Pair it with gorgeous accessories and you are ready for the season.

**RANNA GILL**

This delightful dress by Ranna Gill can be your best bet if you want to look your elegant best during the season of celebrations. The black netted dress along with colourful floral motifs is symbolic of glamour and represents style and sophistication. Match this dress with a pair of diamond ear pieces and a sleek neckpiece to enhance the contrast of the ensemble. A pair of black leather pumps also fits the bill perfectly.





**NAMRATA JOSHIPURA**

Namrata Jopshipura's creations are a testimony to the designer's aesthetics that believes in marrying the contemporary silhouettes with modern interpretations of artisanal embellishments. Enjoy the blessings of cold seasons while adorning this lustrous outfit. Gorgeous and stylish, the dress has one stunning lapel collar with two classic welt pockets. Wearing a pair of thigh-high leather boots with matching accessories are what we would recommend.

**KATE SPADE NEW YORK**

This stunning layered outfit essential for your couture collection for the upcoming months of celebration. Made of fine fabric, the dress comes in a delightful shade of peach, with ornate floral motifs spread all over. The minimalistic features of the design are a testimony to the elegance and finesse of the label itself. Light make-up with an elaborate hairdo can highlight the charm of this creation in the most elegant manner.



**DIESEL**

Diesel's outfits are known for their quirky and contemporary approach which bring out the fashion-conscious woman in you. This viscose-satin shirt feels extremely smooth and can be categorised as a trendy western-wear. A vintage blue denim along with a pair of leather boots are all you need to complete the ensemble. Chic and fashionable - this outfit is an ideal pick for a casual outing on any given day.

**MICHAEL KORS**

Celebrate the essence of the winter with this wool-blend trench coat by Michael Kors. A brilliant choice for outerwear, the trench coat comes with a notched lapel collar, two welt pockets and a double-breasted closure. A classic pair of blue denims would offer a striking contrast with this striking jacket. A classic outerwear staple, match it up with right accessories and enjoy the cold.



# CAPTIVATING THE SENSES

*The look of the season is fresh, bright and dewy with natural tones being the preferred options. But then, there is a strong counterpoint as well*

By Sam Lal

A mystery wrapped in an enigma - that is what beauty has been, ever since mankind evolved to the point where aesthetic appreciation became one of his recognised faculties. It is fascinating to observe that the concept of beauty has been as elusive as there have been attempts to define or crystallise it. Poets and authors, playwrights and academicians have dedicated entire lives trying to find out the perfect way to describe beauty or at least quantify it. Even scientists and mathematicians have jumped into the fray, irrespective of the fact that their pursuit of precision, while fascinating in its own way, does not really translate into the commonly accepted notions of beauty.

However, while it may tremendously tough to define with any degree of accuracy, beauty's greatest accomplishment is perhaps the fact that you know it the moment you see it. Lord Byron gets it absolutely

right when he says, "And all that's best of dark and bright, meet in her aspect and her eyes." Beauty then, is a cumulative effect, where a spectrum of parts come together to create a whole that is mesmerising.

## The Language Of The Eyes

The eyes, to paraphrase Austrian philosopher Martin Buber, have a vocabulary of their own. They speak a language not bound by syllables but with an expressiveness that any formal language in the world would be hard-pressed to match. In this time of festivities too, the story begins with the eyes.

"Glitter will continue to be big for eyes this festive season," says Madhavi Irani, Chief Officer (Content), Nykaa.com. "However, dull gold and bronze metallic eyes or glitter eyes in aqua hues like purple and sea blue will reign. For festive occasions, shades of smoky will be popular including browns and greys. The floating liner and gold foil





Anita Dongre

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*Glitter is going away and the emphasis is on easy going, natural colour. Gold and silver are perhaps the best bet but this season, it is about a lot of colour. Violets, blues, greens and pinks are some great colours and they work perfectly with the Indian skin tone*



Rohit Bal



Roberto Cavalli

are done up in dark, countered edges with a pop of colour in the middle, as one of the defining trends of the festive season. "Violets, blues, greens and pinks are some great colours for the festive season and they work perfectly with the Indian skin tone," says Marathe.

#### The Mane Matter

Every new season has its own look and according to beauty expert Jhelum Biswas Bose, in terms of hair, it is all about keeping it as fresh and natural as possible. "I see a lot of women embracing their curls and I see women with long, straight hair," she says. "There is a lot going on in terms of hair. From tight curls cut short, to loose

are slightly out there and don't go with traditional Indian faces. Instead, floating eye liner in the form of a thick line above on eye lid but above the lash line will also be in trend."

Tanvi Marathe, a mentor at the celebrated Namrata Soni Academy, concurs. "Glitter is going away and the emphasis is on easy going, natural colour," she says. "Gold and silver are perhaps the best bet and very easy to get right but this season, it is about a lot of colour." Marathe also mentions the Halo Eye where the eyes

Diorshow Black Out Mascara



Bobbi Brown Soft Matte Crushed Lip Color



MAC Pretty Punk Palette

buns and side braids, everybody is experimenting with what they feel looks natural on them." For Madhavi Irani, "Extravagant fish tail braids embellished with flowers and sparkly accessories" are going to be big this winter. "It will be everything from flowing glossy waves to sculpted curly up-dos and tousled beach hair." The festive season, quite clearly, puts a lot of emphasis on individuality and that is how it should be.

#### Rounding It All Up

Everything of magnificence needs a point and a counterpoint for maximum effect and it is no surprise that while the emphasis is on keeping it natural this season, when it comes to lip colour and nails, there is a strong contrasting point of view. "Lip colours will be bold with burgundy, wine, purple and deep pinkish brown ruling the charts," says Madhavi. "Chrome and metallic nails are in with or without nail art in rhinestone or glitter." Jhelum is of the opinion that when it comes to nails there is a growing preference to keep all the other nails in pastel shades and to emphasise just one nail with art and metallic shades.

It is, indeed, a season of colour and celebration.

# CHAMOIS PARFAIT

*Perona's latest monochrome collection featuring sharp silhouettes and clean lines is clearly a showstopper and a must-have in your collection*

*By Pallavi Singh*

Following close on the heels of Orion, counted amongst the largest manufacturers and exporters of premium quality crafted leather products in India, designer duo Puneet and Shruti Mangla establish their presence with their homegrown brand Perona nestled in the luxurious shopper's paradise -The Chanakya. Catering to the sartorial needs of both men and women, the brand aims at redefining existing classics and focuses on creating structured clothing and accessories. With its black-and-white ambience, it offers a perfect backdrop for the fashion *carte blanche* on offer—clothes, bags and accessories for men and women. If you have a taste for refined minimalism, then this subtly stylish collection most certainly holds appeal.



*Perona is synonymous with updated classics for a discerning audience. With artisanal excellence and tireless dedication to workmanship and design, quality becomes a sensory experience*

Decades of experience entangles with passion where fashionistas can pick from classic dresses, jackets, skirts and pants in the shades of blue, grey, black and olive green. With an emphasis on tailored silhouettes, the brand is perfect for those in search of comfort dressing. The contemporary, clean-line designs have a decidedly global sensibility—courtesy of the team of international designers who work closely with the indigenous team to create the products that are manufactured in India.

Then, there is the unerring choice of materials in which the collection has been conceived - Japanese, Italian and Korean fabrics for the clothes and premium Italian leathers for bags. The structured, contemporary shapes are as much a nod to elevating personal,

everyday style statements as they are to fuss-free functionality, with diverse creations for any occasion. The brand's women's clothing includes smart dresses, structured casual wear, and a range of leather handbags in many different styles and colours. For men, Perona stocks tailored jackets, T-shirts, formal shirts and *kurtas*, smart-casual shirts and trousers, and briefcases.

You have your pick of clothes and accessories (belts, wallets, iPhone cases) and an impressive variety of bags - briefcases, backpacks, strap-handle totes, fold-over laptop totes, small messenger bags for men, and clutches, handbags, totes and backpacks for women. It's all cast in a neutral palette - dark olives, pearl greys and dusky blues. If you are looking to update your wardrobe, Perona may even tempt you

into overhauling it - at the very least. Being an experienced player in the leather category, the brand boasts of premium leather and fabrics that have been sourced for their purity.

The entire collection is all about monochrome and modern-reflects-the-classic, simple aesthetic of the brand and display shelves which highlight the brand's sophistication. Perona is synonymous with updated classics, for a discerning audience. With artisanal excellence and tireless dedication to perfecting workmanship and design, quality becomes a sensory experience. The brand is modern, innovative and detailed. The style does not dictate, blending seamlessly into the lives of the wearer. Perona is a companion to your everyday discoveries. A new adventure awaits.

# SYNONYMS OF FESTIVE FLAIR

*We are now at that time of the year where flaunting coveted accessories is not a choice. It is the order of the day*



 **FENDI**

Suitable for everyday outing, this small bag from Fendi is going to be your best friend this festive season. The gusseted interior of the bag features a pocket and two compartments divided by a stiff partition. Made in Italy, this beautiful bag can be worn cross-body or you can choose to carry it, thanks to the detachable shoulder strap. The gold-finish metalware along with double studs in two-toned Plexiglas make it a coveted accessory to flaunt.



 **JIMMY CHOO**

This festive season, steal everyone's attention around you with this pair of stunning, speckled glitter, pointy toe pumps by Jimmy Choo. The pair is a testimony to the superb craftsmanship and incredible detailing which will keep your feet in absolute comfort and your appearance, absolutely stellar. Match it up with a gorgeous dress and you are ready to take the world by storm.



 **BOTTEGA VENETA**

Look your stylish best while wearing these metallic shades by Bottega Veneta. The pair comes in an oversized shape and subtle intrecciato pattern enamelled on the temples. It is sure to complement your bold looks as its subdued colour tone and minimal features will make a striking contrast with a colourful outfit. Made from lightweight metal, the sunglasses evoke a retro look and feature gradient lenses for an eye-catching effect. Be it a party or a trip, your next outing deserves a treat like this.

 **COACH**

The Parker collection is representative of Coach's unmatched elegance. Structured and lightweight, this versatile bag seamlessly combines uptown elegance with downtown ease. It is crafted in signature canvas featuring an artful rose print embellished with leather sequins and rivets. The multifunctional pocket inside and the slip pocket outside make it a perfect combination of style as well as efficacy. The bag features a tea rose turnlock which further enhances its appeal.





### CREED

The recently launched Millesime Imperial by Creed is all you need if you have a rich taste in fragrance. This refreshing and invigorating scent evokes citrus groves and plush seaside palaces. Versatile as well as opulent, the salty-sweet mix of sun-kissed citrus and rick musk of the fragrance makes it the perfect choice that imbues royalty and true sophistication. The fragrance defines refined elegance and befits any occasion, be it a luxe get-together or a formal party.



### LONGCHAMP

French luxury label Longchamp's new leather handbag is all you need to look classy and elegant this festive season. The convertible strap of the bag can be worn two ways and the buckled flap top conceals two flap pockets. Compact and stylish, the bag is your best bet while planning for a casual outing as the slip pockets come handy when you are out. Be it traditional wear or a western trendy outfit, it is bound to complete your festive ensemble in the most perfect manner.



### VANILLA MOON

Add cheer to your festive ensemble with this delightful pair of Livy shoes by Vanilla Moon. These aqua and mustard fringe slides on a black suede band are a perfect addition to your footwear closet. The sparkling tassels and eyelet detailing create a stunning effect which can make your presence an eye-catcher with its colourful rendition. Sturdy and comfortable the pair can be your best bet if you aim to step out in style during celebrations.



### NYKAA

Nykaa's signature beauty accessories are just what a woman needs in her possession to light up the festivities. This blush duo by the label brings a natural-looking flush of colour, suitable for all skin types. The palette provides a dominant and a subtle colour to provide a seamless experience of blending and softening edges. The colour mix is infused with radio-boosting minerals and gives you a buildable coverage to enhance the apples of your cheeks.





### PERONA

The dusty blue cut out tote bag by Perona stands from the crowd owing to its unique features and classy outlook. Made of soft Italian leather, the bag provides a sturdy structure and features a sizeable main compartment, an inside zip pocket and a flap closure. The elegant silhouette of this bag epitomises the graceful beauty in the most flawless way, while also accentuating the feminine charm.



