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Trend-driven tartan pieces, sizzlingly stylish sportswear, and the hottest Haute Couture shows to knock you off your feet

2018 is already shaping up to be a pretty fashionable year!

So what else can you look forward to in this issue?

We show you how to copy one of Beyoncé's fiercest recent looks, and also encourage you to appreciate Oscar-nominated actress Margot Robbie's sartorial hits. With a handful of nominations and accolades under her belt this awards season, Margot Robbie can also add "red carpet pro" to her long list of achievements.

Let's not waste any more time – let's jump in and get straight to the good stuff!

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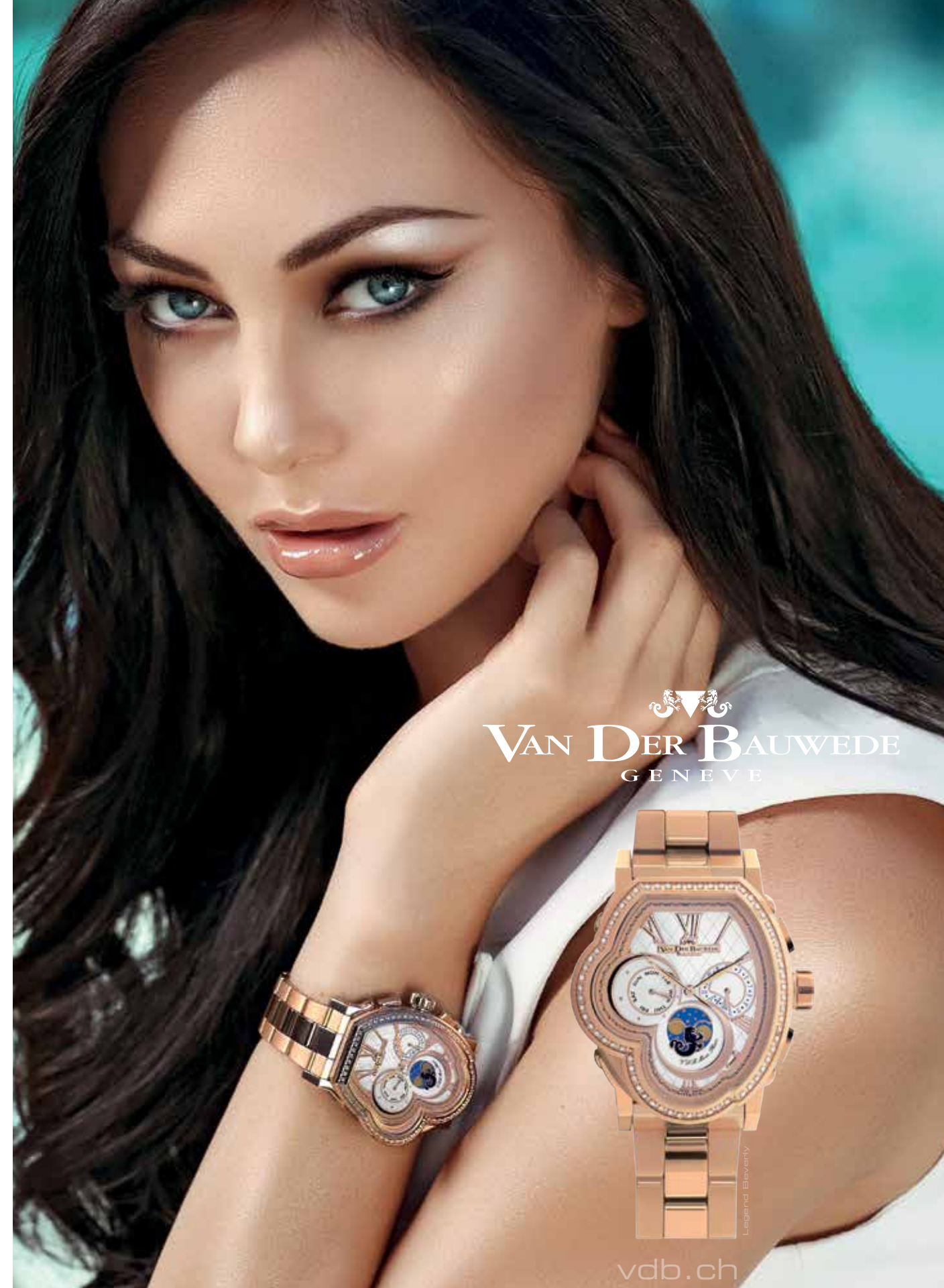
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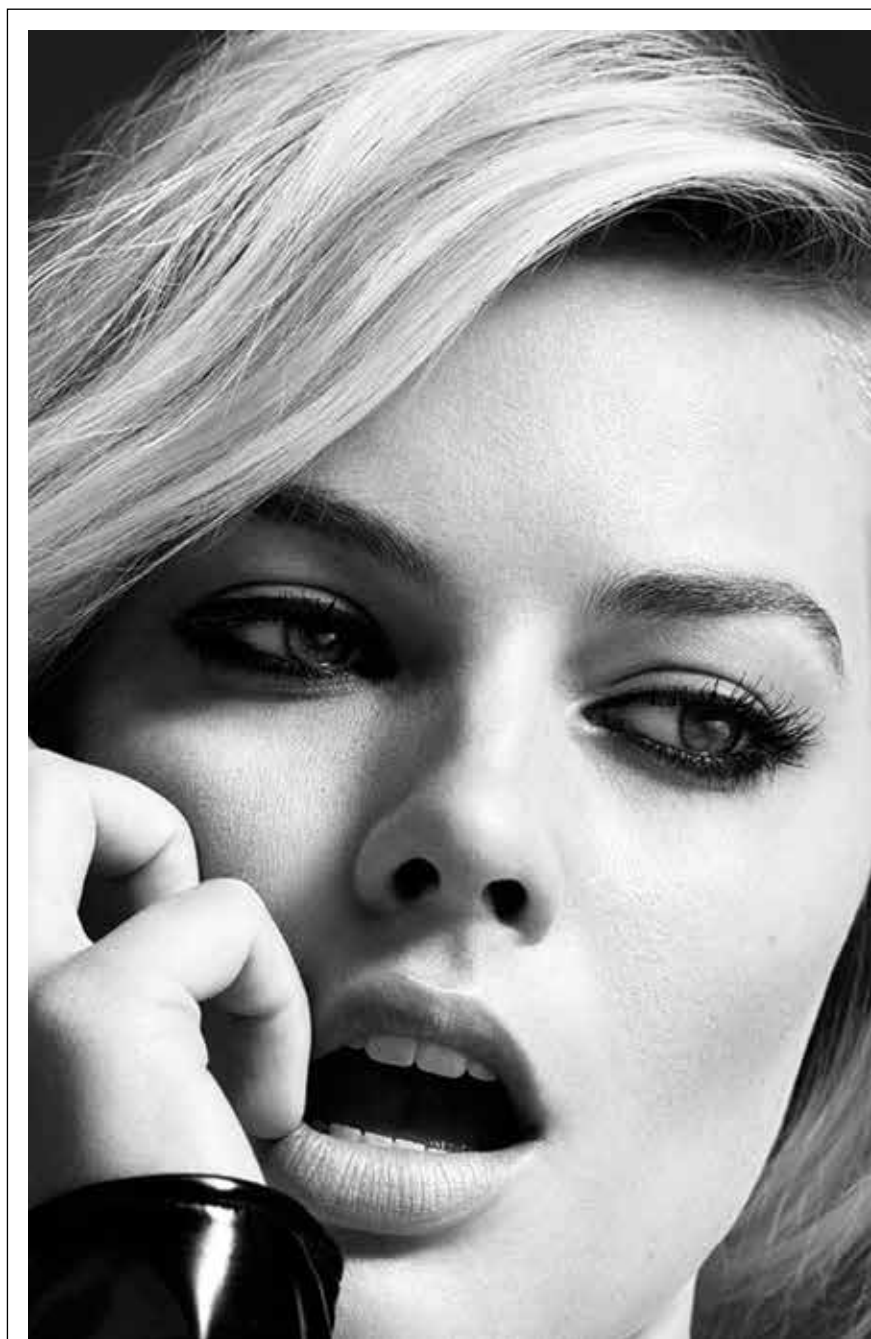
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




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Steal Beyoncé's

colour-popping, ground-breaking, attention-grabbing style!



