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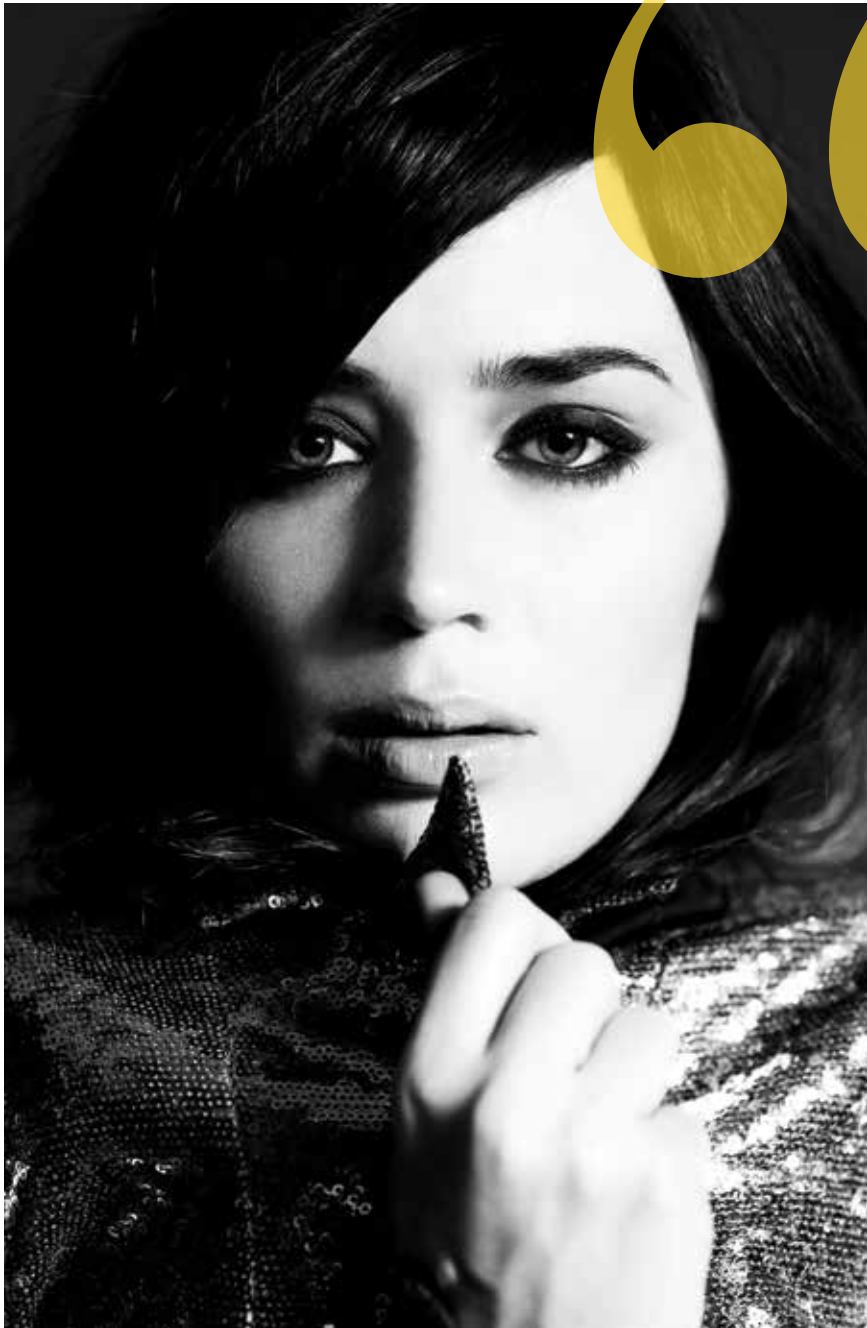
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Editor's LETTER



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Seems like only yesterday we were raving about the AW18 collections. Alas, a new season is now upon us, and it's safe to say that the SS19 ready to wear catwalk offerings might just be some of the most explosive and covetable ones yet. Fashion month fever has officially taken over, as we show you how to channel one of our favourite FROW looks from New York Fashion Week. If sparkle and OTT are words that have you squealing with delight, then you won't be disappointed. And speaking of OTT- we also show you some of our favourite, most outlandish statement earrings that are currently available. Wear as you dare! But perhaps most excitingly of all, we obsess over our cover star and (eternal- not just for this issue!) style crush Emily Blunt and her always-radiant red carpet appearances. Let's get started...

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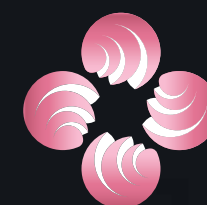
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Get VICTORIA JUSTICE'S

New York Fashion Week, Alice + Olivia look!

It isn't just the catwalks that we take inspiration from during Fashion Month. As well as the main catwalk collections, street style shots and star-studded front rows also take up a lot of our time and attention, as we marvel at the outfits that fashionistas from all four cities put together. A lot of the time, A-list FROWers will turn up to catwalk shows fully decked out in clothes from the very designers they are there to see. Some of them are from the brand new season which, although does a great job of teasing us and showing us sneak peeks of what the new season holds, can also be very frustrating as it means we can't shop the pieces straight away. However, Victoria Justice's appearance at the Alice + Olivia New York Fashion Week show last month wasn't one of those times, as the actress's outfit is ready to snap up right this very second. Praise the fashion gods! Although there were countless top front row appearances from the fashion elite, there was something pretty special about Victoria Justice's look. It was bold, it was loud, it was totally over the top... and it ticked all the boxes for a Fashion Month worthy appearance. Sparkles – check. Sky scraping footwear – check. A must-have (faux) fur jacket that all literature dictates worthy of a true fashion empresses – check! A walking hyperbole, this Victoria Justice look took no prisoners, and we are absolutely determined to rock it at whatever big event we deem worthy.