### SALVATORE FERRAGAMO

The Gancini collection of belts by Salvatore Ferragamo is a true emblem of excellent craftsmanship and cutting-edge style. Upgrade your everyday look with this elegant accessory which will complement your ensemble in the most enviable manner. The soothing rose-gold tones of the belt along with the iconic double Gancini buckle is a statement piece to wear during the festive days. Pair this accessory with a gorgeous dress in a light colour palette and you are all set to flaunt your festive look.



### SHIVAN & NARRESH

Shivan & Narresh's Edomer collection presents precious statement accessories for the new-age woman, who is both fashion-conscious and loves to experiment with bold looks. Crafted from Swarovski, resin, metallic trims and leather, the collection creates a scintillating effect reminiscent of the deep blue oceans of Seychelles and conveys impeccable taste. From floral-cut crystal studs to statement chokers - the collection is all you need to flaunt a gorgeous look.



### PASHMA

Amp up your style quotient by gracing an authentic *pashmina* scarf by Pashma. It symbolises a symphony of precious fibres, craftsmanship and design. The floral motif sewn to perfection at the border of the shawl enhances its aesthetic charm. This exquisite scarf is made of the world's finest and longest cashmere fibres handpicked from Ladakh. Enjoy the slight nip in the air this festive season and indulge in the celebration while flaunting this avant-garde creation.



# THE SUM TOTAL OF IRRESISTABILITY

*The approaching autumnal chill is cue for bringing the fine art of layering to the fore where the sartorial whole is greater than the sum of its varied parts*

*By Sharmi Adhikary*

**L**ayering in fashion has history. The Indian *maharajas* did it with aplomb and illustrations in Victorian texts testify how a lady was inappropriately dressed if she stepped outdoors without a wrap or coat over her already flouncy dress.

In the current Indian scenario, because the summer sun makes it practically impossible to even keep a chemise on the body, layering is a great fashion tool to toy with when the pleasant autumnal breeze gets chilly.

## **The Western Belt**

While winter in India isn't exactly the one in Lapland, January can get a tad extreme in some parts. A velvet skater dress paired with thigh high boots and an oversized scarf is perfect for a day look, feels designer Ranna Gill. One can layer that up with a classic leather bomber jacket. A delicate maxi with a woollen crochet cape paired with pumps goes perfectly with a rosy winter blush in the evening. "You can even double up with a fuzzy cardigan. A party calls for bling, so try a sparkly body con or an empire line dress with punk inspired high heeled ankle boots. If the cold pierces the bone, cover up with a shearling coat," says Gill.

Layering is a more versatile way of dressing, opine creative minds in the industry. The West flaunts its fashion sensibilities through delectable layers. While Indian climes might not allow such diversity in experiments, there is a refreshing hinge towards the trend. Taking the cue, designers bring out autumn collections that include coats, jackets, scarves and stoles. This season AM:PM introduced the Gypset collection, inspired by the carefree lifestyle of a gypsy with the sophistication of a worldly traveller. Structured and symmetric woollen trench coats were a big part of it. "We focussed on fine tailoring and intricate craftsmanship to take over the season's key ingredient, the final layer," elaborates Ankur Modi, adding, "The classic long coats get a modern twist with lapels, are embellished with laser cut whimsical motifs and finished with stone and *patra* craftsmanship. These seamlessly blend from day to night."

Puneet Mangla, co-founder of Perona, believes that the opportunity for layering makes winter a favourite season for the fashion-conscious in India. "The most interesting layering combos start at the top. The outer layer is left open to expose the layers below, so consider the fit and drape of your outerwear first. For instance, a slick,



Shivan and Narresh



Rohit Bal



Nicobar

sharp leather jacket, that is good for both day and night. Similarly, adding a roll-neck underneath a Perona culotte jumpsuit is a great way to make your summer wardrobe work harder as well as avoid the cold in the evening. A trench cape teamed with leather pants; a raw trim leather biker jacket with stretch leggings, makes for both casual as well as party look," explains Mangla. He suggests layering up the bottom wear also. Wear the Perona mix media skirt, or wool front skirt over knee-high boots. Team it up with Perona's crop jacket for a stylish look. If you wish to upgrade your style quotient, wear the crop jacket with striking leather shorts at the bottom.

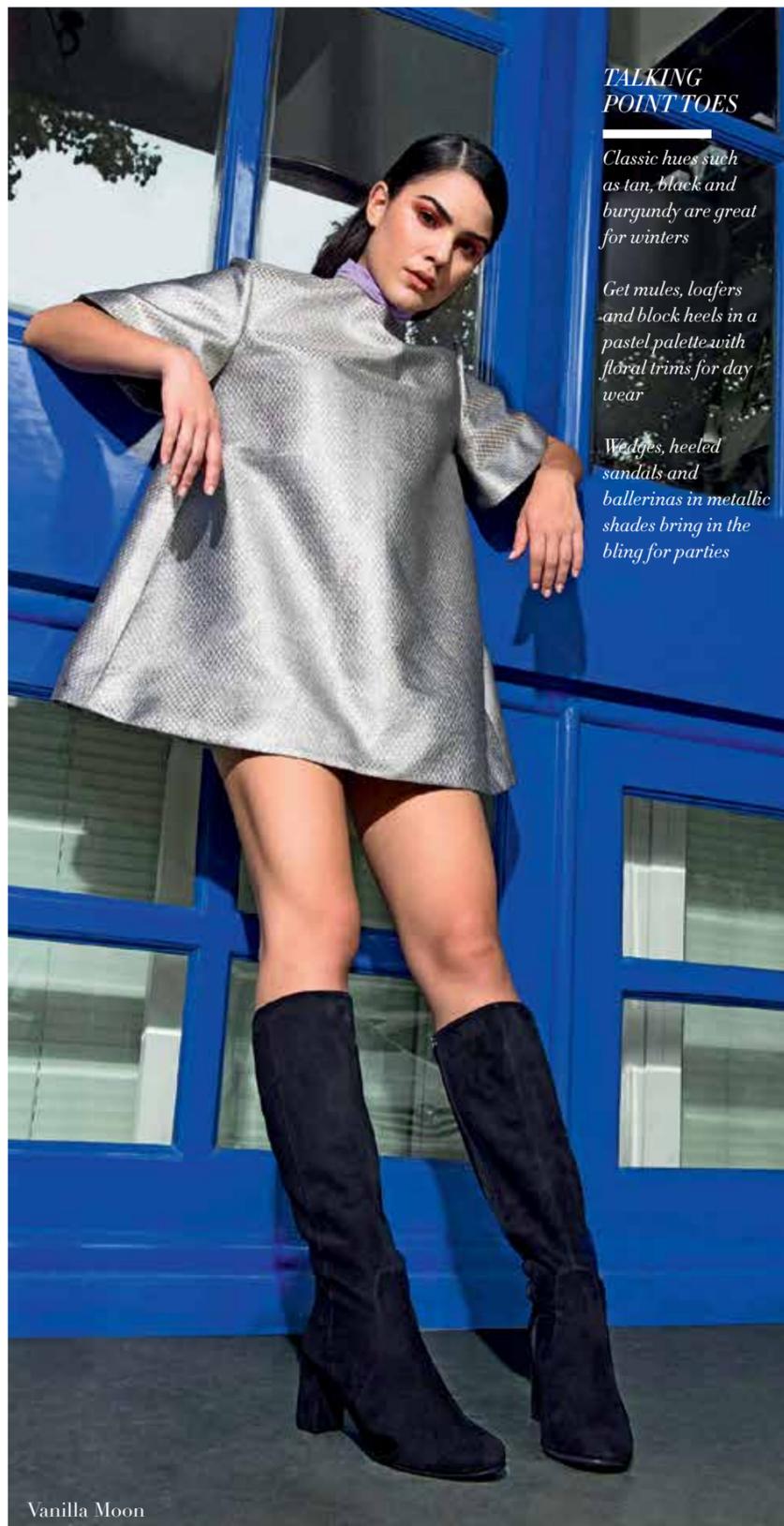
Men have plenty to choose from as well. Says Mangla, "Carefully balance textures and cuts. You can pair a Perona round neck t-shirt with a bomber jacket, or a quilted leather vest with slim fit trousers for the day. During the evening try an inserted pocket shirt paired with slim fit trousers or Perona jaw-string joggers and roller buckle belt. Swap your basic t-shirt with a spliced leather tee that you can dress up, by layering it with a quilted vest and a trucker style jacket."

Aparna Chandra, the creative head at Nicobar, feels that winters can have a very fluid feel as well. The new collection, Midnight Wonderland, is

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Puneet Mangla, Perona



Perona



**TALKING  
POINT TOES**

*Classic hues such as tan, black and burgundy are great for winters*

*Get mules, loafers and block heels in a pastel palette with floral trims for day wear*

*Wedges, heeled sandals and ballerinas in metallic shades bring in the bling for parties*

Vanilla Moon

all about feminine silhouettes in navy blue with bright sprigs of red and green. “We have pretty full-sleeve silk dresses with slips, overlay dresses, kimono overlays for that fresh feel during the day,” says Chandra.

“The glam quotient ups in the evening,” says Shivan Bhatiya (head designer) and Narresh Kukreja (creative director) of Shivan & Narresh. So, dressing up is fun. Women can don their Chester Run Jacket, a statement piece that eases from day to night. Team it up with a casual dress or spice it up with co-ordinated Chester Run Pants. Also, an easy breezy La Digue or Sour Sop Skeinwork Cape will oomph up an evening soiree. Men can opt for the Praslin Bomber Sheeter Jacket for the day and the snazzy Eden Noir Celebration Jacket or a Powder Celebration Jacket in the evening.

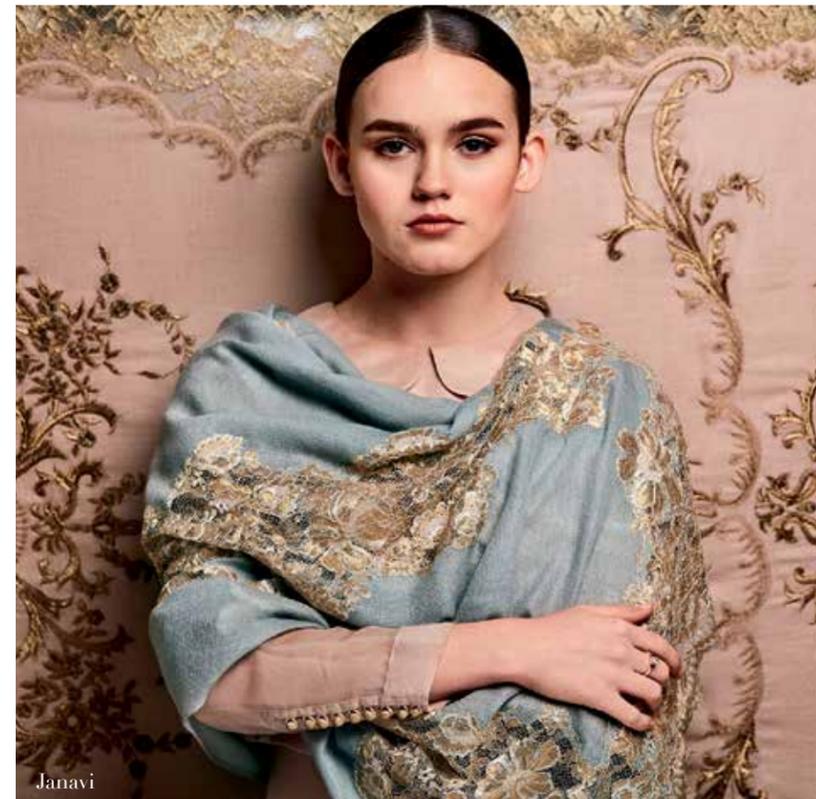
**Wrap up Well**

Scarves are the flirtiest accessories to warm yourselves in, feel Bhatiya and Kukreja. “Satin silk scarves add colour to any outfit. We have the neutral Praslin Scarf for a Sunday brunch with friends, an Eden Noir Scarf for a work meeting or the cherry Eden Scarf to combat the chilly morning blues,” suggest the duo. There is a predilection for pretty scarves at Nicobar too. The Midnight Wonderland collection has gossamer scarves in blue and green that add a dainty shimmer to the overall get-up. There are thicker silk wraps and scarves as well.