You know you're having a good day when you find out you have the chance to channel the one and only Queen Bey. Although we love all of Beyoncé's outfits (we can't help it, the woman has impeccable style, not to mention the fact that she possesses the power to make anything she wears look incredible!) we've accepted that not all of her looks are accessible or easy to wear day to day. This outfit, however, doesn't fall into that category. It's fun, it's attention-grabbing, it's fashion forward and it's just down right inspiring. In other words, it's the perfect outfit for day and even night – you can thank the Fendi

boots for that last part, but more on those later. Beyoncé posted this photo on her very own Instagram, so we have a feeling that she's just as proud of her look as we are. We love the bold infusion of colours and prints, which shows that she isn't afraid to mix and match. Clashing prints or colours don't phase Beyoncé, and they shouldn't phase you either if you want to emulate her. She has good taste and good style, and thanks to this feature, you will too. Now all you need is your very own equivalent of the Bey-hive and your Beyoncé transformation will be complete!

Here's everything you'll need to steal Beyoncé's style:

Proenza Schouler PSWL Graphic Long Sleeve T-Shirt

It doesn't surprise us to see Beyoncé wearing something fresh from the Proenza Schouler SS18 collection; she probably had her hands on it before it even hit the catwalk! This bohemian inspired long sleeve T-Shirt is the first thing that caught our eye, which means it's a great piece to snap up if you want your outfit to get instant attention. We love everything from the colour blocking to the fun and exciting blue box logo. As well as wearing this with all of Beyoncé's recommended pieces, it's a great T-shirt to wear with longer fitted jeans, or even tucked into a leather pencil skirt for even more attitude. Mix it up by adding a gilet in cooler temperatures – the possibilities are endless! PSWL Graphic Long Sleeve T-Shirt, £300, available at Far Fetch



Fendi Rose Gold & Brown Square Sunglasses

No diva look is complete without a killer pair of shades – and Beyoncé has finished off her look rather spectacularly with these rose gold and brown square sunglasses from none other than Fendi. Seriously, what's not to love?! Fendi rose gold and brown square sunglasses, £404.56, available at Forward

Topshop Ripped Mom Shorts

When you have perfect pins like Beyoncé, it would be criminal not to show them off, which is why we can't fault her decision to wear her super short shorts. There are lots of ripped denim shorts out there as they never seem to go out of style, so you really can take your pick to ensure you get the right fit for your shape. It's all about looking and feeling good! We love these high waisted mom shorts from Topshop; the high waisted fit not only makes them perfect for tucking the Proenza Schouler T-Shirt into, but they also double up as secret body shapers too. Win, win! Topshop ripped mom shorts, £46.98, available at Nordstrom



DSQUARED2 x K-Way reversible wind breaker coat

Now if you weren't sure about windbreakers when we introduced them (and similar other styles) to you a few issues back, we have a feeling that you're going to change your minds upon seeing Beyoncé rocking one. It's a bold outfit accompaniment we must say, but Beyoncé has without a doubt pulled it off. And if you exude just a small fraction of Beyoncé's confidence and attitude, we think you will too. Oh, and did we mention that this is actually a men's coat? Yep, Beyoncé can pull off menswear too; just sayin'! DSQUARED2 x K-Way reversible wind breaker coat, £415, available at Far Fetch



Louis Vuitton x Koons Monet Speedy 30 Bag

We don't really need Beyoncé to convince us to buy yet another Louis Vuitton bag. Although she may just get us there a little bit speedier than normal. And speaking of speedy; this Speedy 30 is an extra-worthwhile purchase as it comes from the highly lauded Louis Vuitton x Koons Masters collection. Louis Vuitton x Koons Monet



Speedy 30 bag, £1,960, available at Louis Vuitton

Fendi Red Velvet Sandal Shaped Boots

Turn away if you believe that wearing socks with sandals is still the biggest fashion faux pas of all. While socks and ordinary beach sandals might still be a big no no (y'hear that men? It's still a no!) socks with stilettos, pumps or even poking over the top of ankle boots have been pretty fashionable for quite a few years now – and it doesn't look like that trend is stopping any time soon. But we'll let you in on a little secret – Beyoncé isn't actually wearing socks with her sandals, oh no. Instead, she is getting two for the price of one by way of Fendi's sandal shaped boots. Did she have you fooled? Fendi red velvet sandal shaped boots, £820, available at Far Fetch



Trend to Try

TARTAN

If you paid attention to the spring/summer 2018 catwalks, then you'll know that prints were a very big deal. Sure, floral prints for spring/summer are a given – we would never take away anyone's right to a floral print in the spring/summer months, as that would surely be criminal! But there was another print which was triumphant on the catwalks in all four cities. And that, in case you hadn't already guessed, is tartan.

Tartan, check print, whatever you want to call it, can have a slightly wintery reputation, but we're not really sure why as it's proven itself to be a trans-seasonal print, worthy of standing out come rain or shine. The darker hues found in the traditional red tartan print might have something to do with it, but this is 2018 and fashion rules are there to be broken. Why else would the world's hottest designers have teamed up to tempt us with stunning tartan pieces worthy of wearing the whole year round?

Avid stylistas may remember that Vivienne Westwood used to hold the

monopoly on tartan print, but many other designers have caught up with the trend and given her a run for her money. That's not to say that Vivienne Westwood isn't a contender in the tartan game, but she has a lot more company than she used to in seasons past. And that's what makes fashion so exciting, are we right? Burberry took the tartan theme and ran with it, giving us some of the most lust worthy pieces we think we've ever seen. Balmain gave it a very good go as well, providing covetable piece after covetable piece.

Tartan is associated with many things – Scotland, punk, schoolgirls, Paddington Bear, and the elite social status thanks to fictional characters such as Blair Waldorf from *Gossip Girl* or Cher Horowitz from *Clueless*. Today, we want you to also associate tartan with some of the finest clothes and accessories of the season. Take a look at some (but sadly not all because we don't have enough pages!) of the most tantalising tartan treats our favourite designers have to offer right now...



Black and even monochrome trousers are so last season! This season, it's time to make way for printed trousers, in particular those with a timeless, tartan print. Tartan trousers – or tartan anything, to be honest – takes all the hard work out of accessorising, because it's inevitably going to be the stand-out piece of the look, which is where your go-to understated basic staples come in. We can't fault the luxury look and feel of Burberry's wool, straight leg trousers, but there are slimmer and even cooler fits available from other brands if you wanted to expand your collection or go in a different direction.

Burberry tartan wool straight leg trousers, £495, available at Net a Porter



Simple, chic, and straight down to business. That's not only how we would describe these Giuseppe Zanotti tartan boots, but how we would describe the designer and his timeless creations as a whole. We love the clean sophistication of these ankle boots, and think the elimination of the other colours usually found in traditional tartan colour palettes only adds to the intensity of the design. We can't fault them, and will be wearing them season after season with pride.