Alice + Olivia Lisha boat neck pullover

Bad news if you don't like peacock blue, because this whole look is dedicated to the dramatic hue. This Alice + Olivia jumper is in a totally different league to your staple, comfy winter knit, as this piece is all about the drama. When you're not channelling Victoria Justice, wear it tucked into your favourite pair of jeans to add some glitz to everyday proceedings.

Alice + Olivia Lisha boat neck pullover, £283.17, available at Alice + Olivia



Alice + Olivia Celyn sequinned booties

How can anyone resist the magic of these ankle boots? Look up party boots in the dictionary and we guarantee that you will find a picture of these boots glaring back at you. No other footwear choice would have completed Victoria's look as well as these Celyn sequinned booties, so ensure that you add them to your basket the second you commit to trying out this look for yourself. We don't want to make the rest of the pieces feel bad, but it's safe to say that they essentially make the outfit! Alice + Olivia Celyn sequinned booties, £481.38, available at Alice + Olivia



ZAC Zac Posen Eartha Iconic mini glitter top handle bag

Who doesn't love a black, goes-with-everything crossbody bag? This ZAC Zac Posen bag, paired with Victoria's Alice + Olivia ensemble, is proof that it will go with any outfit combination you throw at it. Although Victoria Justice has gone for the black patent version, the black glitter top handle version we have selected is a pretty impressive substitution. Because when has glitter ever been a bad thing? ZAC Zac Posen Eartha Iconic mini glitter top handle bag, £377, available at Far Fetch



Alice + Olivia Ramos sequinned fitted pencil skirt

Get the party started and then be the life and soul of the aforementioned party with this Alice + Olivia pencil skirt. Although more is definitely more with Victoria Justice's look, if you want to go for a less is more approach (which is also totally OK, although you can't really be understated with a skirt like this) then we would suggest pairing it with a cream-coloured cami instead.

Alice + Olivia Ramos sequinned fitted pencil skirt, £238.66, available at Alice + Olivia

SCENT-SATIONAL!

The freshest fragrances for scorching temperatures

In the famous words of Coco Chanel, “a woman who doesn’t wear perfume has no future.” Brutal for the non-perfume-wearers of the world (but seriously, who are these people? Do they even exist?!) but we definitely see where she was coming from. Far be it from us to argue with the great Coco Chanel. And we don’t think that statement was just something to encourage women to invest in her very own scent, because perfume has always been a crucial part of a woman’s identity. It’s no secret that we associate different smells with different people, places and even memories, meaning that there’s a certain level of nostalgia that comes with different scents. Smell is one of the most powerful senses, and choosing the right fragrance is a task that should not and must not be taken lightly.

Although we adore strong and potent fragrances – some of our all-time favourites easily fall into this category – we know that they aren’t normally favoured in scorching temperatures, as most of us like to choose lighter and even fresher scents. As the UAE inevitably falls into the scorching category – and then some! – we’ve compiled a list of some of our favourite go-to summer fragrances which can be worn the whole year round, in particular during the highest of high temperatures. You’re welcome!



Tom Ford Soleil Blanc

This perfume literally has the word sun in it, so it makes perfect sense for it to be a clean, fresh scent that’s perfect for the hot weather. As with anything with Tom Ford’s name on, you know you’re getting something truly extraordinary; the decadent, seductive, floral-meets-amber combination works wonderfully, making this Tom Ford Soleil Blanc fragrance a must have for all seasons! Tom Ford Soleil Blanc Eau de Parfum 50 ml, £162, available at Selfridges

Chanel Chance Eau Fraîche

We couldn’t reference Chanel at the beginning without including something from the French fashion house. Chanel famously has some of the most recognisable fragrances around, but Chanel Chance Eau Fraîche (a fresher version of its popular Chance perfume) is easily one of its lightest and most sun-appropriate fragrances to date. Light, and fresh enough to wear in the hottest of temperatures, yet strong enough to provide a lasting – but by no means overpowering – smell. We also like applying the Chance deodorant, shower gel, and moisturiser to really load up on the smell and make sure nothing gets in the way of its scent. And we certainly never go anywhere without our trusty travel sized version – no beach bag is complete without it! Chanel Chance Eau Fraîche Eau de Toilette 150 ml, £115, available at Chanel





Marc Jacobs Daisy Kiss

If you could identify the different smells of summer and bottle them up, we're pretty sure it would smell a lot like Marc Jacobs' Daisy fragrance. Marc Jacobs knows exactly what we are looking for in a summer perfume; so cocky is he that not only has he released the perfect summer scent in Daisy, but he has also gone one step further with Daisy Kiss. The light fragrance is a nice twist on the traditional Daisy, and comes complete with top notes of blackcurrant, heart notes of peonies, cherry blossoms and pink roses, and base notes of blonde woods, sandalwood and ambrox.

All in all, Daisy doesn't disappoint!

Marc Jacobs Daisy Kiss Eau de Toilette 75 ml, £49.95, available at The Beauty Store

Yves Saint Laurent Black Opium Floral Shock

Imagine yourself sipping your morning coffee on the balcony while staring at some stunning oceanic scenery. Now if we told you that the aforementioned scenery comes with its very own smell, would you believe us? Yves Saint Laurent's Black Opium Floral Shock has the most instantly unique and distinctive smell of fresh coffee (yes, seriously) perfectly blended with vanilla, orange blossom and gardenias. Summer and caffeine all rolled into one deliciously addictive perfume!

Yves Saint Laurent Black Opium Floral Shock Eau De Parfum 90 ml, £92, available at Debenhams



Jo Malone Rare Teas Cologne

Jo Malone boasts some of the most covetable and recognisable scents of our time, so it shouldn't come as a shock to see her name pop up on this list. The Rare Teas Cologne collection offers something to cater to every single woman, especially as many of the scents offer something that's a bit different to the traditional florals. Remember – not everyone likes the floral overload! Light and very appropriate for summer heat, but with distinctive, unique smells to suit all tastes. The Oolong tea cologne is a great all-rounder, and is one of our favourites from the collection!