Moreover, there is elegant cashmere. At Janavi, the 10-year-old collection, ‘Classics & Chantilly’ is updated every season because of its popularity. Delicate Chantilly lace borders the finest and most sumptuous cashmere, which is then accented by metallic embroidery or beading and floral or ornamental patterns. A day look can incorporate graphic prints. For the evening, the hues shift to softer tones such as gold and beige. The Chantilly lace lining is the opulent touch.

**Haute Traditional**

Indian winters also mean luxurious silk saris and Pashmina shawls. While Rohit



Janavi

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Gandhi & Rahul Khanna suggest a chic overload by combining a snazzy jacket with a sequinned sari for that strong and sexy look, Ashima Leena recommends that the Indian luxury market has the Reversible Shawl story for the upcoming winters. Their Autumn Winter 2018 collection consists of five stories (black, mustard, peach, red and maroon) each with its own meaning, elements and colours. The elements on the print include paisleys and motifs derived from the Jamawar craft of Kashmir. The silhouettes of the clothes (jackets, Patiala salwars, kaftans, full sleeve blouses, and modernised suthans) have been attained using Twill skill, French Net, Georgette, Brocade and Italian

weaves. There are scarves, Kashmiri jewellery and juttis to complete the looks. A bolero jacket with prints on the borders has been paired with striped Patiala salwar and a shawl. “The shawl is reversible,” says Leena Singh.

AM:PM’s Qalb collection is inspired by the Gond art of Madhya Pradesh where amidst pastels and bright colours, the collection drifts toward innovative styling. Delicate handcrafted embroidery is showcased on jackets and tunics. “Some pieces are self-layered, too,” says Priyanka Modi.

**Jazz up the Leathers**

At Vanilla Moon, the boots are made from nappa leather, sheepskin



AM:PM

and soft suede. One can pair the micro studded heeled boots with leather jackets. The burgundy suede boots with stiletto heels look good with long coats.

Perona offers a gamut of bags and accessories in myriad colours to jazz up the leather outfit. Team up your leather jackets, skirts or pants with interesting bags and belts in leather. Be it backpacks, duffels, totes, baguette flaps or clutches, the options are a plenty. In every possible colour.

Shivan and Narresh suggest that their Egg Bag with Skeinwork will perfectly spruce up one’s leather wardrobe.

Worth a try, we think?

# SPARKLING STATEMENTS

*There is nothing that quite matches up to jewellery when it comes to ringing in the festive season. They are a glittering beacon of joy*



## MIRARI

The jewellery collection by the House of Mirari is all about innovative twists that make statement pieces completely irresistible. This exquisite elephant choker piece is set in 18kt white gold with 34.7 carats of brilliantly cut diamonds. What makes the choker more interesting is that the head of the elephant can be detached and worn separately as a pendant. Match it up with an elegant pair of earrings to make the most of this dazzling neckpiece. An elaborate dress preferably in lighter tones, would showcase the choker to maximum effect.



## DIACOLOR

DIACOLOR's signature tradition of making timeless creations carved in precious metals and majestic stones makes it one of the foremost jewellery houses of our country. This elaborate neckpiece is studded with cabochon-cut pink sapphires and round diamonds that honour the inner elegance of nature's most remarkable gems. Celebrate the joy this festive season while adorning this truly magnificent neckpiece which will surely add grace and charm to your presence.



## HAZORILAL BY SANDEEP NARANG

Hazoorilal's creations are inspired by the bygone era of royalty with a contemporary twist. The elegant and exclusive pieces of this jewellery house are a must-have in your collection. This exotic heirloom with blue sapphire at the core and decorative petals studded with uncut diamonds is all you need to turn everyone's head towards you this festive season. Truly aristocratic in every sense, match this precious ring with a gorgeous ethnic outfit and you are all set for the party.



## OUTHOUSE

The festive season demands accessories that would let you step out in style and Outhouse's Lilac Spell earrings are the perfect choice for it. This pair comes with an intricate link up of enamelled flowers studded with mirror work surrounding the macrame heart. They take the traditional *jhumka* silhouette to a spellbinding turn with lilac silk tassels and gold-plated star charms. Team this gorgeous pair with a bright-coloured *lehenga* suit and you are guaranteed to steal the show.





## SUNITA SHEKHAWAT

Wearing this gorgeous *kundan meena* jewellery set from the Vasanta Collection by Sunita Sekhawat is sure to elevate the sparkle of your presence. The absolutely captivating neckpiece along with the choker is based on 22kt gold with uncut diamonds and south sea pearls embedded with bright red *Meenakari*. As mesmerising as the set gets, it will complement your ethnic look in the most beautiful way possible and ensure that you are resplendent during this time of bright lights and happy vibes.



## ROSE

This elegant fusion ring by the House of Rose is crafted with emeralds, uncut diamonds and a gorgeous miniature flower of cabochon ruby that sits on the top with flourish. The minute detailing and the exquisite splendour of the ring is sure to create a regal aura for you to stand bright in any festive party or get-together. A gorgeous diamond neckpiece and a pair of ornate earrings will complete the whole ensemble and make your appearance highly coveted.



# THE MODE PRIMER

*It is the young ones who know exactly how to keep it cool and trendy and that is why they need their options absolutely perfect*



## ARMANI JUNIOR

Armani Junior's collections offer classic Armani look with comfort and style. This trendy winterwear for boys bears testimony to the aforesaid statement. The outfit comes with a fashionable hoodie, which features a large front pocket to keep the hands warm and cosy during the dip in temperature. Team it up with a pair of distressed jeans and matching shoes to complete the ensemble. Eclectic and stylish, the royal blue colour of the hoodie affirms the colourful hues of winter.



## LES PETITS

Young Versace's new winter footwear collection for girls offers the right combination of style and practicality. Made in Italy, this pair of belted pumps is made of authentic leather with medusa stone pasted on the front. Elegant and crafted to perfection, the pair will surely brighten up the mood this festive season. Complete the look with a bright-coloured outfit, to create eye-catching contrasts.

# THE WONDERS OF WINTER

*Wherever you are in India, the onset of the cold months is the perfect time to express your sartorial flair in multi-hued splendour*

*By Suman Tarafdar*

**O**versized jackets with heavily padded shoulders. Plaids and pinstripes. Intricately embroidered and cut bandhgalas. Big coats. Mega layers. Given the potential to experiment with a wide range of garments, winter is the time for sartorial magnificence, and this season looks to be no different.

Prem Dewan, Retail Head, Corneliani has a few suggestions for the style conscious Indian man. "Indian men should wrap up warm, in style, wear-everywhere black coats, on-trend parkas and smart jackets," he says. "A traditional staple of men's outerwear, the topcoat is a model student when it comes to timelessness and versatility. A slim puffer is a must in every man's coat closet. For days when you're feeling a little rebellious, there's no better jacket than a biker jacket. It also looks great with jeans and a T-shirt, making it a quick and easy option for times when you're running late but still want to look good."

Of course, like style, opinions vary. Corduroy jackets, denim trucker jackets and unlined leather jackets are some of the must haves for the season, says Amit Pande, Brand Head, The Collective and International Brands. "Layering is another trend that most people are relying on. This allows one to dress heavy or dress lighter depending on the time of day - warmer afternoons and colder nights." This is true, not just for weather polarised cities such as Delhi, but also more balmy Chennai and Mumbai.

## **Pads, Plaids and Pinstripes**

Heavily padded shoulders for jackets are in vogue this year for leading designer labels, and Dewan says they work in India too. "If you're working shoulder pads, it's important not to go overboard with any other piece of the outfit," he points out. "Simple ways to wear shoulder pads include in a blazer or jacket teamed with skinny jeans. It's important to place emphasis on the shoulder, so by keeping the rest of the outfit neutral and preferably tight-fitting, the shoulder





Ashish N Soni

will be left to do the talking and keep accessories at a bare minimum.”

As for plaids and pinstripes, in trend globally, there's a big thumbs up in India too. "Plaids and pinstripes are staple details when it comes to menswear but this season, we see them going bold, big and in vibrant colours," Amit Pande points out.

Dewan agrees, saying plaids and pinstripes are capable of turning what is a simple, classic coat into a hero piece and is the easiest way to ensure you won't get bored of your buy. "Also, if the pattern is big and colourful, one can keep it in check by teaming it with a more neutral outfit." For Tom Ford too, plaids and pinstripes are used effectively to brighten up irrespective of the base apparel colour.

Then, there is the global trend towards athleisure, with an accent on the casual-formal balance. "Athleisure is still a strong phenomenon and shorter winter jackets (like MA1 bomber, collegiate varsity jackets) are the best



Missoni



Raghavendra Rathore

way to complete the look," says The Collective's Amit Pande. "Even the more classic dressers have now resorted to a more "dress down" relaxed attitude by opting for unlined / unconstructed jackets in a variety of silhouettes and teaming it up with not just tailored pants but also with denims."

In fact, both sportswear and casual jackets are popular winter categories. For Tom Ford, the trends in sportswear this season are light weight, metallic colours and stress on functionality. The trends in casual jackets are lightweight, breathable fabrics, shorter length of the jacket and natural shoulders.

Of course, nothing works as well as a well-cut navy blue pure cashmere jacket. Have you tried the Tom Ford Linen?

#### Ethnic wear

For the more ethnic wear inclined, Dewan suggests donning a Nehru jacket

*Layering is the top winter wear trend and all designers and brands suggest combinations. Donning a Nehru jacket on practically anything and making it your trademark for semi-formal affairs is the way to go*



Tom Ford

on practically anything and making it your trademark for semi-formal affairs. "Have nothing to wear on your friend's wedding or Diwali party in your office - the Nehru jacket is your answer," he stresses. "Accessories are also equally important in winter as they are in summers. Caps, beanies, mufflers, scarves and gloves are some top winter accessories that can be teamed accordingly."

For the festive season, Corneliani has an India inspired collection called Court Suits, which comprises of suits and jackets in an authoritative style of an exotic, distinguished collar, which mirrors the typical elegant style of the brand. Crafted with the finest raw materials and shaped with unrivalled tailoring skills, the pieces boast of irreplaceable hand-crafted techniques. For those seeking to stand out, try the brand's tuxedos in jewelled tones of olive greens, plums and blues.

#### Winter winners

Of course, layering is the top winter wear trend, and all designers and brands suggest combinations. For those looking to shine, try the Tom Ford FW18 collection - high shine metallic colours in the evening wear, light weight sporty bomber jackets and animal prints in shirts, ties and even shoes! A significant part of the TF FW18 collection is a new fit called the Atticus. The highlights of this fit are high waisted trousers and shorter length jackets.

As Amit Pande says, "Gone are the days when you will imagine the men's winter palette to be dark and dull. Pop colours in warmer hues (orange, yellow, red) will surprise you when you enter The Collective this season. This is a global phenomenon now, as most of the brands in the West have started to address / acknowledge a much wider audience, thus bringing in variety in fabric weights, price points and colours. Indeed!

# ACCENTUATED BY LUXURY

*When it comes to perfecting a look, it is the details that matter the most. This festive season here is how to step out in style*



## OFFICINE PANERAI

The Panerai Luminor Due by Officine Panerai is a collection of exclusive watches that preserve the styling of the original Panerai watches of 1930s. It consists of an 18kt gold alloy with a rose gold tone which makes it an irresistible timepiece to possess. The back of the watch has an exquisite decoration with the FU symbol, which for centuries has evoked good luck, happiness and prosperity, at the centre. The black dial with satine soleli finish has the sandwich structure and the classic Panerai design with large linear hour markers and figures. It surely will be a head turner this festive season.



## CANALI

This brown suede belt with arrowhead buckle by Canali is a great bet for you this festive season. A premium luxury appurtenance, the belt comes in shaded suede matched with a square buckle and in nickel finish. Created with the finest materials, the belt will be a perfect fit and an ideal coordinate with a stunning suit during times of celebration while gearing up for parties. You can team it up with a pair of chinos if you prefer a more formal look.



## BALLY

This Pit backpack from Bally will be your ideal companion if you are planning a trip during the holidays. Stylish and modern, this travel-primed weekender bag is made of fine navy calf leather and features a checkboard motif. It has a dual compartment style, which is revealed through a zipped closure and contains additional side pockets. The backpack also features a top handle along with adjustable shoulder straps which makes it a very trendy travel accoutrement.