Giuseppe Zanotti Design tartan ankle boots, £441, available at Yoox



We love a platform – the height, the comfort, and of course, the attitude. Miu Miu really has delivered the tartan platform sandals of our dreams, and we cannot wait to snap them up and pair them with both tartan and non-tartan pieces alike. The slightly faded colour palette makes them perfect for teaming with slightly more understated hues – although if you're going to embrace the tartan trend in all its glory, we have a feeling that understated is the last word on your mind.

Miu Miu tartan platform sandals, £835, available at Far Fetch





There are so many things to love about this tartan Gucci jacket, we don't even know where to start. Let's start with the relaxed, semi-androgynous silhouette, which makes it perfect for 'just throwing on' over a dress or jeans and a tee, for example. Then, let's talk about the modern, reversed colour combo that breaks the rules and changes the game entirely. And speaking of game changing, we haven't even got to the best bit, which is the stunning embroidered tiger on the back of the jacket, which sits in-between faux pearl encrusted LOVE lettering, and a bedazzling, sparkling sequinned bow. There are so many reasons to love this coat, regardless of whether you want to embrace the tartan trend or not.

Gucci embellished tartan wool blazer, £2,840, available at Net a Porte



We're not telling you to get rid of your Louis Vuitton Neverfull GM, or any of your other favourite 'everything under the kitchen sink' tote bags. But we are suggesting that you give them a break every once in a while, because this tartan tote from Burberry is desperate to be taken on an outing or two. Big enough to fit all of your essential daily belongings – and even those of your best friends – and stylish enough to get you noticed; what more could you want in an everyday tote bag? It's also perfect for all weather types, which means it will look just as stunning when paired with denim hotpants and a white blouse, or while you're bundled up with the chunkiest knit and the highest of knee high boots.

Burberry tote bag, £1,295, available at Selfridges



Looks like Miu Miu officially has the tartan bug! We think you'd struggle to find a tartan cross-body bag cuter than this one from Miu Miu; it has everything we could want from a tartan bag, and so much more. Not only does it fulfil all our preppy dreams – can't you just imagine Blair Waldorf delivering one of her signature quips with this around her body? – but the added crystal embellishments offer a much appreciated extra touch of sparkle that we never knew we needed. Tartan plus sparkle might just be our new favourite combination!

Miu Miu tartan cross-body bag, £950, available at Far Fetch



Want to rock a tartan skirt but want to mix it up a little bit? If you're up for trying the tartan trend but don't want the classic short schoolgirl style, then this Gucci creation is what you need. The longer length makes it slightly more conservative and feminine, but there's nothing boring about this skirt, thanks to the leather buckle straps at the waist and the contrast of the prints and colours. This skirt is breaking all the rules, and we're excited!

Gucci tartan wool skirt, £1,460, available at Matches



A classic Scottish print from one of the finest Scottish designers, aka Christopher Kane. Tartan may scream Scottish heritage, but to us, this skirt is Cher Horowitz all over. Any fashionista who says she didn't see Cher Horowitz as her fictional soulmate or get part of her fashion education from her is clearly lying. We would never want to miss our chance to channel our favourite Clueless character, so snapping up this Christopher Kane mini skirt is a no brainer. Pair it with a simple black sweater and black beret for a cute and preppy vibe, or toughen it up with a studded blazer and some Doc Martens. There are so many looks you can achieve, the possibilities are almost endless!

Christopher Kane DNA glossed leather trimmed tartan wool mini skirt, £525, available at Net a Porter



Another tartan mini skirt, but in no way reminiscent of any other tartan mini skirt you'll have laid eyes on in the past. Balmain always manages to think outside the box when it comes to ground-breaking new designs, and this mini skirt is a prime example of that. A bold and attention-grabbing shade of blue – something we don't often associate with the tartan print – with a rock and roll edge courtesy of the stud detailing. Extra points for mixing it up with the asymmetrical silhouette and forgoing the traditional pleats found in tartan skirts or kilts, and going for something a bit different.

Balmain asymmetric embellished tartan jacquard-knit mini skirt, £1,064, available at Net a Porter

12 Must-Have Staples Your Wardrobe CANNOT *do without*

Tell us if you recognise this all too familiar scene. Wardrobes upon wardrobes filled to the brim with the latest and greatest clothes, shoes, handbags and other accessories, yet you find yourselves with the “nothing to wear” predicament far more often than you care to admit. Don’t worry because you aren’t alone.

A recent survey by ClosetMaid found that out of the 1,000 American women it interviewed, 78% of them had serious regrets about some of the clothes in their wardrobes.

Now things might be a little bit different here on the other side of the world, but we have a feeling that every single woman residing in the UAE has at least one or two items in her wardrobe just sitting there with the high price tag securely attached, with no intention of giving them an outing any time soon. It’s sad, but it happens. And when 47% of women struggle to pick an outfit before heading out, with one in nine actually being late because they can’t find anything to wear, it’s time to agree that things need to change.

Now don’t get us wrong, we love shopping sprees, and we know we aren’t alone. We love being weighed down by countless shopping bags when leaving the Dubai Mall, and we also love splurging on the hottest designer pieces as soon as they drop. We’re also firmly in the “buying a new outfit for every occasion” category a large percentage of

the time. After all, there isn’t much in this world that excites us more than slipping on a brand new pair of shoes for the first time or toting the latest handbag that debuted just a few moments ago. However, we would like to get a lot more wear out of some of our lust-worthy outfits, and we could always do with some go-to outfits for when we are pushed for time. And this is what we want to talk to you about today.

Staples. No matter how big or small your wardrobe is, and no matter how much time you actually have to get ready, every single wardrobe needs a small selection of staple items. Staple items that you buy and replace as the seasons go on, always ensuring that your wardrobe is never left without. By all means, shop to your heart’s content for all other items – we would never deter anyone from shopping! – but carefully curating a small section of your wardrobe and dedicating it to these 12 simple staples will change your life forever. Never again will you be stuck with nothing to wear, and never again will you be caught out when time is of the essence and a fabulous outfit needs to be pulled out the bag with only seconds to spare.

We’ve thought long and hard about it, and have concluded that there are 12 staples that every single wardrobe needs. How many do you have? And even more importantly – how many do you need?!

An LBD

You don’t need us to tell you about the importance of the LBD. Every woman needs to update her trusty go-to little black dress every season, and it actually wouldn’t hurt to break the rules a little bit here and secure two or even three little black dresses for different occasions. How about an elegant one for smarter occasions and a flirtier one for when you want to let your hair down? The one we have chosen, however, is so dreamy we have a feeling you’ll want to wear it to any given occasion. Isn’t the intricate embellished detailing at the bottom to die for? Pair it with some bright coloured stilettos or even some daring cage heels to add some fun to the proceedings, or keep it classy and demure with a simple and understated pair of heeled sandals. When it comes to Oscar de la Renta, there’s no need for other alternatives; are we right?

Oscar de la Renta short sleeved embellished flared dress, £2,050, available at Far Fetch



A crisp white shirt

If you have somewhere to go that requires a smart, casual but oh so chic dress code, then a crisp white shirt should be the thing you reach for in your time of need. Pair it with smart trousers or pencil skirts for that full office girl vibe, or make it a bit more casual by adding it to your favourite pair of slim jeans. Or, take a walk on the wild side and tuck it into a fierce pair of leather trousers. And it’s all about the accessorising with this look, so go for as much or as little as you desire. Tucking a bold, statement necklace under the collar will surely turn heads. Alternatively, think about layering by way of a fancy, printed scarf to add some colour and definition.