Jo Malone Oolong tea cologne 175 ml, £240, available at Harrods

Oscar de la Renta Bella Blanca

Now this is an interesting fragrance that is bound to get you noticed. If you are partial to strong smells, but don't want something in the traditional, floral and generally overpowering category, then this is the scent for you. This is a perfume that doesn't need to be reapplied throughout the day as it lasts from day to night, but the fruity smells combined with the unmistakable summer scent of jasmine isn't too overpowering for hot weather. While there are other, perhaps lighter fragrances we would choose for a day by the pool, this is definitely the scent we would reach for when heading out for the evening.

Oscar de la Renta Bella Blanca Eau de Parfum 100 ml, £81, available at Liberty London





Cartier La Panthère

A lighter, fresher take on the captivating classic that is the eau de parfum version, Cartier La Panthère Eau de Toilette is a true staple scent for summer. It ticks all the boxes in terms of floral notes that are instantly associated with summer, but also adds something a little bit different to the mix too. The notes of gardenia definitely give this perfume the seductive and addictive edge over many of its competitors. We can't imagine a summer without it!

Cartier La Panthère Eau de Toilette 75 ml, £95, available at John Lewis

Bulgari Mon Jasmin Noir L'Eau Exquise

The perfect scent for all the jasmine lovers out there, with possibly one of the lightest and dreamiest formulas imaginable. If you're after a weightless perfume that's perfect for the summer sun (of course you are – why else would you still be reading?) then this one ticks all the boxes. Enough said! Bulgari Mon Jasmin Noir L'Eau Exquise Eau de Toilette 75 ml, £68, available at Bulgari



PS: And speaking of UAE-friendly fragrances. Our girl Huda Kattan recently teased that her Huda Beauty brand is getting its very own perfume. A natural progression for the brand that is slowly but surely taking over the world. And as some of her products already come with a dreamy, seductive and completely addictive smell (the Easy Bake loose powders in particular smell incredible! Give them a sniff if you don't believe us) we have every faith that the new scent will be a real treat for the senses. Smell is a given, but we are confident it will be a treat for the eyes too, because when has a Huda Beauty product ever not been aesthetically pleasing? At the time of printing, there's no word on the expected release date of the perfume as Huda and the gang are gearing up for the Overachiever concealer launch, but we predict that it will be an instant sell-out. Keep your eyes firmly peeled on her social media accounts for more info. Who's excited?

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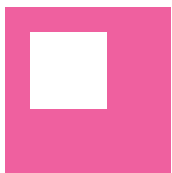
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10 of the Best... STATEMENT EARRINGS!

We don't know what's happened, but at some point this year, we have seen the complete and utter re-dominance of earrings. An outfit was never complete without a subtle or even statement pair of earrings, but the world's obsession with earrings has soared to new heights this year. Big, small, diamond, crystal, beaded – you name it, we're addicted! Statement earrings in particular have proven more popular this year than we can ever remember – and absolutely nothing is off the table (and therefore ear.) It takes a lot to shock us, but even we have to admit that we have seen some pretty outlandish earrings this year. Outlandish they may be, but boring they are not. And that's exactly what makes fashion so exciting and unpredictable!

What better way to celebrate the debut of yet another season (flick over to our SS19 trend round-up for a full overview of what's hot for the new season) than to celebrate some of our favourite designers' takes on the must-have statement earring. We must warn you though – some of these earrings are not for the faint hearted.

Do you think you have the confidence to pull them off?



These actually come in an array of lust-worthy colours (red and turquoise are just two of our other favourites) but the yellow ones are perfect for a country that sees the sun practically all year long. If you're ever stuck in an outfit rut, simply adding a statement pair of earrings will literally transform the outfit – and we bet your mood, too – in a heartbeat.

Oscar de la Renta short beaded tassel clip on earrings, £350, available at Liberty London



Nobody will second-guess the identity of the designing duo behind these earrings, that's for sure. Statement earrings – well, statement anything if we're being honest – encompass Dolce and Gabbana so perfectly; bold and unashamedly out there is the Dolce and Gabbana mantra, and these earrings certainly don't disappoint. Dolce and Gabbana gold plated enamel and crystal earrings, £595, available at Net a Porter



Wow. Just – wow. We were taken aback by the beauty of these earrings when we first laid eyes on them – and it's not hard to see why. Wear these to black tie balls or any high profile event with an ultra-glamorous dress code. They frame the face wonderfully, so let them be the main attraction and wear your hair in an un-distracting yet complementary up-do.

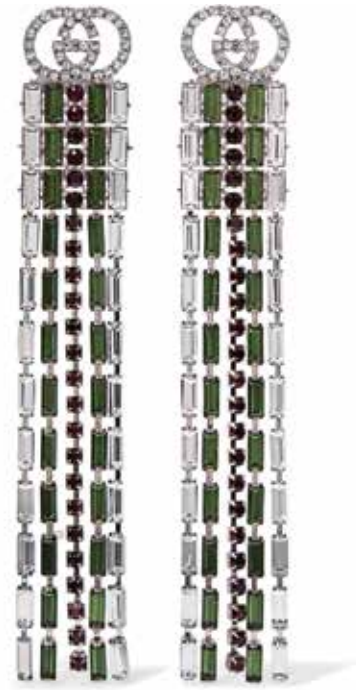
Alessandra Rich draped crystal earrings, £375, available at Matches





Akin to Dolce and Gabbana, Gucci is another brand that doesn't do things by halves. Gucci's Pre-Fall '18 collection was all about statement jewels, so we knew exactly where to look when we embarked on our statement earrings quest. The rich traditional red and green Gucci hues translate into crystal jewel tones wonderfully, and the unmistakable and iconic double G Gucci lettering provides the perfect finishing touch.