## EMPORIO ARMANI

Festivals demand dressing up in the best of outfits and choicest accessories. This striking scarf by Emporio Armani exudes luxury and aristocracy and is sure to enhance your fashion quotient to an impressive degree. This pure wool scarf is crafted in jacquard knit with logo motif and a frayed hem. The subdued charm of the scarf is sure to make quite a few heads turn towards you when matched with a gorgeous *sherwani* or an ornate *bandhgala*.





## MONTBLANC

The Rouge et Noir heritage collection launched by Montblanc is an enviable possession. This legendary writing instrument features a longer, slimmer silhouette with a coral precious resin barrel and cap. Spider-clip in a champagne-toned gold look with matching fittings is testimony to the craftsmanship that has been refined over generations. This piston fountain pen comes with a 585-gold nib with special embossing and can certainly be classified as a prized heirloom.



## HUGO BOSS

This contemporary backpack by Hugo Boss is not desirable just because of its looks. It is constructed in resistant nylon for added durability. With adjustable straps, top handles and a drawstring closure, this dynamic backpack features a waterproof zip and branded lining with an additional pocket. The colourful appearance of the bag with the brand's waterproof initials embossed on the outer front goes perfectly with a casual look.



## GUCCI

This sophisticated pair of shoes by Gucci is a fabulous choice as festive-wear. Made of exceptional quality leather, they bear the brand's signature gold-toned metal horse bit on the front with an interlocking logo as a representation of true style. The sleek and elegant design of the pair stands for luxury and can complement your formal look in the best possible way. A must-have for the fashion conscious gent this year.



## TUMI

If travelling in a luxury is what you love, then you must take a look at the Latitude range by Tumi. This new collection is made keeping in mind the convenience and style quotient of the traveller. Crafted with layers of specially woven ballistic material, the outer shell of this carry-on bag can bend and flex in response to its surroundings. A streamlined design and a brand-new wheel system make for smooth maneuvering and an ideal companion for a person on the move.



## THE PIZZAZZ PRINCIPLE

*When it comes to stepping out in style, the men have options that are as exciting as they are diverse. The festival season therefore, is bright, vibrant and adventurous*



### **ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA**

Meticulously tailored, Ermenegildo Zegna's latest Fall collection is all about luxury leisurewear which can be the perfect choice to go for this festive season. This black pullover along with the black leather jacket can be your best bet while you are on the road. The collection features a mix of stylish leisurewear and couture tailoring that encompasses the spirit of the Italian fashion house. Team the outfits with contrasting shoes and classic shades to showcase the ensemble at its edgy best.

### **HACKETT**

The festive season demands that we go in for bright and colourful outfits. Hackett's newly launched red wine velvet blazer suits the cheerful mood of festivity in just the right manner. It comes with a long lapel collar, patch pockets and two back vents. The chic jacket also features two internal pockets and sleeve cuffs with a two-button front. Wear this smart blazer with a pair of slim-fit trousers and you are all ready for the party.



### **CORNELIANI**

Corneliani's creations are praised everywhere because of their unmatched brilliance, superior craftsmanship and unequalled creativity. This high-length coat will surely leave everyone in awe as the outstanding features of this classic attire are show-stealers. The coat features buttoned cuffs, two chest welt pockets, and a concealed front zip with a notch collar. Contrast pairing with trousers and a pullover in dark tones are guaranteed to give you the sophisticated man-about-town look.

### **POLO BY RALPH LAUREN**

Polo by Ralph Lauren is admired by fashion conscious men across the globe because of its luxurious approach to craftsmanship and comprehensive detailing. This festive season, check out the wool-blend and leather jacket which is an unbeatable party-wear for men of all ages. The jacket features embroidered patches and graphic texts, two welt pockets at the front along with striped ribbon trims. All you need is blue denims and statement sneakers to round off your festive look.





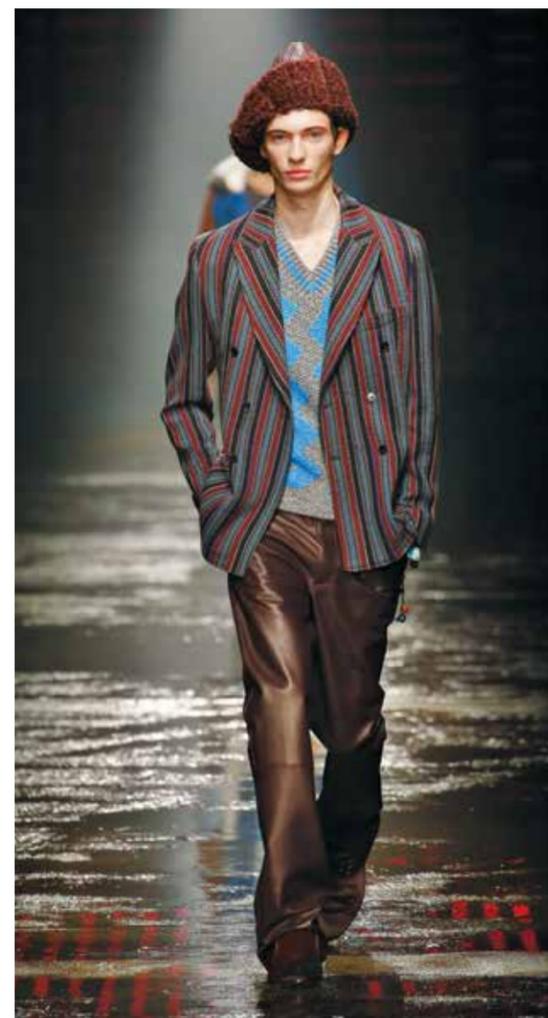
### TOM FORD

The Atticus evening jacket updates the stylish gent's wardrobe with a look that is built around geometric patterned, black metallic fabric. This bold number has been designed with a wide quilt satin shawl collar and signature Tom Ford evening jacket details. A guaranteed head-turner, this is a great option for the festive season because it makes a tremendous statement without making it appear as if you were trying too hard.



### VERSACE

A perfect embodiment of the fabled Versace edge, the sense of drama in this outfit is far too detailed for the eye to take in all at once. It begins with the colour scheme, which with its white and blue tones catches the eye at once. Then, the fabulously intricate gold patterns take it to another level. It is one of those creations which are an absolute must for those that simply love making an entrance.



### MISSONI

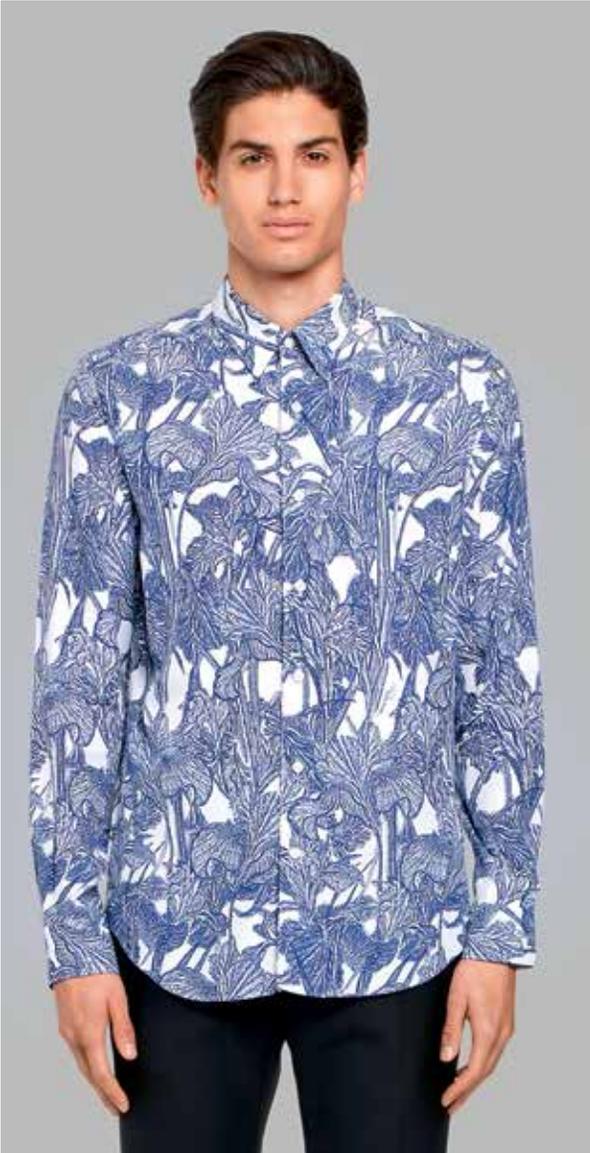
Laid back charm can be notoriously tough to pull off but it gets really easy with this Missoni ensemble. Loose-fitted tan leather pants, topped by an aquamarine V-neck sweater and a casual, double-breasted jacket in stripes are what you need for those long after hours which give the festive season so much of its fun factor. Team it up with tan loafers and you are ready to keep going into the wee hours.



### PAUL & SHARK

Bold and beautiful, this down bubble jacket from the house of Paul & Shark is all you need for your parties this festive season. The avant garde colour tones of the jacket that comes in a mix of metallic teal blue and beige look jaw-dropping particularly when you accessorise well. If you are planning a trip this winter, make sure you have this with you as it features zip fastening hand warmer pockets and a suit protective carrier which makes it the perfect travel companion.





## ROBERTO CAVALLI

The blue and white leaf print shirt by Roberto Cavalli is the epitome of casual chic and will go down a treat this festive season. A classic collar and curved hemline and buttoned cuffs the graphic flair of this shirt is a great representation of your cool quotient. It works fabulously well when teamed up with chinos and forms a great duo with your denims as well. A must-have this festive season.



## PAUL SMITH

This classic bomber jacket by Paul Smith features a psychedelic dreamer jacquard pattern throughout and is a striking outfit to go for this festive season. Celebrate the joy around you while adorning this jacket which comes with a navy ribbed collar, cuffs and a waistband with a vibrant print in the internal patch. The black and blue silky cupro lining of the jacket makes it an indispensable choice for the fashion adventurer in you.



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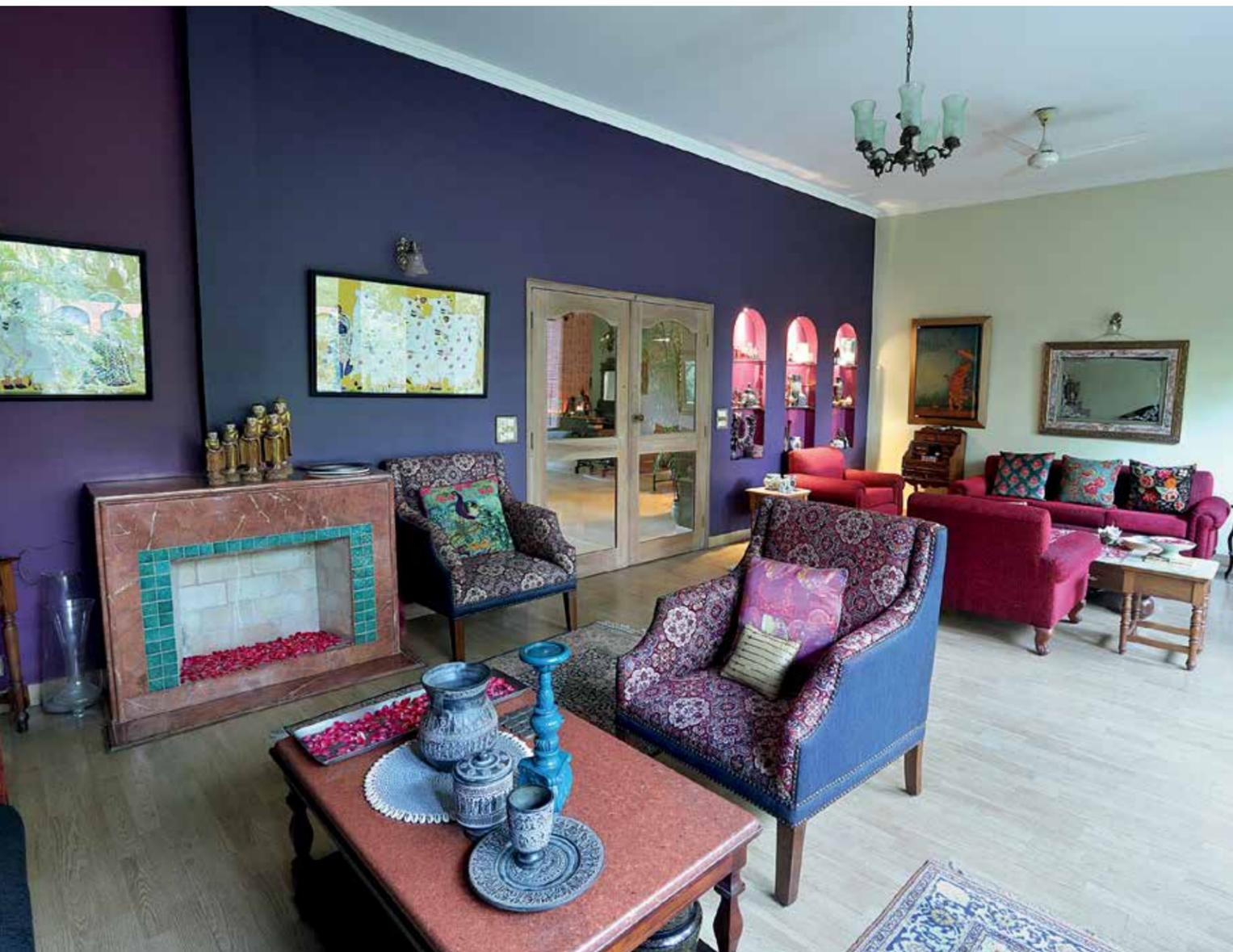