Balenciaga scarf tie shirt, £585, available at Far Fetch

The PERFECT pair of jeans

We know, finding the perfect pair of jeans that can take you from day to night in a flash is easier said than done. The fit, the length the right shade, – it's hard work. But when you do find the perfect pair of jeans that makes you weep with sheer delight when you slip them on, hold onto them and never let them go. In fact, don't be afraid to buy more than one pair; because the heartache from having to say goodbye to your favourite pair of jeans is all too real.

Stella McCartney high waist skinny jeans, £385, available at Harrods



Black stilettos

Akin to nude heels, no shoe closet is complete without a must-have pair of black stilettos. From skirts to wide legged trousers to all else in-between, black stilettos will be there for you in your time of need. Again, we recommend updating them every season to keep up with the emerging trends and to ensure you never get tired of your go-to choice. We've chosen a divine pair of stilettos from Sophia Webster – she who hasn't made a single dull pair of shoes in her career – because our inner magpies have taken over the selection process. There are of course more understated versions available; but these are far more than just a simple black pair of stilettos, and sometimes that's exactly what your staple wardrobe needs.

Sophia Webster Lilico satin heeled sandals, £695, available at Selfridges



Nude heels

Make like a royal and channel Kate Middleton by investing in a nude pair of heels that will go with virtually every single outfit you can think of. You probably already have a few pairs of Manolo Blahnik's signature Hangisi pumps, but make sure you add nude to your collection (if it isn't there already) for the reasons we mentioned earlier. You can of course go for plainer and more understated nude heels, but let's face it, when has an exquisite embellishment ever not been appreciated?!

Manolo Blahnik Hangisi pumps, £745, available at Far Fetch



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A chic blazer

No wardrobe is complete without a) a chic blazer that you can throw on to instantly smarten up even the most casual of outfits, and b) a statement piece of clothing that instantly adds that much needed pop of colour to any outfit. Luckily, the Balmain blazer we have picked out is both of those things rolled into one jaw-droppingly irresistible package. The striking red colour, complete with Balmain's unmistakable sharp tailoring is something all fashionistas should snap up and hang proudly in their wardrobe. Wear with skinny jeans and a simple T-shirt for a chic, smart casual look, or smarten up with a blouse tucked into a

knee length pencil skirt.

Balmain wool blend blazer, £1,510, available at My Theresa



A statement watch

An iconic timepiece is as much a fashion statement as it is a worthy investment. While Rolex and Omega seem to have perfected the art of lust-worthy statement watches, there are a number of other brands you can go for that have just as much – if not more – impact and wow factor. Jaeger-LeCoultre is just one of the many charming routes you can go down when looking for a must-have timepiece. We've chosen Jaeger-LeCoultre's stunning 'Rendez-Vous Night & Day' watch for its exquisite Swiss-crafted attention to detail – not to mention the blinding 60 diamonds that make up the halo of the watch. The alligator strap and striking rose gold detailing also won us over!

Jaeger-LeCoultre watch 'Rendez-Vous Night & Day' watch, £18,400, available at Net a Porter

A big, “goes with everything, fits everything” bag

Yes, you read that right, such a bag does exist and we've found it! There are actually lots of bags in existence that not only go with all of your outfits and are suitable for the majority of occasions, but that fit everything you could ever imagine in them too. Bonus! This in no way means cutting down on your collection, but we know that sometimes you just want a handbag that goes with everything so you don't have to keep swapping with every single outfit. Vacations, laziness, the reason doesn't matter. While there were many handbags to choose from, we went for a Saint Laurent bag in a chic and classic shade of grey. It's great for all seasons, and will complement a huge variety of outfits. If you're an all-black kind of girl, this is the perfect bag to break up the monochrome, and the crocodile texture will add some definition and extra luxury to your outfit too. You're welcome!

Saint Laurent Sac de Jour Souple tote, £2,250, available at Far Fetch



An iconic trench coat

Coats come and go, but trenches last forever! There's a reason why the traditional trench coat has become a fashion icon, so make sure you always have one draped in your wardrobe, ready for action at any given moment. You never know when you're going to need it! Again, we like staple pieces that have a little bit of an edge, which is why we have fallen for this Gucci trench coat, complete with the unmistakable Gucci cat motif emblazoned on the back. Nobody said your wardrobe essentials had to be boring! This trench coat has all the tricks to ensure a feminine and flattering silhouette. Waist defining belt? Check! Double breasted buttons? Check, check!

Gucci appliquéd cotton-blend gabardine trench coat, £2,250, available at Net a Porter

A “goes with everything” sweater

Luckily, living in the UAE, we don't need to have the largest selection of winter warmers in our wardrobes – but we certainly want to have the chicest and most covetable selection. We love the idea of snapping up a few chunky, cosy knits, and wearing them with more summer-ready, ultra-feminine pieces. Chunky knits teamed with cute, flirty skirts are a winning style combination in our books – and the Isabel Marant sweater we have selected is the perfect one to achieve the look. Isabel Marant Lawrie chunky-knit cotton blend jumper, £550, available at Harvey Nichols



A fierce leather jacket

Whether you use it for warmth, or whether you leave it draped over your shoulders to add some edge and ferocity, there's no denying how much impact a fierce leather jacket can have on an outfit. Faux leather or the real deal, the boldness is still there regardless! We love the idea of toughening up an otherwise overly feminine outfit with a leather jacket; but we also love going all-out rock and roll and opting for all-black clothes and accessories too.

Balmain leather jacket, £2,390, available at My Theresa



A comfy pair of white sneakers

We love a sky high stiletto, but we're ecstatic that flats are becoming chicer and more acceptable to wear outside of the gym by the day! The more you read this issue, the more you'll discover that flats – in particular trainers and sneakers – are in! A long day of shopping in the Dubai Mall, working out in the gym, or just rocking the athleisure trend all require the perfect pair of sneakers – and white ones are having a particularly big fashion moment right now. A clean pair of sneakers also means that they will go with a wider variation of colours,

so you really do only need one pair to see you through.

Fendi velvet trimmer trainers, £505, available at Net a Porter



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Style crushing on...

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We don't want this to sound like we are late to the party – but we love Margot Robbie. Can we just take a few moments to silently obsess over the Australian actress who has captured the hearts of the film and fashion world?

We've actually always loved Margot Robbie – yes, long before she played the seductive wife of Leonardo DiCaprio in *Wolf of Wall Street* and even before her *Neighbours* days, she starred in several independent movies and really stood out from the crowd. We knew that she had something special from the moment she made her big and small screen debuts all those years ago. However, our love and appreciation for the actress has been reignited lately, and that's largely due to the awards-season buzz surrounding her latest film.

Our Margot Robbie re-obsession has come following the world's fascination with the biopic *I, Tonya*, where she portrays the role of controversial American figure skater Tonya Harding. There's been widespread buzz around Margot Robbie since it was announced she would be taking on the role over a year ago, so much so that she has even bagged herself a handful of nominations for stepping into Harding's infamous shoes. Or more accurately, skates.

From learning to figure skate to getting inside Tonya Harding's head to really get the best out of the role and do it justice, it's no wonder that Margot has received nominations for everything from the Golden Globes to the BAFTAs. And of course the most coveted accolade of all – the Oscar for 'Best Actress in a Leading Role'.

As this will be published before the ceremony, we won't know whether she will win the Oscar. But whether Margot Robbie walks home with an Academy Award or not, she will forever be a winner in our eyes. Her red carpet style, along with her effortless grace and beauty, not to mention the flawless way she handles herself in the public eye, are all worthy of the biggest, shiniest accolades in the world.