Gucci silver-plated crystal earrings, £1,120, available at Net a Porter



Grapes – why ever not? When you've seen everything, nothing really surprises you, but we have to admit that even we were slightly intrigued by these earrings. The colour and dimension of these earrings will take your breath away, and will naturally be the focal point of any outfit.

Irene Neuwirth rose gold opal spheres earrings, £5,985.29, available at Ylang23



We couldn't resist another stunning piece by Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana. Even though they don't come emblazoned with the logo like the last pair, we still think they will be recognisable to anyone in the know. After all, Dolce and Gabbana is unmistakable. A softer take on the statement earring, we love the idea of wearing these with more romantic ensembles and being the undisputed belle of the ball.

Dolce and Gabbana silver plated enamel and crystal clip earrings, £445, available at Net a Porter



Erdem never fails to deliver when it comes to attention-grabbing pieces, and these statement earrings are no exception. Tear-drop/pear shapes are one of the most popular modern shapes for both earrings and rings this year, so we love how he has played with the shape and incorporated the stunning pearl and crystal detailing to make these truly unforgettable earrings come to life.

Erdem teardrop earrings, £490, available at My Theresa



These are a pair of the finest and most intricate statement earrings we have laid eyes on. Each expertly and carefully hand-made bundle portrays a stunning floral bouquet, and we are in love. Between the sophisticated design and the bold blood orange colour, these earrings will surely remain in your jewellery box even when the extravagant statement earring trend dies down.

Sachin & Babi Fleur bouquet earrings, £334, available at Far Fetch



Hoop earrings, but as you've never seen them before! Safe to say that Chloé has taken the traditional hoop earring idea and run away with it, creating a bold and whimsical statement earring that we can't imagine living without. Wear with your most bohemian and even smart-casual outfits to make the pieces pop.

Chloé hoop drop earrings, £295, available at My Theresa



Statement earrings may be the new modern trend, but these earrings scream vintage to us. Faux pearls, crystals, and a mesmerising purple centre (complete with Miu Miu's iconic swallow, no less) make up these covetable statement earrings. What's not to love?!

Miu Miu silver tone multi stone clip earrings, £315, available at Net a Porter

Trend to Try

POLKA

dots!

We spend our lives trying to rid our complexions of spots, but it's a whole different story when it comes to our wardrobes. We're in a polka dot frenzy right now, as polka dots are officially back (although, did they ever really go anywhere?) and they are better than ever! Continue reading if you don't believe us...

The classic polka dot print is a classic for a reason. We love the original black on white polka dot formation, but also like to think outside the box with other variations too. We're all about mixing it up with different colours and sizes this season, although at the same time, fully appreciate the iconic formula too. In other words, as long as it's polka dot, we'll have it! Here are just a few of our many, many polka dot favourites that are available to snap up right now...

Cute, feminine, yet enticingly romantic – this Valentino ruffle skirt ticks all those boxes with ease. Team with Valentino's matching polka dot and lace blouse (highly encouraged!) for a seamlessly put together look, or dress it down with something as simple as a black vest top, with the option of smartening it up with a chic blazer.



We also love the idea of dressing down the blouse too; give it some edge by teaming with some fierce leather trousers and a pair of Valentino's infamous rockstud heels. Valentino polka dot ruffle skirt, £1,020, and Valentino polka dot blouse, £1,835, both available at Harrods

Whimsical and carefree are two words we would use to describe this floating polka dot creation from Caroline Constras. Easy to wear and accessorise for all occasions; how about wearing it with your highest wedges for that impromptu beach party? Caroline Constras polka dot skirt, £505, available at Far Fetch



French fashion house Saint Laurent has really upped the glam thanks to this disco-ready polka dot shirt. Forget the vintage and feminine opinions you had about polka dot print, because Saint Laurent has reimagined them in a fun, glitzy and totally 2018 approved new way. And we are addicted!

Saint Laurent polka dot tie neck shirt, £1,621, available at Far Fetch



Now time for the life changing, game changing hero piece of our polka dot edit, thanks to this sensational creation by none other than Monique Lhuillier. We've long regarded "sensational" as Monique Lhuillier's middle name, and this dress essentially sums up why. This pure silk extravaganza features a modern, abstract polka dot print, and even comes with cleverly concealed pockets for crying out loud! Monique Lhuillier has thought of EVERYTHING!

Monique Lhuillier polka dot ruffle gown, £4,590, available at Harrods



Now we're talking! If you're after something ever so slightly unconventional in terms of not only polka dot print but also silhouette, then we are calmly but excitedly directing you to this Magda Butrym piece. A dress this colour instantly commands attention, so it's a good thing that it's ultra-figure-flattering, as well as chic and fashion forward all at the same time. The button detailing is also a nice touch!

Magda Butrym Reno polka dot dress, £573, available at Net a Porter



Feminine, sophisticated, and with a silhouette to die for – we are all about this silk blend Zimmermann polka dot dress! The pussy-bow detailing also adds to the luscious femininity of the dress, and we adore how the brand has played around with the classic polka dot colour palette to create something so fresh yet so timeless. Zimmermann polka dot midi dress, £750, available at Moda Operandi



We all love the option of going hands free; whether we are touring the world, boarding a plane, dancing the night away, and even hitting the mall (we need all hands available to rifle through those clothes hangers; are we right?) so it comes as no surprise to learn that the camera bag is fast becoming one of the most popular bag sizes of the year. While we are aware that trends come and go, we can say with some confidence that this Valentino polka dot bag will be lusted after forever. How can it not be a lifetime staple wardrobe piece? Valentino rockstud polka dot leather camera bag, £940, available at Matches