OUTFIT AND SHOES: ASHISH N SONI  
POCKET SQUARE: RAGHAVENDRA RATHORE

# USHERING IN THE HAPPY VIBES

Two of India's most celebrated couturiers share details on the many wonderful ways in which they get their homes ready to welcome the season of celebrations

By Sharmi Adhikary



## A GLORIOUS HERITAGE

Creativity and an eye for design can never be pigeonholed. You can apply the knack just about anywhere. For, creativity is intelligence having fun. A walk-through fashion designer Niki Mahajan's home would perhaps, explain the saying better. To put together bric-a-brac and collectibles from all across the globe in a space could confuse the entire look of house. But here, there is a definitive story. A story that narrates the journey

of an artist, an intrepid traveller and a woman who thrives in reinventing indigenous arts and crafts. Be it in her creations or the way she places them in her nest.

Mahajan's home has a very organic character. While you walk from one room to another, you can feel that vibe. This is a space that has grown in character with its inhabitants. So, while no rooms are similar, there is a distinct love for tradition displayed in every nook and cranny. Old photographs, paintings and lithographs, antique furniture inherited from ancestors, floors that show wear and tear, have been lovingly protected here. "These are all special things. I don't like mending them. The cracks and the chips also have a story to tell," says the house-proud designer, showing us a set of inherited 'pre-historic' glass paintings mounted on a striking red wall. The frames cannot be changed, informs Mahajan. Or else, the glasses will crack. "I shall dust them myself when I am dressing up the house for Diwali."

The festive fervour is already making its presence felt in this gorgeous house, that is flanked by two lovely gardens in the front and at the back. An avid gardener, Mahajan is pretty proud of how these green heavens look. "I got this parasitic creeper from Manipur. Look how it has grown and almost forms a cascading

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wall from the bedroom balcony. During the festive season, we hang tiny lights on this wall. It looks dreamy. The whole house is filled with tea lights and candles and I throw flowers and petals around for colour and aroma. I am particular about choosing Indian flowers that have a lovely scent," informs Mahajan, who has maintained the tradition of a special Diwali lunch for the family over the years. "You should see my granddaughter Nayeri. She is all of four and keeps my daughter Suhani on her toes. But Diwali without them is unimaginable."



JOYOUS MINIMALISM

A younger Rina Dhaka, dressed in a red Rajasthani *poshak* with the traditional *aar* necklace and *borla* head jewel smiles back from the picture frame. It takes a minute to figure that this is the same woman known for her subdued sartorial aesthetics and lauded for creations that use softer monotones and a more western vocabulary. But it

indeed is her, Rina Dhaka, also famed as the Gaultier of the East. The award-winning fashion designer who has dressed up the likes of Naomi Campbell, Uma Thurman, Susan Fales-Hill, Molly Sims, Tara Palmer Tomkinson, Lara Dutta and Diana Hayden.

“Earlier we did dress up like that during the festivities, you know? But now, we hardly wear our elaborate *dupattas* and necklaces. I do wear my *borla* sometimes, but I style it very contemporarily. My creations also

reflect that mingling of the eastern traditions with western sensibilities,” Dhaka’s voice cuts into my reverie as I take in the classy ambience she has created in her home, nestled in one the tony localities of south Delhi.

We are seated in the family lounge, a room that looks out to the garden outside. The greens provide a colourful contrast to the white theme inside. “Actually, that is exactly what happens in all the rooms. Because the whole house is surrounded by greenery.



During Diwali, we light many *diyas* and place them in the garden. The green, the yellow and the marigold... it looks magical from here,” says Dhaka, adding, “I also love getting fresh flowers from the *mandi* and placing them in the house during the festivities. In fact, I do it at other times, too. The white lilies, *rajnigandhas*, the orange marigold, the pink orchids. There is a redolently luxurious feel about these blooms. And naturally sweet aromas, if you please.”

The contemporary decor has classic minimalism to it. While the favourite is ivory and egg shell, there are the beiges and fawns as well. Earthy browns co-exist with silver and hints of red. Antique carpets and rugs seem to be a favourite. “I love those. In fact, when the festivities near, I bring out my *jamavar* collection and use them as throws on the couches. The Indianness is exquisite that time. They also complement the art I have. Tea lights and candles brighten up the home. During the dinner we host for friends and guests, we dress up the dining room. I feel a home should exude warmth. There can be excesses but they need to be toned down with a balance. A home reflects the person it belongs to. It is an extension. My home is what I want it to be. Simple, elegant and informal. A place where I can unwind and rejuvenate myself.”

Dhaka is fond of her art collection. “There were these Manjit Bawa paintings I bid for at an auction. I bought them and then, conveniently



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Rina Dhaka

forgot about them. When we were setting up this house eight years ago, I panicked when I couldn’t remember where I had kept them! Thankfully they are here with me,” she giggles, telling us more about her collection of art, interesting bric-a-brac and her love for pottery. The striking red vases and lamps from Bali are special too. But, somewhere the joy is almost palpable when she talks about her photo collection.

“I have photographs taken by Prabudhha Dasgupta, Bharat Sikka, Tarun Khiwal, Atul Kasbekar and so many big ones. Also, of top models of the 90s. Those were the days. We were all learning together, absorbing energies and growing up. This maniacal pace didn’t exist,” her voice trails off as our eyes move to the black and white pictures of a very young Malaika Arora modelling a dreamy Rina Dhaka couture creation.

# A LUXE ADDRESS

*Our home speaks volumes about us and this festive season let your abode glow with the warmth of taste and luxury*



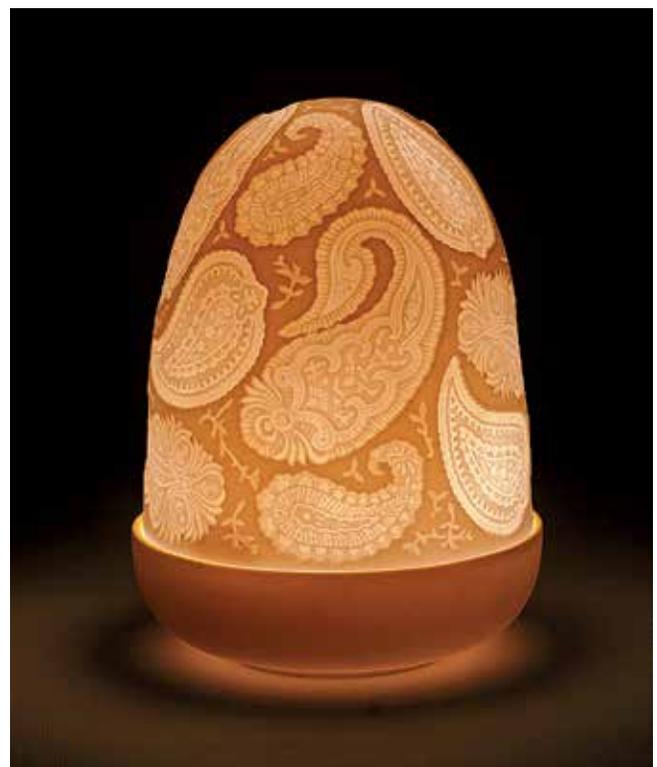
## NICOBAR

Fiji Fan Palm Leaf & Candle Set from the new arrivals collection at Nicobar is for modern consumers who seek a strong connection with things they acquire. This metal curio finished in a bright silver nickle tint is shaped like a palm leaf and comes with a tiny candle to just tuck into a sweet spot in your home or your desk at work.



## LLADRÓ

The Lladró Porcelain Lithophane Votive Light Lace is a delicately engraved piece which depicts the lovely lace pattern when lit. Lladró is made for memories, these beautiful classic and timeless creations make the perfect gift for special occasions and make wonderful keepsakes for family and friends to treasure. Each piece is handmade and hand painted and comes with its unique Lladró markings by Valencia artisans.



# COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

*Gifting is an expression of love and a reflection of your persona. It is imperative that it keeps memories alive which are cherished forever*

*By Kanika Sandal*



Villeroy & Boch

No matter how long you've known someone or how well you understand their style, finding the ultimate gift is no easy exercise. 'Buyer's block' – as we like to call it – is something that frustrates even the most accomplished gift-givers. Whether you're completely stuck for ideas or you've found too many gems to choose from, our handy luxury gifting guide is here to make this year's gift sourcing a satisfying process.

Taking inspiration from the art of creating 'memories', Foodhall has used many small yet exquisite elements to create great works of art in their gifting collections. Now, when you gift a hamper from Foodhall, you are sure to create a mélange of memories that will last a lifetime. The numerous hampers at Foodhall are every foodie's delight. Filled with cakes, chocolates, cheese straws, raisins, and cookies, it's a hard task to resist them. Shashank Lohia, Assistant Manager, Marketing recommends, "Choose from the "Legacy of India" hamper which has been handcrafted with fresh Indian sweets or "Noor" and "Ensemble" which is stuffed with dates, nuts, dried fruits, saffron and honey." A box of dried fruits and nuts has stood the test of time as the perfect present. It sits pretty on a table when you



Nicobar



Foodhall

*Memories are the best gift one can offer to the loved one. There can be no better way than to create memories by gifting your loved ones the things that define you as a true connoisseur of fine living*

entertain guests and speaks volume when gifted to someone you care, or to a business associate.

As a symbol of love, passion, and care, the chocolate laden hamper by Foodhall called the 'Duet', is packed with sweet single origin chocolates that every chocolate-lover would like. Talking of all

things sweet, Yoku Moku, the long established confectionery brand has a lot to offer. Known best for their delectable 'cigare' or butter rolled cookies, to fully savour what the brand has to offer, you customise your own Yoku Moku 'Puzzle Box'. These collectible boxes allow you to mix and match the variety of cookies by the brand so that you get the perfect combination to suit discerning palates and different budgets. Fatima Sham Mahimwala, Business Head, Libery Luxuries, adds, "For example, if you have a beautiful tray or platter you would like to gift, we are happy to consult with you and decorate your platters for you so that you can have something sweet to gift in addition. This works well not just for festivals but also for birth announcements, baby showers and wedding invitations.

With a variety of gifts suited for every taste, customised packaging is also an important aspect which Yoku Moku has spent some time on. "We have some very colourful boxes and we have a leather box collection to offer this season. We make some beautiful paper boxes and



Yoku Moku

this year we have the grand paper box which is ideal for all your gifting requirements", comments Fatima. If you're looking for healthy options, don't worry, we've got that covered as well. Along with all the indulgent treats, the hampers at Foodhall also cater to the calorie-counters. The brand offers handpicked hampers for health enthusiasts. "Those adhering to the Keto diet have 'Aurora' to treat themselves and, 'Icon; is your customised hamper with a range of luxury products such as cream cheeses, dips, and Sicilian olives", mentions Shashank.

Inspired by warm conversations and rich friendships, coffee and tea trays are another indulgent choice for festive occasions. For coffee aficionados, 'Evening Brew' hamper

is on offer by Foodhall whereas for the tea-lover to brew the perfect cup of tea, TWG TEA has abundant of options to choose from. Tea-scented candles, tea-pots, tea tins to white tea collections, there's plenty to gift with TWG Tea than just tea leaves. The brand also lets you customise your gift with various sets to suit the taste of your loved ones.