If looking at Margot Robbie's red carpet history is anything to go by, this Awards Season looks like it might be one of the most exciting yet. Let's take a look at some of her most jaw-dropping red carpet looks of the past few years. She's definitely made our job of narrowing them down to just a handful very stressful.



At the 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Miu Miu

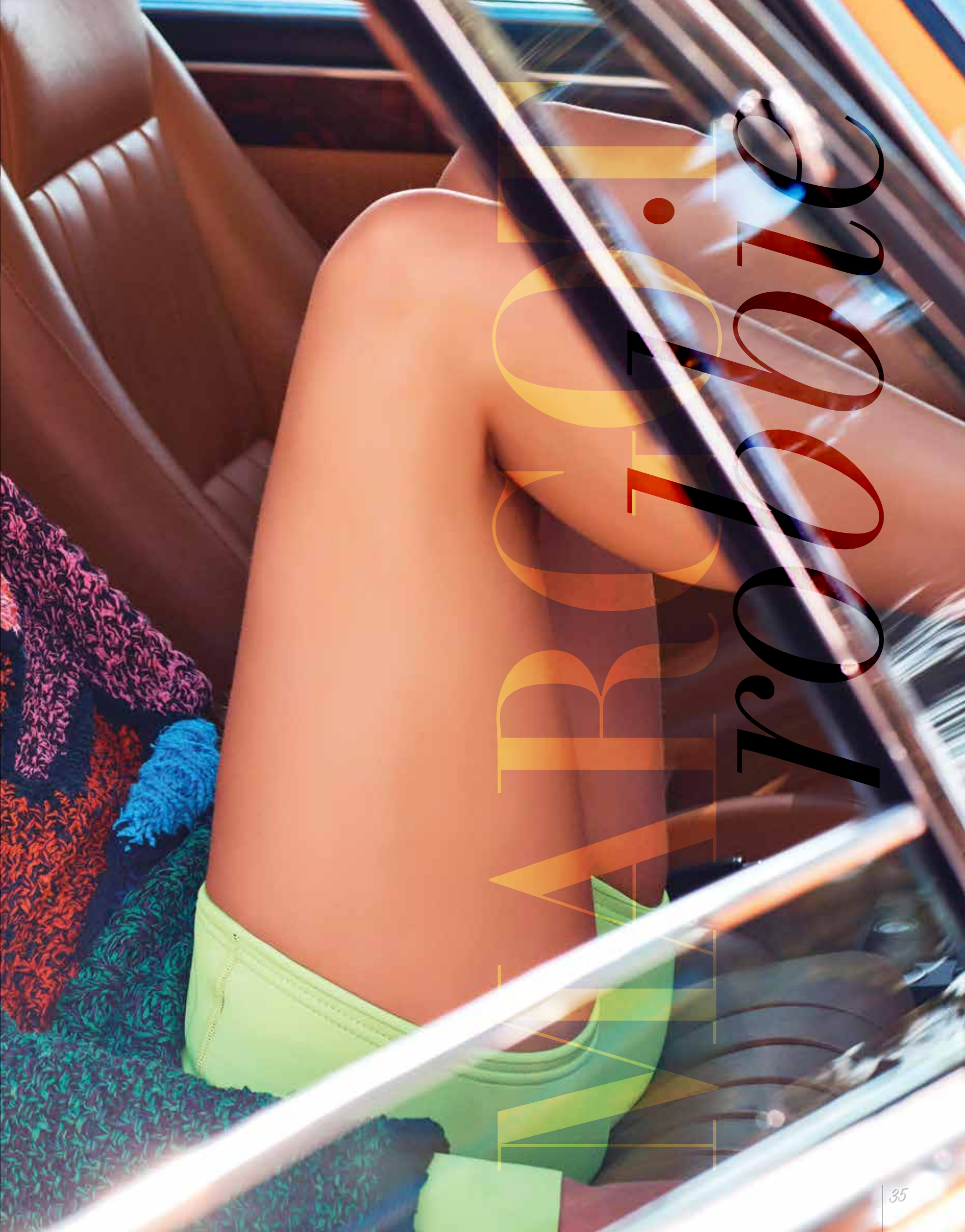
Yes, Margot Robbie! Yes, yes, a thousand times yes! This is without a doubt our favourite Margot Robbie red carpet look in recent years, if not of all time. Not only is it one of her personal best looks, but it was one of the best looks on the entire SAG Awards red carpet – and that’s saying something considering she was joined by Halle Berry, Reese Witherspoon, Mandy Moore, Dakota Fanning and Lupita Nyong’o, who all brought their A-game that evening. It’s pretty evident that Margot Robbie took some inspiration from the figure skating world with her look, which was a true show-stopper. It even came complete with ostrich feathers – and if that doesn’t scream “look at me, I’m fabulous” then we don’t know what does.



At the Hollywood premiere of I, Tonya in Versace

We gasped with surprise and delight when we first saw Margot Robbie at the I, Tonya premiere in Hollywood. Margot used the premiere of her highly anticipated film as a great excuse for a hair-over; and her new blunt crop certainly caught our eye! After her new hair debut, the second thing that caught our attention was the sparkling golden Versace dress that made sure all eyes were on Margot Robbie the entire night. This isn’t the first time the actress has gone down the metallic or golden route – and we don’t blame her as it really suits her! – but she still managed to look fresh and bring something new to the table. We think the waist cinching black belt was a nice, edgy touch to complement the Tonya Harding character she so expertly portrayed in the film. Pats on the back to everyone involved in making this red carpet look happen!





At the 31st Annual FGI Night of Stars in Marc Jacobs

If you need sartorial inspiration for the upcoming party season (oh who are we kidding? It's always party season!) then look no further than this Margot Robbie appearance. Another one of our all-time favourite red carpet looks from the actress, and it isn't hard to see why. Her glittering sequinned Marc Jacobs dress (from the Resort 2015 collection, FYI) had a lot to do with it, as did her sexy sandals courtesy of Aquazzura. Seriously, those things are so gorgeous they could make any outfit! But of course, Margot Robbie just being Margot Robbie helped bring this outfit to life too.



At the New York premiere of I, Tonya in Calvin Klein

Margot Robbie has broken so many rules here, we can't help but applaud her for her bravery. Margot forewent the classic red carpet gown that so many actresses favour when they're the leading lady in a big blockbuster, and in its place chose a remarkable ensemble which was designed by Calvin Klein's Raf Simons. The style risk definitely paid off, as it's one of our favourite Margot Robbie red carpet looks of all time. The juxtaposition of basic colours, the unassuming hairdo, the simple make-up – we love it all! Keen to protect herself from New York's unforgiving chilly air, Margot made her outerwear an essential part of her outfit, rather than choose to brave the cold or risk being snapped with a coat that doesn't complement the outfit. You'd be surprised how many A-listers have been caught out that way! Choosing a top and trouser combo definitely worked with the trench, and the lace fabric added a touch of femininity to the proceedings too. Head to toe, it was flawless; Raf Simons certainly knew what he was doing!