Inject a bit of retro glam into your wardrobe with this polka dot bomber jacket from none other than Dolce and Gabbana. We love how the boys have added their own vintage spin onto the classic trend, and think this bomber jacket can work with a whole host of different outfits. On top of your favourite skater dress? Check! On top of a chic black jumpsuit? Check again! And perhaps our favourite of all – on top of another polka dot piece? Triple check! Dolce and Gabbana silk bomber jacket, £725, available at My Theresa



Are these not the cutest polka dotted sandals you have ever seen in your life? We light up every time we see these Gianvito Rossi beauties, and are mentally pairing them up with the majority of our wardrobe as we speak. Cute and playful, we know we will have a great time in these stilettos, regardless of the occasion! Gianvito Rossi polka dot suede sandals, £590, available at My Theresa



Just when we thought we had enough items to drool over... Emanuel Ungaro's collaboration with Malone Souliers is the collaboration we never knew we so desperately needed until we laid eyes on some of the pieces for the first time. We are eternally grateful for the Emanuel Ungaro/ Malone Souliers dream team for many reasons, one of which being these polka dot cage heels. The juxtaposition of the edgy cage straps and the playful side bows hasn't gone unnoticed. And neither has the experimentation with big and small polka dots against reversed black and white backgrounds. Genius!

Malone Souliers X Emanuel Ungaro Joan polka-dot sandals, £595, available at Matches



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Style crushing on...

EMILY *blunt!*

We regard English rose Emily Blunt as a chameleon not just in terms of her award-winning acting range, but in terms of her style too. We've spent years fawning over the actress and her impeccable style choices on and off the red carpet. From pulling off casual cool as she goes about her day, to the smart, chic, aesthetic that is the unspoken goal for talk shows and press events, to all-out glam at the biggest awards ceremonies of the year – Emily Blunt has never let us down with her sartorial choices. It's no secret that Emily Blunt is a stylist and designer's dream to work with, as she has the look, figure and confidence to pull virtually anything off. Not to mention her Hollywood A-lister status! Her quintessentially British sass gives her quite the edge over some of her fellow actresses, yet her quirk that is noticeable on the red carpet and in interviews sets her apart from other actresses who have also been given the coveted English rose title. She's an all-rounder!

No wonder Emily Blunt is playing the role of Mary Poppins – the character who is quoted as describing herself as “practically perfect in every way”. The character was written by P.L. Travers, but the TV role was of course made famous by the one and only Julie Andrews. From the spine-tingling trailers we have seen so far, we know that Emily Blunt will fill her shoes marvellously, while also making the role her own. The film is slated for release at the end of the year, which means we have a lot to look forward to over the next few months as far as Emily Blunt's red carpet outings are concerned. We predict that her 'Mary Poppins Returns' promo trail might just give us some of her best looks yet! Watch this space!

It's clear to see that there's something rather special about Emily Blunt, and her red carpet style is only the beginning. We'll promise to talk you through some of our many favourite recent red carpet looks, as long as you promise to remember that her style is only a fraction of her global appeal...



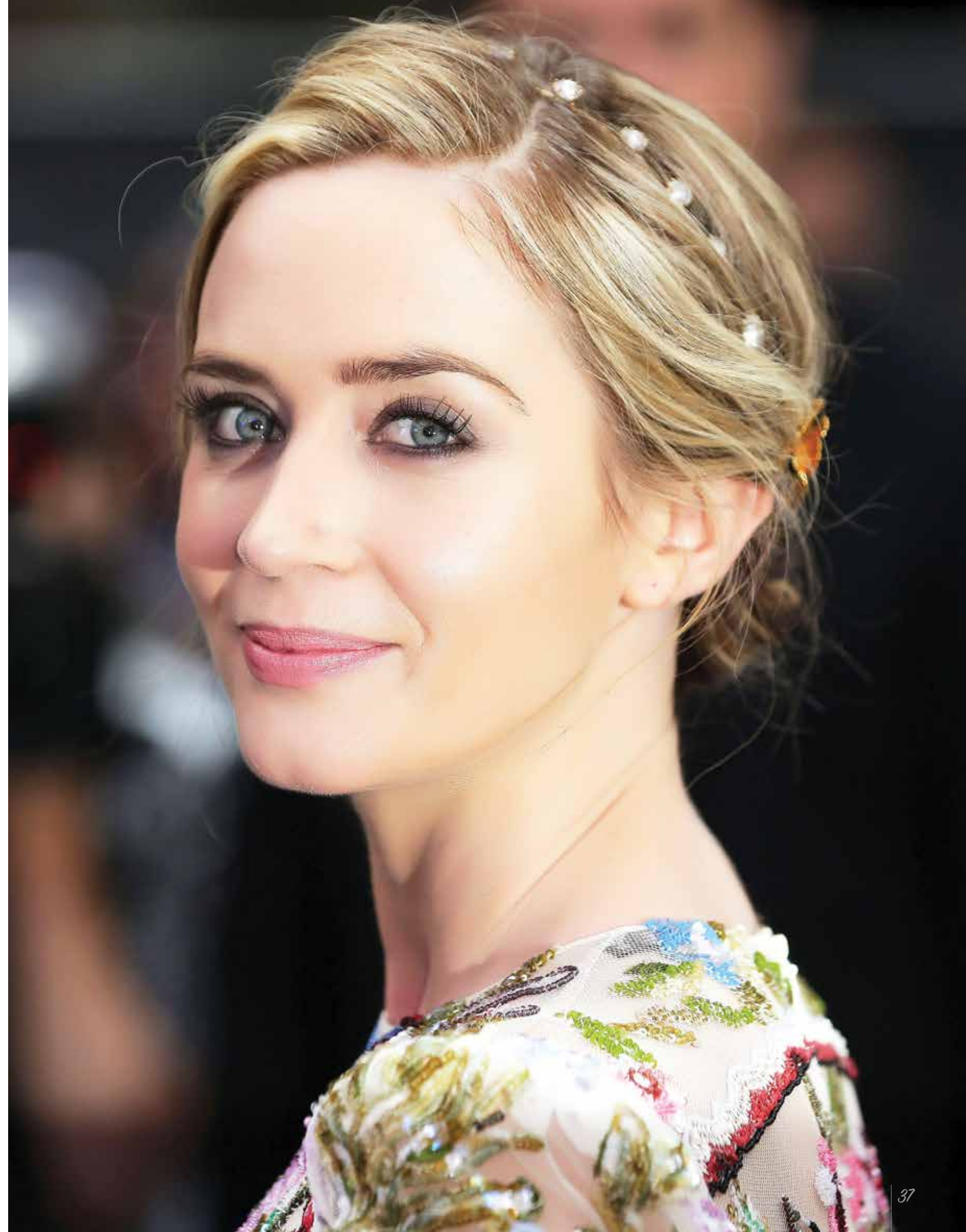
■ *In Oscar de la Renta at the 'A Quiet Place' New York Premiere*