Although almost every person in the country relishes food, especially during festivities, there's much more to life than just food. Indian festivals are all about the beauty of tradition. The festive collection by ArgentOr Silver features stunning handcrafted pieces that can be gifted on the auspicious festival of Diwali. ArgentOr Silver brings to you an amalgamation of a unique and luxurious collection

that will add a touch of elegance, grace and opulence and brighten up your living space instantly. The brand offers a magnificent collection of candle stands, diyas, votives, tealights, lamps, Ganeshas, pooja sets and other home décor products that are apt for the festive season and will enhance the splendour of your home. For some of your business associates and clients, you could choose from tea sets, jug sets, and grand photo-frames that have been hot favourites for quite some time.

Gloria Gaither, famous songwriter and author said, "Memories are perhaps, the best gift of all" and we believe that there can be no better way than to create memories by gifting your loved ones the things that define you as a true connoisseur of fine living.



TWG

# UNDERScored BY HAPPINESS

*Exchanging presents is an essential part of festivities because it is an act that symbolises joy and goes a long way in spreading good cheer*



 **TWG TEA**

TWG Tea's exclusive collection features the exceptional Timeless Tea in Caviar Tea Tin along with luxurious tea accessories that are perfect gift options this festive season. The exquisite black tea comes with a delectable bouquet of hibiscus and produces a refreshing floral aftertaste. The Design Orchid Teapot in red with a mirror-finish gold warmer and Glamour tea Bowls are excellent additions to a heartwarming present.



 **FLEUR DE LIS**

La Fleur de Lis gift boxes may be the best accessory for you this festive season. Ornate, with immaculate floral patterns and rich designs, the boxes come in multiple colours with Fleur de Lis' logo embossed on each of them. Be it assorted dry fruits, sweets, confectionaries or chocolates – these elegant acrylic boxes will certainly increase the luxury quotient of your gifts and make them truly stand out.



**VILLEROY & BOCH**

Villeroy & Boch's Montauk tableware is an exquisite collection that celebrates the essence of festivity through its graceful elegance. A brilliantly etched rope structure graces the edges of white plates, bowls and platters in a clear, clean pattern, which celebrates the joy of minimalism. The crystal glasses adapt the design of the dishes in four variations for water and wine in three colours.



**THE ENTERTAINMENT  
DESIGN COMPANY**

The Entertainment Design Company is the pioneer in luxury invitations who made the concept of couture invitation a reality in India. Every product of this luxury house features immaculate design, sophistication, craftsmanship and the finest materials. The customisable invites create the truest aura of sophistication and luxury. The flawless concept and production of every EDC piece is testimony to the hard work and attention to detail, which also makes them work as enviable collectibles.





## CAARA

CAARA Cadeux is all about gifting gourmet food products and food experiences. This cadeaux boasts the best of CAARA's range of Pesto's. Free of preservative and additive, Caara Basil Pesto can be enjoyed as a dip, spread or pasta sauce. It can also be a key ingredient while churning out lip-smacking Italian, Mediterranean and other seasonal dishes.



## YOKU MOKU

Cigare - meaning cigarette in French, is a finely rolled butter cookie that is made of a special mixture of ingredients called 'golden balance', to achieve the perfect richness of butter, while being both light and crunchy.

Cigare au chocolat is filled with milk chocolate, whereas a bespoke blend of Darjeeling and Earl Grey teas is used to make fragrant rolled butter cookies, Cigare au thé.

Cigare is an assortment that features three varieties of rolled butter cookies - Cigare, Cigare au chocolat and Cigare au thé.





# CELEBRATING

GIRL ON LEFT  
OUTFIT: MONISHA JAISING  
JEWELLERY: DIACOLOR AND HAZOORILAL  
BY SANDEEP NARANG

GIRL ON RIGHT  
OUTFIT: FALGUNI AND SHANE PEACOCK  
JEWELLERY: DIACOLOR AND ROSE

# NOUVEAUX DÉLICIES

*Change, they say, is the only constant and it is wonderful to see that globally, food trends are seeing amazing makeovers for an awesome new experience*

*By Sudeshna Roy*

Gourmet specialties form an integral part of festivity in our country. With laughter in the air, and a celebratory atmosphere all around, festivals are all about raising a toast to the brighter side of our lives. Needless to say, food and beverages take centrestage during the celebrations and that too, in heaping measures. From sharing *mithais* at Diwali, to deciding on a luncheon with our loved ones – festivals are incomplete without delectable dishes.

It is also that time of the year when all of us feel eager to experiment with dishes that come with exotic names or, a picture-perfect impression. Nowadays, owing to the rise of health-conscious millennials, the menus at restaurants have undergone drastic changes with more and more people choosing light dishes over a single heavy platter. Finger foods are on the rise and regular condiments have also undergone drastic make-overs. We bring to you some indulgent trends that are in vogue these days.

According to Lokesh Swami, Corporate Chef, Caara India Pvt. Ltd., “People these days, prefer to taste different segments of the menu, rather than going for one staple option. This is why the small plates concept has gained much popularity in recent times.” For party foods, pre-made condiments like potato chips are generally avoided and snacks that are made of healthy ingredients are more sought after. Fried and dehydrated vegetables like lotus stem chips are replacing spicy banana chips as a complimentary dish to a glass of champagne. Even chefs prefer to plug around newer items to complement the drinks this festive season – items that are light and refreshing, let one enjoy a glass of aperitif wine and do not make a person feel filled before the main course starts. New combinations are gaining steady popularity; for example, crudite salad with sparkling wine, baked salmon with white wine and baked nuts sans spices with red wine are doing the rounds these days.

Indian cuisine tends to be intensely flavoured and heavily spiced. Dishes are usually complemented by an array of curries, *chutneys* and sauces, which create an even more complex flavour profile. This is the reason why Indian cuisine begs for a beverage with simplicity in order to balance out the overall tasting experience. This is the main principle behind pairing wine with Indian cuisine, thinks Vijay Thapiyal, Executive Chef – The Lodhi, New Delhi.



Honey Chilli Cashews



Baked Jacket Potato and Salmon Steak Served With White Wine

*Combinations such as honey chilli cashew and coastal style banana chips with champagne, baked potatoes, honey and grapes with wine are gaining steady popularity amongst connoisseurs*



Crudite Salad with Mayo Dip

He says, "The palette is predominantly Indian as a complimentary option to alcoholic drinks. Gradually, Asian flavours are taking over the classic choices for finger foods." Combinations such as honey chilli cashew, coastal style banana chips with champagne, baked potatoes, honey and grapes with wine are gaining steady popularity amongst connoisseurs. "Glocal is the way to go," the chef confirms.

The weather plays an important role in choosing a platter and this is a universally acknowledged factor. With the onset of cold months, we are more prone to having non-vegetarian dishes. Soups with heavy stocks, barbequed dishes are generally preferred over vegetarian options during winters. Kaushik Ghosh, Director of Operations, SET'Z, New Delhi agrees. "Exploring different options rather than savouring the age-old dishes in a party is catching up as a trend these days," he says. "People are choosing Peppered Chicken Morsel over cheese with Wine and Steamed Spiced Edamame with a glass of Scotch."

# CAP TIV ATING



OUTFIT: MONISHA JAISING  
JEWELLERY: HAZOORILAL BY  
SANDEEP NARANG AND MIRARI

# ELEMENTAL VACATIONS

*It is no mere coincidence that some of us are in love with the mountains while others prefer the sea. There is an intrinsic connection between who we are and what we love. We trace the link between astrological coordinates and holiday destinations to bring you your perfect vacation spot*

*By Sudeshna Roy*



Banff, Canada

### Banff Canada

They say, Banff is one of those places where you can stay for a lifetime and still not be able to explore enough. If you are an ardent fan of all things natural, this place will suit you the best. The verdant nature and the mesmerising panoramic beauty of the Banff National Park is considered to be the most beautiful place in all of Canada. Be it Moraine Lake set amidst high mountain cliffs, Tunnel Mountain, a place that ensures a bird's eye view of the entire Banff or Norquay Lookout – Banff will leave you speechless with its natural beauty. There are many beautiful lakes here which are must visits in your itinerary. During winter, the temperature here is often freezing and according to the local residents, this provides a great opportunity to take a Gondola ride to reach the top of the snow-capped Sulphur Mountain. The town of Banff is small, but it packs a sensory wallop that will leave you breathless.



THOSE BRACED BY EARTH SIGN (TAURIUS, VIRGO, CAPRICORN) FIND THEMSELVES CONNECTED TO NATURE AND NATURAL BEAUTY

### Charleston USA

Think cobblestoned streets, pastel antebellum houses and horse-drawn



Charleston, USA

carriages, and you would have drawn a mental picture of Charleston. This quaint South Carolina port city has been famously nicknamed Holy City - because of the abundance of churches you will find here. Replete with historical sites and vintage buildings, the city will mesmerise you on your first visit itself. If you are a nature-lover, visit Middleton Place Plantation and White Point Gardens where several Civil War relics and memorials commemorate the city's

role in the Civil War. Explore the Battery – a long stretch along the city's southern tip shoreline where Southern-style mansions overlook the Charleston Harbour. Taking a heritage walk and horse carriage tour is also a great idea to understand the rich historical past of this city. Save some time in your itinerary to visit the churches of the city, you will definitely love the soulful ambience of the prayer houses. It is highly recommended that one takes



Antalya, Turkey



AIR SPIRITS (GEMINI, LIBRA, AQUARIUS) ARE KNOWN TO BE SPIRITUALLY INCLINED. THEIR LOVE FOR PEACE AND TRANQUILITY ARE WELL-KNOWN

### Antalya Turkey

If exploring newer sights while you are on vacation attracts you the most, check out Antalya. This Turkish resort town offers stunning beaches and insightful windows into history. Originally founded by the king of Pergamun and famously called 'Pamphylia' in ancient history, Antalya is a favourite with holidaymakers across the world. The ruins of this city along with breathtaking scenic beauty with abundant greenery and



PEOPLE WITH FIRE ELEMENT IN THEIR ZODIAC SIGN (ARIES, LEO, SAGITTARIUS) LOVE TO EXPLORE THE UNEXPLORED AND ARE ATTRACTED TO HISTORICAL NARRATIVES

### Noumea New Caledonia

Famed for its palm-lined beaches and a dazzling lagoon which has recently become a World Heritage Site, the archipelago of New Caledonia is truly



Noumea, New Caledonia

*If you prefer natural beauty to urban life, then make sure you visit Dumbea, Prony village, Bourali and last but not the least, Fauborg Blanchot when you are in New Caledonia*

out time to explore the meandering alleys of Charleston, they are always panoramic and picture-perfect.

picturesque beach will make your stay here worthwhile. Visiting places like Perge, Aspende and Yivli Minare are a must for those who have a passion for old architecture. If you are fond of collecting souvenirs from your trips, take a stroll around the old town of Antalya, known as Kaleici – a maze-like neighbourhood adorned with engaging art galleries, antique shops and exotic restaurants.

a nature-lover's paradise. If you prefer natural beauty to urban life, then make sure you visit Dumbea, Prony village, Bourali and last but not the least, Fauborg Blanchot when you are there. Dumbea's unmatched scenic beauty will calm your senses, while the tranquil environment of Bourali will make you fall immediately for this place. If you love to learn about the local traditions of a new place, do not miss out on Poindimie, a place where you can learn about the Kanak culture. The capital city of New Caledonia, Noumea has a throbbing culture in addition to its picturesque cityscape. Check out Place des Cocotiers while you are in the capital and watch the world go by while sitting idly around it. In short, New Caledonia will always be an excellent choice if you have a penchant for exotic cultures and breathtaking natural wonders.



THOSE WHO HAVE WATER AS THEIR ZODIAC ELEMENT (CANCER, SCORPIO, PISCES) FIND THEIR CALLING IN ART, CULTURE, MUSIC AND ADVENTURE

# TIMELESS WARPS AND WEFTS

*Fashion designers are rediscovering the appeal of traditional textiles, and weaving a whole revolution out of them for an everlasting appeal*

*By Pallavi Singh*

“Elegance is the only beauty that never fades,” says Audrey Hepburn. In this context Indian traditional textiles win hands down. Ace Indian fashion designers are rediscovering the appeal of traditional textiles, adopting elements, techniques and nuances into their creations that interestingly find takers amongst discerning clientele globally.