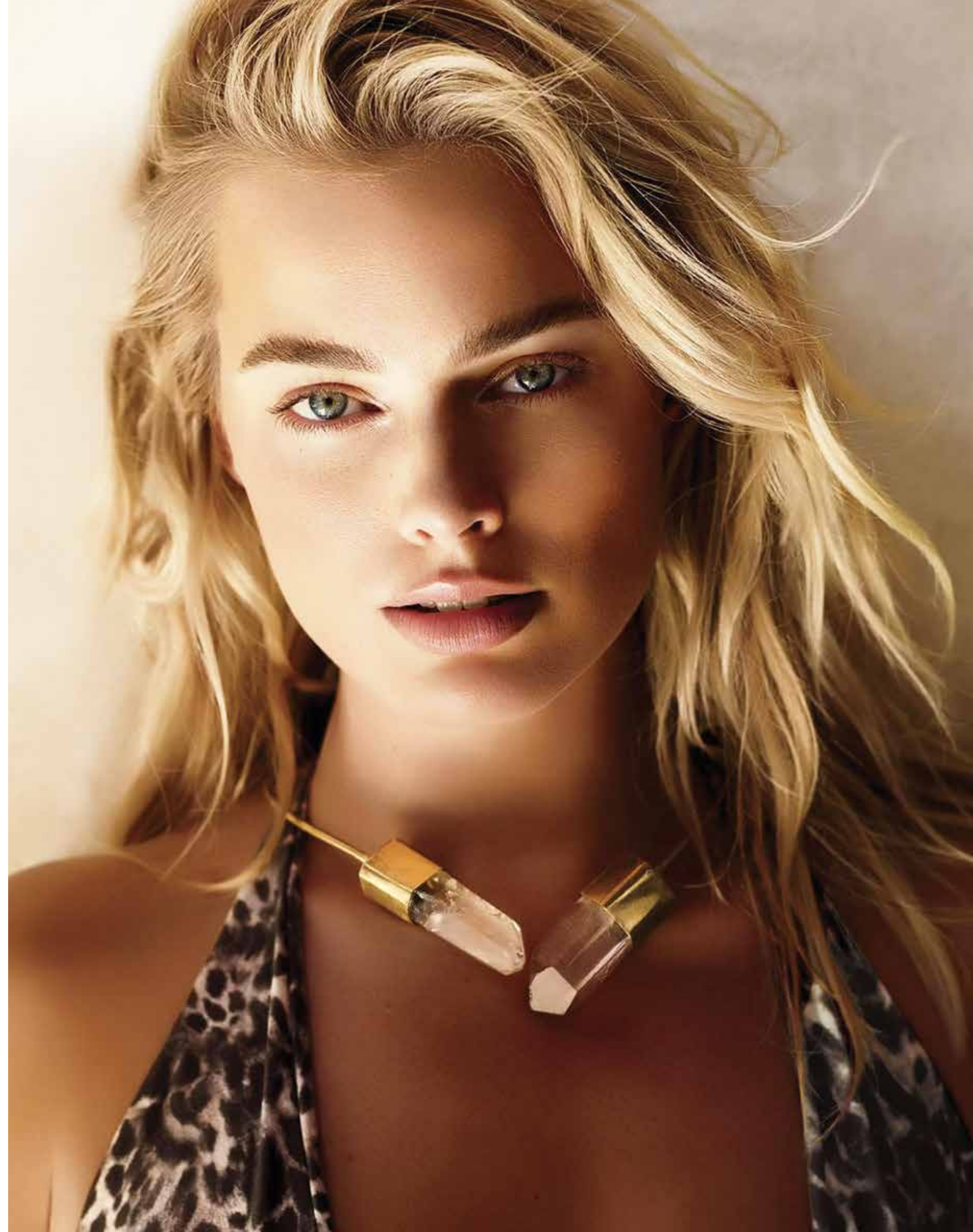
At the New York Premiere of Suicide Squad in Alexander McQueen

If you needed proof that Margot Robbie is a fashionable force to be reckoned with, then look no further than her appearance at the Suicide Squad premiere in New York, which was nothing short of breathtaking. A real work of art! If you thought her Harley Quinn outfits in the film were ‘out there’, then this premiere look is bound to shake things up even more! The dress, complete with a unicorn’s glittering mane flowing over one sleeve and its large wings sprawled across the back, is a true masterpiece, which shows just how talented the house of Alexander McQueen actually is, and how true to the brand its designers still remain to be. We can’t imagine anyone else in this dress, and we bow down to Margot Robbie for taking it in her stride and rocking it on the red carpet.



At the 75th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Gucci

This year’s Golden Globe Awards were very interesting, due to the unofficial black dress code that had been implemented as a form of silent protest against the recent sexual misconduct allegations in Hollywood. Although the awards were about so much more than the red carpet arrivals and even the nominees and winners this year, A-listers still made sure their red carpet game was on point. Standing out from the crowd when the whole crowd is wearing the same colour can be exceedingly challenging, as it won’t take much to blend into the background and merge with your colleagues. However, Margot Robbie didn’t have that problem in her custom satin Gucci gown. The 3D floral embellishments truly popped, as did the seductive shade of red lipstick that Margot chose. Oh, and we feel we should mention that she was suffering with the flu while walking this red carpet. If only we could look this good when we were under the weather...



At the London World Premiere of Goodbye Christopher Robin in Brock Collection

Wet look hair is officially back in. Why? Because Margot Robbie said so! Kick your hair dryer to the curb and embrace the air dry, because Margot Robbie has made us fall in love with the style all over again. Hair aside, we adore the soft, delicate nature of this look, which is perfect for the film that is about the creator of beloved children's character, Winnie The Pooh. Apparently Margot really struggled with the fit of this dress on the red carpet, but you wouldn't know it based on the pictures. We've said it before and we'll say it again, Margot really knows how to handle herself with style and class on the red carpet. Without the behind the scenes info, we would have had no idea. Now please excuse us while we order an orange eye palette to replicate her make-up...



At the 86th Annual Academy Awards in Saint Laurent

Did you do a double take when this brunette vixen first walked onto the red carpet? If so, you aren't alone! We admit we are going back a few years, but we did say we were going to talk about Margot's finest red carpet appearances, did we not? Margot Robbie was almost unrecognisable at the 2014 Oscars, but upon closer inspection, those piercing blue eyes and that impeccable bone structure could really only belong to one person. Margot looked sensational in her Saint Laurent red carpet dress, which is a lesson to everyone about how spectacular Academy Awards dresses need to be. They don't have to be bright, and they don't have to be covered in sparkles; they just have to have the power to take everyone's breath away, and we don't think anyone can argue with us when we say Margot Robbie achieved that.



At the London premiere of *The Legend of Tarzan* in Miu Miu

With her blonde hair and pale complexion, it could have been quite easy for Margot Robbie to look washed out in this Miu Miu dress – but she sure proved everyone wrong! The bold, dramatic eyes, complete with her aforementioned unrivalled red carpet presence made sure of that! The loose waves tied up in an equally loose bun were a nice touch; a wise choice to ensure all the focus was on the dress and its intricate detailing. A nod to the naked dress trend that seems to be taking red carpets and runways alike by storm, with Miu Miu and Margot Robbie's own stamp on it. A fabulous pairing!



At the Stakes Day at Flemington Racecourse in Ellery

We can't help but smile when we see this picture of Margot Robbie. Proving that you don't always have to don a floor length ball gown to stand out on the red carpet, Margot outshone everyone in this classy and sophisticated graphic outfit by Ellery. We love the barely there make-up and the matching yellow heels, but the true stand out piece of the outfit is without a doubt the oversized pearl encrusted headband. Large hats and fascinators are so over, and in their place, over the top headbands!



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There's nothing quite like a luxurious week of Couture shows to combat the January blues. Once again, the biggest designers in the world from Christian Dior to Chanel debuted their most spectacular Haute Couture pieces in Paris, leaving us awe-struck, enchanted, and most of all, inspired.