Emily Blunt showcased Oscar de la Renta at his finest when she floated onto the red carpet for her new movie, 'A Quiet Place'. The actress had every reason to bring her A game, as she was walking the red carpet alongside husband and co-star John Krasinski. Not only that, but power couple Blake Lively (she who never puts a style foot wrong) and Ryan Reynolds were also walking alongside them, so there was no room for sartorial slip ups. Luckily, Emily Blunt not only held her own in this enchanting outfit, but she won our best dressed of the night crown in a heartbeat.



■ *In Emilio Pucci at the 2015 Critics' Choice Movie Awards*

An oldie but a goodie! Emily Blunt's 2015 Critics' Choice Movie Awards red carpet look has stuck in our minds for years, and it's not hard to see why. She was the radiant lady in red thanks to her embroidered halter neck Emilio Pucci gown which flawlessly hugged her enviable frame, and the accessorising was just as dreamy too. Soft waves juxtaposed with devilish come hither smoky eyes and sparkly accessories – tick, tick, tick!



■ *In Schiaparelli Couture at the 2018 Oscars*

Who floated down the Oscars red carpet looking like a dreamy fairy Princess? Emily Blunt, of course. We are in love with her latest Academy Awards look, and if we didn't know any better, would say that the Schiaparelli Couture gown was made exclusively for her! We can't imagine anyone else wearing this stunning dress, especially as it complemented her hair and skin tone so beautifully. The dress is the perfect example of Schiaparelli Couture craftsmanship; it takes someone of skill and impeccable vision to dream up a dress of this standard. The appliquéd bodice alone is the stuff of fairytales!



■ *In Christian Dior Pre-Fall 2018 at the Christian Dior Spring 2018 Couture show*

If conservative yet striking dressing is your aesthetic of choice, you could do a lot worse than raiding Emily Blunt's style file for inspiration. The actress has proven time and time again that dressing modestly doesn't equate to dressing blandly, and this sleek and totally wow-worthy Christian Dior dress which she wore to the Christian Dior Spring 2018 Couture show is all the proof you need. She kept it simple with minimal make-up (but flawless skin, thank you!) and her signature smart-casual loose up-do.



In Alexander McQueen at the 2018 Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party

Emily Blunt went in a whole new direction for the 2018 Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party. Things were ethereal and romantic for the main event, but she really shook things up in a stunning embroidered illusion dress for the after party. See, we told you she was a style chameleon! There was so much intricate detailing going on with the Alexander McQueen dress (from Art Nouveau flowers to bird embroidery) yet Emily Blunt still managed to stand out. The golden earrings, which matched her golden hair, and barely there make-up complemented the dress wonderfully.



In Prabal Gurung at the 'A Quiet Place' SXSW Festival Premiere

Emily Blunt was on fire during the 'A Quiet Place' promo trail, as this Prabal Gurung look so clearly demonstrates. Emily Blunt is one of the few lucky fair-skinned women who can actually pull off pastel colours without looking washed out, and we're delighted, as some of our favourite looks have involved softer and more muted colour palettes. We love how she teamed this otherwise very delicate and feminine dress with a loose up-do and chunky heels. Emily Blunt nails the smart casual dress code every time!



In Prada at the 2016 Oscars

Prada is another designer brand that Emily Blunt favours for her big red carpet appearances; and for good reason! Emily Blunt was pastel perfection at the 2016 Oscars, but the actress was sporting another accessory with her look too... a burgeoning baby bump! The pregnancy glow is not a myth, as the actress was glowing the entire night, and beaming from ear to ear. Easily one of our favourite Emily Blunt looks of all time!



In Alexander McQueen at the 2017 BAFTAs

If there's one thing we've learnt during our Emily Blunt style stalking, it's that the actress loves a bit of embroidery. Or more accurately, it loves her! Emily Blunt blew us away with her whimsical 2017 BAFTAs red carpet appearance, largely thanks to her incredible Alexander McQueen dress. Complete with winter-appropriate floral, medieval embroidery and a bold ruffled, layered skirt for optimum movement, the dress helped Emily Blunt secure a top spot on the First Avenue best dressed list. Extra points for the striking red lip which brought out the red hues in the dress, and the dramatic feline eye. Perfection!

In Prada at the 'The Girl on the Train' New York premiere

Emily Blunt and husband John Krasinski were the epitome of couple goals when they walked the 'The Girl on the Train' New York premiere red carpet in matching turquoise ensembles. However, it was Emily Blunt who stole the sartorial show thanks to her gorgeous Prada number. We love how she went for colour for this premiere, when her signature pastel colours could have easily been an option. The style risk certainly paid off, and we cannot fault her tousled blonde waves, smoky eyes, and fuchsia lippie either.