Neeru Kumar, through her brand Tulsi has been engaged in recasting conventional weaves and crafts to suit modern tastes ever since she started out in the 1980s. Her design philosophy is about incorporating fashion trends within a traditional template. The designer swerves from incorporating exquisite *jamdani* on heavy silks in appealing hues to twisting the *ikat* weave to create graphic pieces. She also uses recycled fabrics to create quilted jackets and shawls perked up with exquisite *kantha* embroidery.

Anita Dongre's commitment to revive, sustain and empower the Indian crafts and textiles led her to launch Grassroot, a sustainable and eco-conscious luxury prêt label.



Tulsi by Neeru Kumar



Good Earth



Grassroot by Anita Dongre



Nicobar

*Traditional textiles are meeting modern silhouettes to create a look that's perfectly suited to the Indian of today*

She lives her personal philosophy through conscious efforts as a fashion designer, introducing cruelty-free accessories, thereby representing fashion with a conscience. In Nicobar designs, you will see that the traditional Chanderi lends itself in a light summer shirt dress, the subtle sheen of the fabric adding just that little bit of glamour to the look. The idea is to keep the style simple yet innovative to transition the fabrics from traditional to a modern milieu.

A go-to destination for home décor enthusiasts and interior designers, Good Earth celebrates Indian pride in a way that feels neither kitsch nor ethnic. Their *Kansa* collection revived an ancient tradition practiced by a tribal community in Orissa. The brand attempts at bringing the work of traditional craftsmen into contemporary homes and to make them relevant to the way we live today.

# LUXURY OF ETERNITY

*The world of haute horlogerie combines incredible craftsmanship, engineering prowess and artisans' labour of love to make the watch, a symbol of art*

By Pallavi Singh

It all began around 2000 BCE, when mankind used Obelisks and Sundials to calculate time. In the last 4000 years, we have through substantial changes in timekeeping and technology,

seen the humble timepiece acquire newer dimensions. Hour glasses, pocket watches, wrist watches, smart watches and now timepieces as objects of luxury, we've come a long way.



Pioneer of the wristwatch since 1905, Rolex is at the origin of landmark innovations in watchmaking, including the first waterproof wristwatch - the Oyster - and the Perpetual rotor self-winding mechanism.

Panerai watches have been referred to as "art in motion" and have become popular with the most discerning watch enthusiasts the world over. Today, Panerai offers a full line of watches based in varying degrees on its historic models. While the Luminor and Radiomir remain the core genus of each variant, Panerai has expanded its product scope to encompass precious metals, high horology complications, and case sizes that have ranged from 60 to 40mm.

The luxury maison Jaeger-LeCoultre nestled in the heart of the Vallée de Joux, in the Swiss Jura Mountains has created more than 1200 calibers beginning 1833. Its iconic collections, such as the Reverso which was born of the Art Déco movement in 1931, the Master, with classic and



refined masculine lines, or even the Atmos, the pendulum watch with almost perpetual movement, form the foundation for the Manufacturer's pride and the satisfaction of their loyal clients.

Pranav Saboo, CEO, Ethos Watch Boutiques, comments, "The attention to detail in fine timekeeping instruments is what makes watchmaking an art worthy of your time. The biggest names in watchmaking, such as Rolex and Jaeger-LeCoultre, have played a key role in perfecting the details to invent and innovate what we take for granted sometimes in the modern wristwatches we wear." He emphasises, "It's their pioneering spirit and undying standards of quality that make them the brands that have become synonymous with luxury. What is more, they don't take this for granted. They only keep pushing boundaries in technique and developments, which keeps them relevant and constantly worthy of the legacies they carry."



*The demand remains high, and when selected well, a good timepiece is very much still a big deal - functionally, stylistically and expressively*

The Montblanc Meisterstück watch that debuted at the 1997 Salon International de Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) in Geneva proved to be the success that put the brand's watches on the road to haute horlogerie, and by 2006, Montblanc proved to be a go to brand for the discerning clients.

Born out of founder Carlo Croco's desire to create his own watch in the 1970s, luxury Swiss watch brand Hublot was founded in 1980, and instantly became world-renowned for its innovative rubber strap - never before seen in the watch industry. Ever since, the brand has continued to pioneer watches with novel cases and materials, calling it 'the art of fusion' in which traditional watchmaking techniques are combined with modern innovation. From its Big Bang range, whose aesthetic set the tone in watch design for years to come, to the Classic Fusion, which exudes classic design using juxtaposed materials, Hublot's ability to set the trends in luxury watches has never been more apparent.



## ON THE WINNER'S PODIUM

*DLF Emporio adds another feather to its cap what with India's first and finest luxury destination being conferred the Sword of Honour by The British Safety Council*

*By Pallavi Singh*

**D**LF Emporio - India's first and finest luxury destination has scripted a glorious chapter to its rich history of achievements and milestones. The ultra-luxe hotspot has been conferred with the prestigious Sword Of Honour by the British Safety Council for demonstrating excellence in the management of health and safety risks. Emporio shares the laurels with seven other DLF buildings in Delhi and NCR, all of which lived up to the stringent screening process and quality checks devised by the British Safety Council.

The Sword Of Honour, which denotes a five star rating for the property, was proudly received by DLF Emporio. "Receiving Sword of honour from The British Safety Council is an overwhelming achievement for us and a testament to our passion, drive and commitment to safety," said Dinaz Madhukar, Executive Vice President, DLF Luxury Retail and Hospitality. "It not only encourages us to continuously strive for excellence but also places responsibility of continued adherence to the highest safety standards. We thereby offer the safest environment for our customers, tenants and employees."

The British Safety Council's Sword Of Honour is widely recognised as the pinnacle of achievement in health and safety management across the world and is instituted to reward companies who have demonstrated excellence in health and safety management. Founded by James Tye whose efforts towards transforming the British way of life led to the promulgation of the Health and Safety at Work Act of 1974, the Council is a government-regulated organisation that deploys a full suite of health and safety qualifications in its audits.



Sriram Khattar

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On receiving multiple Sword of Honour recognitions, Sriram Khattar, Managing Director, DLF Rental Business said, "We are extremely pleased to have been awarded 11 Sword of Honour awards by the British Safety Council. It is a moment of great pride for DLF and the country as we are the first real estate company globally to win 11 Sword of Honour awards in a single year. Being recognised for setting global benchmarks reaffirms our commitment to ensure that our workplaces have the highest health and safety standards." To compete for the Sword of Honour, an organisation has to first achieve the highest rating of 'Five stars' implying a 92 percent score or above, in the British Safety Council's health audit scheme. The organisation must then demonstrate to an independent panel of experts that they excel in health and safety management across their businesses. "The Sword of Honour is a testament to our passion, drive and commitment to safety. We continue to strive for excellence by adhering to global safety standards at our workplaces. The Sword of Honour awards that have been conferred upon us cover 80 percent of our rental portfolio which re-iterates our stature as the preferred workplace partners across markets in India." Mr Khattar added.

DLF is clearly, setting very high standards by becoming the



Dinaz Madhukar

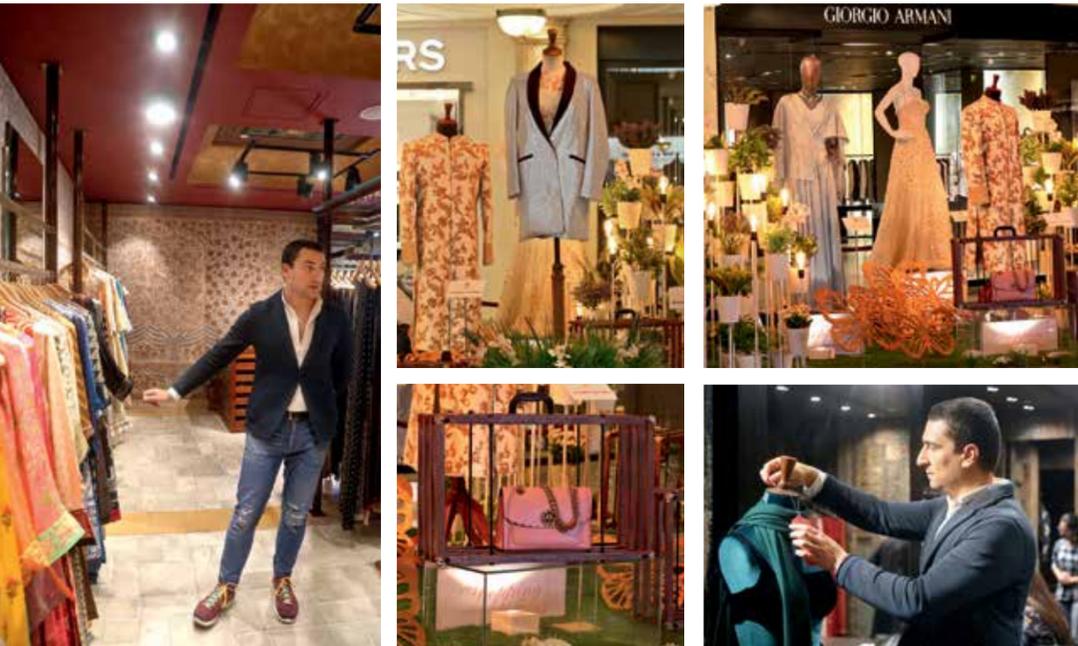
world's first real estate developer to receive the coveted award and the only organisation globally to get 11 Swords of Honour in a single year. "We are delighted to have been awarded the Sword of Honour award by the British Safety Council. It is a moment of extraordinary pride for DLF and the nation as we are the first real estate organisation globally, to win 11 Sword of Honour awards in a single year," Prashant Gaurav Gupta, Centre Head, DLF Emporio and The Chanakya, stated. "Being a front runner in setting word wide benchmarks in safety, this accomplishment reaffirms our responsibility to guarantee that our working environments have the most elevated well-being and security guidelines."

DLF prides itself in developing commercial and retail projects that are at par with those in the world, which reflect the best in customer centricity, infrastructure, sustainability, security and safety. The award not only redefines DLF as a pioneer in the realm of real estate, but also offers a moment of pride to the entire country, as Indian real estate companies are getting recognised for setting up global standards for health and safety management.



# HIGHPOINTS OF THE YEAR

*DLF Emporio has an annual schedule of high-profile events that have become hugely anticipated moments in the fashion and luxury universe. Here are the outstanding moments of the 2018 calendar*



## SHOPPING FIESTA

DLF Emporio, in association with Vogue India, celebrated the third edition of its Shopping Fiesta. Lucky shoppers got an opportunity to get styled by Vogue fashion stylist, Ria Kamat. They got a chance to try stunning looks from Indian and international labels present at DLF Emporio. Shoppers who registered, had a chance to win daily luxury gifts and the highest spender of the month received exquisite jewellery.



## COUTURE WEDDINGS

The sixth edition of DLF Emporio Couture Weddings got underway in style this year. The opening day of the event was marked by the fashion show by Neeta Lulla. Catering to fashion-forward couples, the wedding show gave brides and grooms access to exclusive sessions by Bollywood's top celebrity stylists, Aki Narula, Mohit Rai and Ami Patel. Over 100 brides and grooms attended the event which was graced by designers like Gaurav Gupta, Surekha Jain, Shivan & Narresh and Suneet Varma. It also witnessed the launch of Ashima Leena's new collection, Khwabeeda. Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, the designer duo, also showcased their latest collection at the prestigious event. High-tea sessions were arranged for the designers and their patrons during the course of Couture Weddings.



## DESIGN AWARDS

DLF Emporio concluded its 6th edition of Design Awards honouring promising young names in fashion. A discerning jury comprising of designer duo Shivan and Narresh, entrepreneur Kalyani Chawla, Hello! India Editor Ruchika Mehta, and Executive Vice President, DLF Luxury Retail & Hospitality, Dinaz Madhukar, announced the winners at the ceremony.





## TEN YEARS AT THE TOP

*DLF Emporio celebrated a decade of creating milestones in luxury retail in great style with a series of high-impact events that paid tribute to the luxe destination's legacy*



### NIRJA DUTT MASTERCLASS

A masterclass on the fundamentals of watchmaking was hosted by horology expert Nirja Dutt on the art of making timeless pieces. It was a delightful session where the audience was charmed with little anecdotes and effective information on watches, shared by the expert herself.