There were quite a few firsts at this year's Haute Couture Fashion Week too. Clare Waight Keller debuted her highly anticipated first Couture collection for Givenchy, which incidentally was the fashion House's first Couture show in eight years! Plus, Cindy Crawford's daughter Kaia Gerber walked her first ever Couture runway (for the likes of Valentino and Chanel, no less) making it one of the most unmissable and exciting Haute Couture Fashion Weeks to date.

Let's take a look at some of our highlights from one of the biggest weeks on the fashion calendar...

Chanel

Karl Lagerfeld went for sugar and spice and all things nice for his latest Chanel Couture collection, unveiling sugary sweet, ultra-feminine pieces that almost echoed some of the earliest Chanel collections in history. A great collection for anyone who likes pink and a more than generous helping of sparkle.



Chanel



Alexandre Vauthier

If you're looking for unadulterated drama, then look no further than the Alexandre Vauthier Haute Couture catwalk. Bold, empowering and head-turning – three words that will determine the dress codes of the future. Alexandre Vauthier has no time for wallflowers. And as much as we were completely obsessed by the shiny, exaggerated, rock 'n' roll clothing, it's the footwear that stole the show for us – in particular a golden pair of hologram boots so lust-worthy they rival the crystal-encrusted Saint Laurent ones we presented to you a few issues back.



Alexandre Vauthier



Givenchy

Things were pretty interesting at Givenchy too, where Clare Waight Keller debuted her first Couture collection – not just for Givenchy, but of all time. Luckily, she didn't seem to crumble under the pressure, as she delivered a divine, crowd-pleasing collection that is sure to be worn and adored by modern women to A-list celebs alike. The designer described Couture as “an open book”, which does well to explain her debut collection that was tailored to all. From sharp tailoring to blinding crystals, there's something in there for everyone.



Givenchy



Giambattista Valli

We always look forward to a Giambattista Valli show; whether it's Haute Couture Fashion Week or not, Giambattista Valli never fails to 'bring it'. This season, Giambattista Valli's extravagant collection was fit for a princess, with jaw-dropping pieces that royals and wannabe-royals alike will be lusting after. Interestingly, amidst all the drama and decadence, there were quite a few understated pieces (understated by Valli's standards, of course) that came out too. We're pretty excited about this, as his newfound accessibility will make him a go-to designer for non-A-listers looking to turn heads at their next occasion. We now have him on speed dial!



Giambattista Valli



Elie Saab

Elie Saab said goodbye to romantic, soft, feminine looks, and instead went for something far more empowering for his previous Haute Couture outing... but we're pleased to see him return to his roots for the SS18 season. Enchanting and breath-taking in equal measures, Elie Saab is back to doing what Elie Saab does best. Brides and Oscar-nominees alike would shine in his soft, predominantly pastel designs reminiscent of that old Hollywood glamour Elie Saab knows and loves. Welcome back, sir!



Elie Saab



Christian Dior

Maria Grazia Chiuri had escapism and surrealism on her mind when designing the pieces for the Christian Dior Haute Couture line. “Haute couture is a dream of fashion,” the accompanying show notes read. “It’s a place where there are no limits to pushing boundaries and experimenting with technique, material and form.” And that was certainly reflected in the pieces which essentially resembled canvases filled with artwork.



Christian Dior



Valentino

Couture Fashion Week drew to a climactic close thanks to the Valentino show. Pierpaolo Piccioli gave us the amplified drama we were waiting for; we are of course talking about the head-turning, show-stopping jellyfish hats, which were made by world famous milliner Philip Treacy. We predict that high fashion shoots and risk-taking celebs will be all over this collection.



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We know we say it every year – but we have good feelings about this year. This year is actually going to be the year we step up our work-out game, stick to our healthy eating plan, get ourselves a fool proof exercising regime, and of course, look absolutely amazing doing so. And we know we aren't alone with these resolutions, so if you too have promised yourself that you'll go down the “new year, new you” road this 2018, then these next few pages are going to be your ultimate best friends.

Gym-wear of the past may have been a little on the dull, un-exciting and even somewhat unflattering side, but not anymore! If Gigi Hadid, Kate Hudson, Demi Lovato and a host of other A-listers can make workout-wear work for them the whole year round, then we are willing to give it a go too. Plus, convincing ourselves that simply working out really is the key to their flawless bodies is another great motivator. We'll just pretend that their genes have nothing to do with it...

So without further ado, let's take a look at a comprehensive list of the most stylish work-out essentials that will make working out seem fun, and more importantly, make you feel fab at the same time too. Hey, if it motivates you to go to the gym, why not?



Nike Power Legendary Dri-FIT leggings, £30, available at Net a Porter



Fendi layered shell and stretch jersey shorts, £240, available at Net a Porter



adidas by Stella McCartney Run Stone Tight leggings, £48.88, available at Revolve



Perfect Moment star light star print leggings, £140, available at Net a Porter



Puma graphic running shorts, £30, available at Puma



Nike Dry Tempo shell shorts, £25, available at Net a Porter



Plein Sport graphic print leggings, £133, available at Far Fetch



PE Nation First Gen printed leggings, £141, available at My Theresa



Zella 'Hatha' high waist cropped leggings, £45.90, available at Nordstrom

No matter how well air conditioned your gym is, you're inevitably going to work up a sweat, so it's imperative that you stay cool throughout your work-out. Sports leggings that have been designed specifically with this in mind should be your go-to choice for bottom-wear. You can of course also forgo the leggings altogether and go for something far more UAE weather friendly, i.e. shorts. Both options get big ticks from us in terms of aesthetically pleasing work-out wear, so it's just a case of choosing whatever you feel the most comfortable with. We're greedy and like to mix it up with both shorts and leggings (shorts for outside activities such as runs and outside exercise classes, and leggings for yoga classes and gym sessions) so we would recommend a nice selection of both.

Shorts and leggings...



Sàpopa cut out vest detail top, £154,
available at Far Fetch



Elle Sport colourblock high neck support vest,
£38, available at House of Fraser

Splits59 Mile tank, £47.81,
available at Revolve



Only Play vest top, £18.99, available at Zalando

Although we don't see anything wrong with wearing basic vest tops when working out (you'll be surprised how many big name designers do the simplest but most covetable basics for this very reason) we wouldn't be doing our jobs right if we didn't point you in the direction of sports specific tops. Some of them even come with their very own built in support, although we prefer getting dedicated sports bras to ensure the most support. More on these later, but in the meantime, take a look at some of our favourite sports tops that are currently available. There are so many to choose from we can barely keep up...



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As we said earlier, getting the right support is crucial regardless of how much you think you need it or not. Sports bras come in all shapes and sizes for a reason! Show off your hard work and wear it on its own at your next all female yoga class, or let it peep through a vest top – both are perfectly acceptable options, so to reiterate our earlier point, go with whatever makes you feel the most comfortable.



DSQUARED2 logo band sports bra, £80, available at Far Fetch



The Upside camouflage sports bra, £80, available at Net a Porter

Support system...



Gucci Ace leather sneakers, £440, available at My Theresa



adidas Originals Equipment Support Adv sneakers, £100, available at Net a Porter



Giuseppe Zanotti Design python printed sneakers, £485, available at Far Fetch

When it comes to working out, it's essential to choose the right footwear that will support you through every jog, sprint, exercise class, and high intensity gym work out. In other words, if the shoes aren't right, your whole work out game will be off and you could even injure yourself if you're wearing the wrong shoes. So, for perhaps the first time ever, you can tell your boyfriend, husband or anyone else who wrongfully insists you have "too many shoes" that you really do need to invest in another pair – your health and general wellbeing depends on it! (You can try and work that angle for the next pair of Christian Louboutins you want too, but you might not have the same success rate. We'll applaud you for your determination though...) Here are just a few of our favourite trainers that have been developed by the experts to aid you in your workouts – while ensuring you look fabulous too! We've also thrown in some to-die-for sneakers that will let you fully embrace the athleisure trend without having to set foot in the gym. For perhaps the first time in history, wearing flats – sneakers, no less – can be just as fashionable as wearing the highest sky scraping heels. How can anyone wear Gucci trainers and not feel fabulous?! We rest our case!