In Alexander McQueen at the 'The Girl on the Train' London premiere

Another Alexander McQueen look for Emily Blunt... can you blame her? We would have Sarah Burton on our top speed dial if we could, especially if quality dresses like this one were guaranteed. On another note, we don't envy the make-up team working on the 'The Girl on the Train' movie, as they had a tough job making Emily Blunt look washed out and "less attractive" for her role. They tried their best, we suppose...

SS19 RTW

Top Trends from the

SPRING/SUMMER

2019 RTW Collections

SS19 already? Time really does fly! It seems like only yesterday that the Cruise and Haute Couture collections made their way down the catwalks. Louis Vuitton, Valentino, and as always – Chanel were just a few of the big names that blew us away with their aforementioned collections. Their inter-seasonal offerings really whet our appetites for the new season, and their brand new collections have certainly lived up to our expectations.

And if we're being honest, February still doesn't feel like very long ago either, so the Autumn/Winter 2018 collections are still pretty fresh in our minds too. However, the fashion calendar dictates that we forget all that and focus on the bright and shiny new Spring/Summer 2019 season. And bright really is the operative word here...

We're delighted that the designers have taken the spring/summer season literally on this occasion, as the runways were packed with bold, bright shades that practically warranted indoor sunglasses. (And we wouldn't have minded that, as the sunglasses that we saw this season were particularly lust-worthy.) SS19 also got a little nostalgic with references to the 80s, 90s, and television shows from our childhood.

Just wait 'til you see the brand new Coach collection to see what we mean!

As well as the new collections, there were some other stand-out moments from this season's Fashion Month too. Karl Lagerfeld's barefoot Chanel models walked on a sandy white beach, Hedi Slimane debuted his highly anticipated first collection at Celine, Rihanna featured pregnant models at her Savage x Fenty show (one of whom gave birth shortly after the show if you can believe it!), Victoria Beckham finally went back to her roots and showed her tenth anniversary collection at London Fashion Week, and perhaps most excitingly of all, in the midst of everything, Michael Kors went ahead and bought Versace for \$2.1 Billion. No biggie.

Join us as we break down some of our favourite new trends of the brand new Spring/Summer 2019 season. We love them ALL!

Yellow

Yellow was the undisputed colour of the season, which we learnt right from the start when New York Fashion Week kicked off. Oscar de la Renta did a particularly good job of enticing us with the colour, thanks to a stunning red-carpet-worthy yellow ballgown, and others designers from our four cities showed us more casual variations too. We can definitely get on board with stocking our future wardrobes with this colour!



CHANEL



Oscar de la Renta



NAEEM KHAN



MARC JACOBS



GUCCI

Suits

We thought spring/summer would be more about swimsuits than tailored suits, but oh how wrong we were. In amongst the must-have beachwear pieces were an abundance of sharp and powerful suits that we couldn't help but take huge notice of. The empowered woman isn't going anywhere; in fact, she's stronger and more stylish than ever! Eudon Choi and JW Anderson made sure London Fashion Week had its fair share of sharp suits, while Milan Fashion Week boasted feminine yet trend driven suits. Extra points go to Dolce and Gabbana who incorporated polka dots and suits together – genius – and to Christian Dior for softening the suit up into something delicate at Paris Fashion Week.



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ChristianDior

Polka Dots

We never get tired of seeing polka dot on the catwalk – probably because we will never, and we repeat never, get tired of wearing it season after season.

We're so obsessed with polka dot that we have dedicated an entire feature to it, so make sure you flip over to our 'Trend to Try: Polka Dot' spread to shop the hottest polka dot pieces right now. Yep, no need to wait for the new season pieces to drop – you're welcome! Moschino, Dolce and Gabbana, Celine, Carolina Herrera and Max Mara offered up some of our favourite polka dot pieces of the season.



CAROLINA HERRERA



MOSCHINO



DOLCE & GABBANA



MaxMara



DOLCE & GABBANA

Feminine touches

If you're a girl's girl who loves traditionally feminine touches such as bows and ruffles, then this is the season for you. Ruffles were particularly huge this season (both in terms of size and number of times they appeared on the catwalk) and Marc Jacobs went to town with his interpretation. Safe to say the American designer had ruffles on the brain. And after seeing his collection, we do too! Ruffles in the form of wearable confectionary also appeared at Rodarte, while bows were plentiful in all four cities. Emilia Wickstead even tied an enormous green bow onto the back of one of her models! Bows in the hair, bows on the clothes, bows everywhere!





Neon

If you thought yellow was as bright as things would get this season, then think again. Yellow was only just the beginning, as designers around the world went for all things neon. Jeremy Scott's lime green and Naeem Khan's orange and pink creations didn't go unnoticed, but the real neon masterpieces came courtesy of Prabal Gurung, House of Holland and Natasha Zinko. Monochrome, understated dressing is definitely a thing of the past!