### 10TH ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH PARTY

DLF Emporio hosted a lavish party in the capital to celebrate their 10th anniversary, kick-starting the celebrations of a decade in luxury, retail and hospitality. Fragrant floral décor with crystalised elegant installations adorned the atrium of the mall along with an elaborate feast curated by their in-house dining flagship, SET'Z.



### VANDANA TOMAR AND SONAL VED MASTERCLASSES

Exclusive masterclasses were hosted by connoisseurs from across the fashion, food, beauty and lifestyle spectrum. DLF Emporio played host to five connoisseurs, the best in their respective fields. The culinary enthusiasts took their cooking skills to another level with gourmands Vandana Tomar and Sonal Ved at their exclusive masterclass which focussed on low-calorie cooking.



### FASHION SHOW

DLF Emporio hosted a spectacular event that witnessed the country's leading couturiers showcasing a stunning melange of elaborate couture outfits. The grandeur of the evening was accentuated by a bevy of ace designers and design houses such as Ashima Leena, Gaurav Gupta, Kotwara, Niki Mahajan, Patine, Ranna Gill, Rina Dhaka, Rohit Bal, Shivan and Narresh, Shantanu and Nikhil, Shyamal & Bhumi, Suneet Varma, Surekha Jain and Tarun Tahiliani. Intricate hand-crafted adornments by DIACOLOR, Hazooril by Sandeep Narang, Mirari and Rose added sparkle as the models sashayed down the ramp.



### CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN MASTERCLASS

Shoes form an integral part of our ensemble – be it festive or formal. Keeping that in mind, DLF Emporio hosted a masterclass for style enthusiasts where the iconic brand Christian Louboutin's stylists educated the guests with the know-how on how to wear and pair the classic red-soled shoes.

### SPREAD A SMILE INDIA

As part of the 10th year celebration, the DLF Foundation supported Spread A Smile India and pledged to work in unison towards the progress of local communities. The event witnessed a small exhibit of merchandise made by underprivileged children from the foundation, the proceeds of which went towards charity. A flash mob fashion show was also organised.



### TWG MASTERCLASS

DLF Emporio promoted a masterclass hosted by TWG, the finest luxury tea brand in the world. The representatives of the brand made the guests aware about the numerous health benefits of their aromatic tea assortments and various positive effects of their signature products.





**RETAILERS' PARTY**

To commemorate its 10th anniversary, DLF Emporio hosted a cocktail evening for all the store managers and marketing heads to thank them for their long association and support. The cocktail evening took place at Cha Shi, under the flagship of SET'Z.



**MEDIA LUNCH**

To celebrate its long association with the eminent media personalities and bloggers across the country, DLF Emporio recently hosted a lunch at the SET'Z. The event saw a warm exchange of thoughts and discussions amongst some of the best minds of our country.



**CHANDINI SINGH MASTERCLASS**

A dream look requires you to know the science and art behind make-up and this is why the famed make-up artist Chandni Singh's masterclass was a huge success. The session witnessed a major turn out of fashionistas where the celebrity artist enlightened the guests about achieving perfect looks for the day and for glamorous evenings.

**LLARDO EXHIBITION**

The launch event of the luxury brand Lladro took place recently at Cha Shi in DLF Emporio. The guests experienced an exclusive demonstration by the brand's expert artist who was specially flown down from Spain to make live porcelain flowers at the event. Needless to say, the beauty and magic of Lladro's high porcelain creations left the guests awestruck.



# BANISHING ALL WORRIES

*Festivals are a time when nothing should come in the way of positive, happy vibes. Here is a quick guide on how to go about it*

Like two sides of the same coin, travel and safety do complement each other all the time. Oftentimes, we plan our vacations around the festive season and forget to follow basic safety manuals before embarking on our journey. Last minute haste and lack of proper planning might make our dream of an ideal vacation quickly turn into a nightmare.

The first place to ensure utmost protection is our home. If we are leaving behind an empty house, we must check our alarm system and make arrangements to show sign of life even if there is nobody in the house. Sprinklers and lights set to a daily timer so they turn on and off when we are away is an effective option.

Safeguarding our personal information is another aspect. Connecting our phones and laptops to unknown wireless hotspots pose serious security threats as more often than not, hackers put up dummy wireless spots, which appear as legitimate ones and put our personal information vulnerable to hacking.

Opting for proper insurances before taking part in extreme adventure sports is necessary to ensure safety while travelling. Adventure sports insurances provide medical assistance and medical cover, thus enabling us to enjoy our travel without any stress.



## SECURE IN THE SKIES: THE BEST AIRLINE SAFETY VIDEOS OF THE DECADE

### BRITISH AIRWAYS



Rides high on star power but that, does not take away from the core message

### TURKISH AIRLINES



The safety video creates a magical illusion to deliver the important messages

### AIR FRANCE



Chic and fashionable, there's classic French taste present in the video

### VIRGIN AMERICA

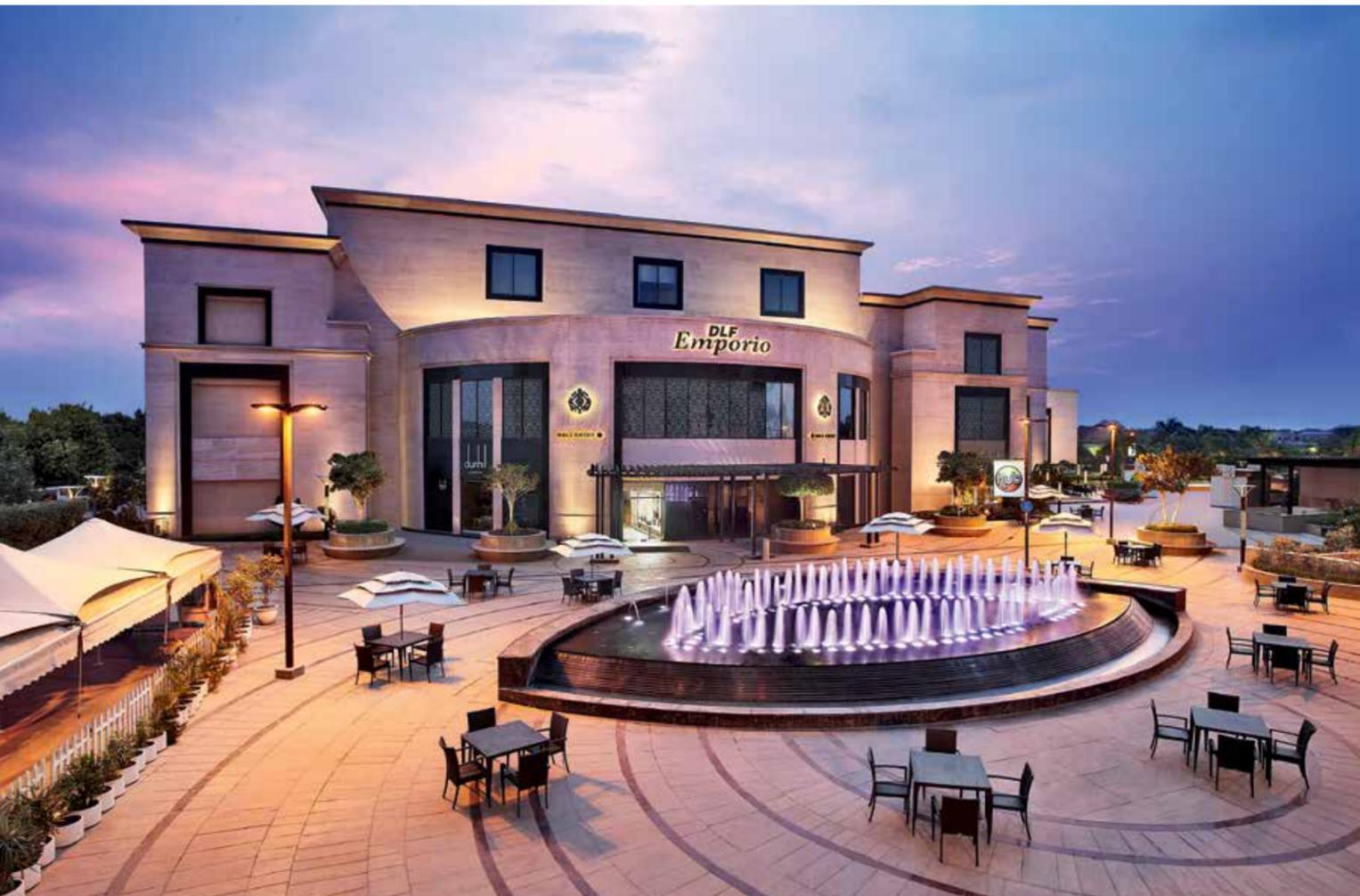


Superb dance choreography makes for a perfect musical safety video

### AMERICAN AIRLINES



The content is unique and hypnotic and conveys the safety protocol effectively



**GROUND FLOOR**

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

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

**FIRST FLOOR**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Argentor          | Lifestyle           |
| Armani Junior     | Fashion             |
| Bang & Olufsen    | Lifestyle           |
| Burberry          | Fashion             |
| Canali            | Fashion             |
| Coach             | Fashion             |
| Corneliani        | Fashion             |
| Fleur De Lis      | Lifestyle           |
| Hackett           | Fashion             |
| Hugo Boss         | Fashion             |
| Jay Strongwater   | Lifestyle           |
| Johnson Watch Co. | Jewellery & Watches |

| BRAND NAME          | CATEGORY            |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Kapoor Watch Co.    | Jewellery & Watches |
| Kate Spade New York | Fashion             |
| La Martina          | Fashion             |
| Les Petits          | Fashion             |
| Lladro              | Lifestyle           |
| Longchamp           | Fashion             |
| Louis Vuitton       | Fashion             |
| Molton Brown        | Lifestyle           |
| MontBlanc           | Lifestyle           |
| Missoni             | Fashion             |
| Paul Smith          | Fashion             |
| Paul & Shark        | Fashion             |
| Ralph Lauren        | Fashion             |
| Santoni             | Fashion             |
| Tumi                | Lifestyle           |
| TWG Tea             | Lifestyle           |
| Villeroy & Boch     | Lifestyle           |

**SECOND FLOOR**

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

**THIRD FLOOR**

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



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### LOWER GROUND FLOOR

| BRAND NAME | CATEGORY       |
|------------|----------------|
| Foodhall   | Luxury Grocery |
| MKT        | Dining         |
| NOI        | Bar            |

### GROUND FLOOR

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Brunello Cucinelli* | Fashion              |
| Café C              | Dining               |
| Chanel*             | Fashion              |
| Creed               | Lifestyle            |
| Hermes              | Fashion              |
| Jaeger LeCoultre    | Watches              |
| Khoya*              | Luxury Confectionery |
| Panerai             | Watches              |
| Ralph Lauren*       | Fashion              |
| Rolex               | Watches              |

### FIRST FLOOR

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| AJSK Gulabo and Jani Khosla | Fashion               |
| Brook and Carter            | Accessories - Eyewear |
| Casa Paradox                | Lifestyle             |
| Chanel                      | Fashion               |
| Montblanc                   | Accessories           |
| Paro by Good Earth*         | Lifestyle             |
| Ralph Lauren*               | Fashion               |
| Shalimar by Good Earth      | Lifestyle             |
| Suket Dhir                  | Fashion               |
| Yoku Moku                   | Luxury Confectionery  |
| Zooki                       | Fashion               |

### SECOND FLOOR

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Anita Dongre Grassroot | Fashion                 |
| Diesel                 | Fashion                 |
| Janavi                 | Fashion                 |
| Neeru Kumar            | Fashion                 |
| NicoCaara              | Dining                  |
| Nicobar                | Lifestyle               |
| Noir                   | Salon                   |
| Nykaa Luxe             | Beauty & Fragrance      |
| Outhouse               | Accessories - Jewellery |
| Perona                 | Fashion                 |
| Ranna Gill             | Fashion                 |
| Ted Baker              | Fashion                 |
| The Collective Denim   | Fashion                 |
| Thomas Pink            | Fashion                 |

### THIRD FLOOR

| BRAND NAME | CATEGORY |
|------------|----------|
| PVR ECX    | Cinema   |



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