MICHAEL Michael Kors Allie sneakers, £167, available at The Outnet



Reebok Hijacked heritage trainers, £99, available at Far Fetch



Nike Air Vapormax Flyknit sneakers, £170, available at Net a Porter

Fancy footwear...



bkr x Swarovski gold water bottle, £136.08, available at Revolve



bkr spiked water bottle, £32.37, available at Revolve

Bobble insulate bottle, £35.95, available at Selfridges



Swell medium prism bottle, £42, available at Whistles



ban.do glitter bomb water bottle, £17.72, available at Shopbop



Work-out wear isn't strictly limited to the things you put on your body, and also includes the things you put in your body too. Staying hydrated with both water and energy-boosting sports drinks are essential when working out, so why not have a fancy bottle to carry your liquids in? Get a few to mix and match them with your outfits; that's what we would do! On another note, some of these water bottles not only look good, but also do good too. The Swell water bottle, for example, is environmentally friendly which means you'll be doing your bit to save the planet. The Bobble insulated bottle will also be a revolutionary purchase, as it keeps liquids cold for up to 24 hours – gym or no gym, who doesn't need that in the scorching UAE sun? We also want to mention that it has a leak proof seal, which means it's totally safe to leave it in your designer handbag without worrying about spillages.

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the night before and leaving them in a bag by the front door should also be a good incentive to actually make it to the gym, and knowing you'll be toting one of the hottest bags of the season is a nice added bonus. An even



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Ambassador of Elegance AISHWARYA RAI BACHCHAN

Visits the Longines flagship boutique at The Dubai Mall



Longines Ambassador of Elegance, the renowned Bollywood actress and an embodiment of elegance Mrs. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, spent the afternoon at the Longines boutique in Dubai Mall today with representatives from Longines, and Rivoli Group.

The new Longines boutique at The Dubai Mall boasts of dark mahogany displays and dazzling display windows to showcase the brand's latest collection, as well as some heritage pieces. The boutique welcomes visitors into an elegant space and offers an intimate and refined shopping experience. While at the store Aishwarya Rai

Bachchan reminisced some of the key moments from her 18-year long relationship with the brand. She stated that her journey with Longines has been a memorable one and she takes great ownership and pride to be a part of the family and wishes the team all the very best.

The former Ms. World graciously signed her picture at the boutique while showcasing her gorgeous Longines watch from The Longines Master Collection, featuring a sunray blue dial. This fashionable chromatic variation is perfectly in line with the classic and understated spirit of this collection and is complimented by a blue alligator strap.

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The New Year began on a high note for Dubai Duty Free with the operation announcing record-breaking sales for 2017 of Dhs7.05 billion (US\$1.93 billion), representing a 5.6% increase over the previous year.

The sign that a remarkable year was coming to a close was evident in December when a new monthly sales record of over Dhs801 million (US\$219 million) was achieved. The operation's 34th Anniversary offer of a 25% discount on a wide range of merchandise over three days in December achieved sales of Dhs196 million (US\$54 million).

Reflecting on another memorable year at Dubai Duty Free, Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO said: "We are pleased to announce such a positive year with 2017 marking our 34th year of business. The entire team at Dubai Duty Free has worked hard to provide passengers with a first class shopping experience at both Dubai International and Al Maktoum International and I join our Chairman, H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, in thanking them for their efforts."

In 2017, the operation recorded a staggering 27.2 million sales transactions which average at 75,000 sales transactions per day, while a

total of 73 million units of merchandise were sold.

From a category point of view, Perfumes retained its position as the best-selling category with annual sales of Dhs1.1 billion (US\$300 million), contributing 16% towards total sales at Dubai Duty Free. Liquor and Tobacco categories followed with Liquor recording Dhs1.09 billion (US\$298 million) in sales, and Tobacco Dhs690.11 million (US\$189 million), representing an increase of 2% and 19% respectively.

Cosmetics jumped to fourth place with sales increasing by 17% to Dhs626 million (US\$172 million) for the year.

Other steep increases were seen in Electronics which rose by 16% to Dhs547 million (US\$150 million), mainly driven by new product launches from the likes of Apple. Watches rose by 13% to Dhs518 million (US\$142 million), while handbags and small leather sales rose by 16% to Dhs187million (US\$51 million).

Sales in Departures reached over Dhs6.1 billion (US\$1.6 billion), representing 87% of total annual sales while Arrivals sales showed a 3.6% increase over last year and accounted for 10.8% of the total annual sales.

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Club Vista Mare is a vibrant beachfront dining destination on Dubai's Palm Jumeirah. It houses seven unique restaurants offering a selection of world cuisines including Italian, Middle Eastern, European, American Nikkei (Peruvian-Japanese) and Ethiopian. The destination offers spectacular views of The Palm's eastern shoreline and some of Dubai's world-famous landmarks.

Visitors can choose from indoor and al fresco dining experiences at Breeze Beach Grill, Gursha Ethiopian Restaurant, Simply Italian, Aji, Ibn Al Bahar, The Tap House and Abyat. Club Vista Mare spans 50,000 sq ft, and provides seating for 2,000 guests at a time. There is also parking for 250 vehicles.

Chill out every Tuesday this February at Dubai's newest after-work event: Club Vista Mare's Jazz Nights at Palm Jumeirah.

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THE FISH HOUSE

DUBAI'S FRESHEST BOAT TO TABLE CONCEPT OPENING
AT INTERCONTINENTAL DUBAI FESTIVAL CITY



A fresh culinary concept new to Dubai's dining scene is set to open its doors next week at Dubai Festival City's prestigious waterfront. Located in the 5 star InterContinental Hotel, The Fish House comprises local fish along with quality and personalisation.

Inspired by local heritage and the simplicity of diligently sourcing the freshest produce, The Fish House prides itself on delivering an authentic dining experience, accompanied by a social and warm atmosphere.

The Fish House is built on a simple premise of promising the freshest range of fish combined with the appreciation of individual preference and palette. Unconstrained by tradition, fresh produce is prepared and cooked to suit the taste buds of each guest, offering a diverse and varied array of customisation options.

"The centre-piece of The Fish House experience is our signature raw bar which houses our charcoal and wood grill, allowing our team to prepare your meal right at the heart of the venue. In addition, our

hero Fish House Tower dishes are what sets us apart, showcasing an impressive assortment of premium fresh delicacies of the ocean. We cherish the food, the theatre and the atmosphere". - Ben Nicholas – Restaurant General Manager, The Fish House

The cold bar houses the catch of the day on ice, enabling diners to interact with the chef whilst choosing how they would like to customise through cooking style, side and sauce. Options include deep fried, pan fried, poached, oven baked, breaded and barbequed, offering something for everyone.

"Over the last century fishing and pearl diving have been at the heart of Emirati life, with The Gulf playing home to a wide variety of fish and sea treasures. The Fish House is the proud recipient of this daily bounty and we are extremely excited to be able to share this boat to table dining experience". – James Koratzopoulos – Regional General Manager, Dubai and Area General Manager, InterContinental Hotels at Dubai Festival City



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