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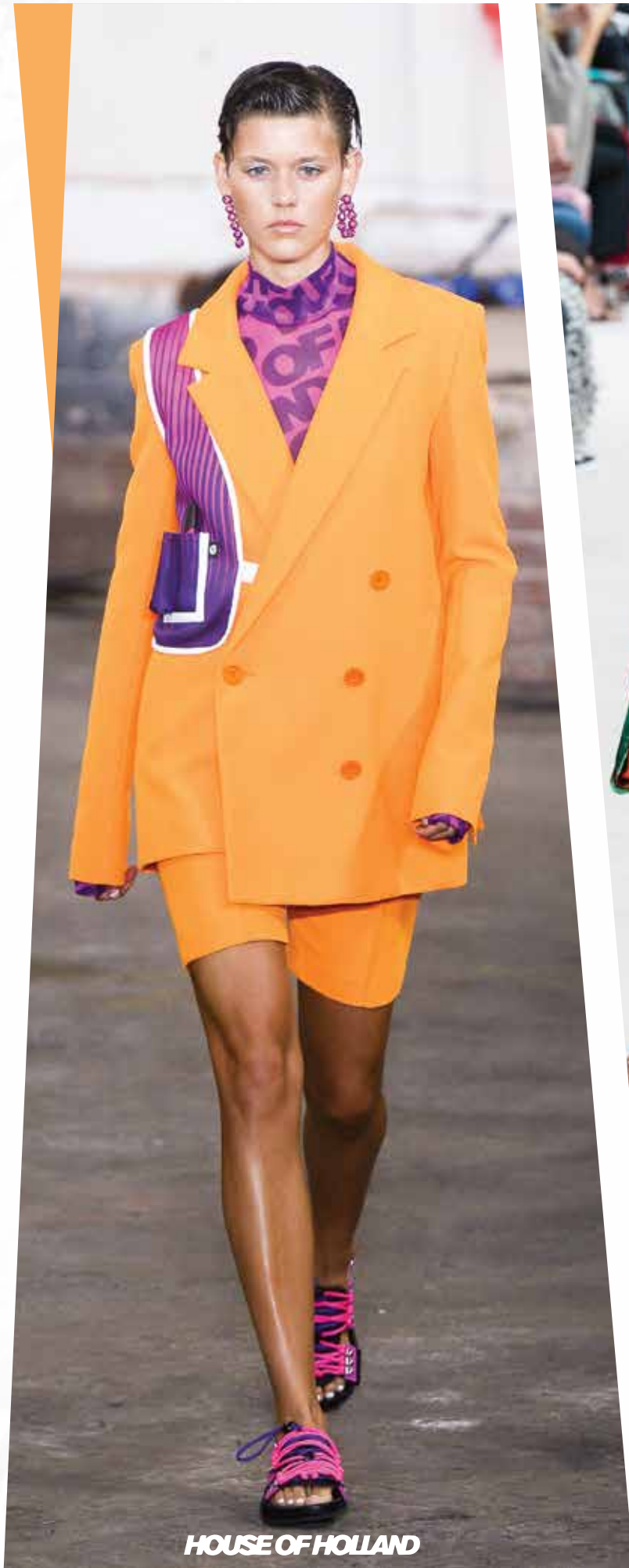
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Gargantuan

Go big or go home. SS19 was not about subtlety. Ruffles weren't the only things receiving the OTT treatment this season, as everything was large and most definitely in charge. Rodarte and Marc Jacobs were just two of the big names who went magnanimous this season, while Balmain also went for voluminous silhouettes – in particular sharp and exaggerated shoulders. We cannot wait to see which A-listers would be brave enough to rock one of these pieces on the red carpet. Awards season is almost round the corner...



MARC JACOBS



MARC JACOBS



Exciting headgear

Headgear was a big hit last season, so it comes as no surprise to learn that it is back – but with an updated, SS19 approved make-over. Akin to most things this season, it was all about not blending into the background, hence hats that came in all different prints, shapes and sizes. Saint Laurent kept things on the classic side, while Gucci and Anna Sui went feminine and playful. Naeem Khan, Calvin Klein 205W39NYC, Anna Sui and Michael Kors Collection, on the other hand, presented much more daring, out-of-the-box variations. Hats will no longer be reserved for bad hair days; in fact from now on, we recommend starting with the hat and working your way down!



MICHAEL KORS



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Childhood nostalgia

Everything from throwbacks to the 80s and 90s, to pop culture references, to not so subtle inclusions of our favourite cartoon characters (yes Coach, we're looking at you!) is thrown into the childhood nostalgia umbrella – and we couldn't be happier about it. We definitely watched 'Jaws' a little too early in our lives (although we think we would say that no matter what age we were) but we still enjoyed seeing the 'Jaws' tank tops feature on the Calvin Klein 205W39NYC catwalk. We were even more thrilled to find that Stuart Vevers brought back some of our favourite Disney characters such as Dumbo and The Aristocats and put them on casual everyday essentials such as oversized jumpers and baggy tees. Well played, Stuart Vevers!



DUBAI DUTY FREE

On A Winning Spree Receives Four Awards at the World Leadership Congress and Awards



Dubai Duty Free sure walked away with four awards at the recent World Leadership Congress and Awards held on 3rd October at The Address Boulevard Dubai.

The World Leadership Congress is a comprehensive conference covering the most innovative employer experiences in creating, cultivating, growing and maintaining a culture of management and leadership both within and outside of the workplace. The highlight of the event was the recognition and awarding of selected high profile and exceptional organisations and business leaders in various fields in three awarding ceremonies.

Dubai Duty Free received the first two awards for “Environmental Leadership Award” and “Best CSR Leadership Award”. These awards recognised the organisation’s significant leadership in creating a better world through responsible business practices and its demonstration of excellent commitment and positive contributions to the environment, communities and to the society as a whole.

The third award was the “GCC Best Employer Brand Award” which recognised the valuable contribution and excellence in building the Employer Brand with a distinct identity that is visible through its Human Resources practices, policies and strategies, making Dubai

Duty Free one of the most sought after Employers of Choice.

While the Dubai Duty Free, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO, Colm McLoughlin was conferred with the “Global Leadership Excellence Award” for his outstanding service to the region’s retail sector for 35 years.

Commenting on the recent awards, Mr. McLoughlin said, “We are delighted to receive these awards which are a clear indication of Dubai Duty Free’s commitment in the field of corporate social responsibility which we embrace across the company. While the employer brand award reflects our commitment and continuous effort to invest in our 6,100 staff by empowering them through a variety of initiatives that provide career opportunities that allow them to reach their full potential.

“I am also delighted to the personal award conferred to me and I extend my sincere thanks to the organiser for all this recognition.” added McLoughlin.

Dubai Duty Free Senior Vice President - Finance, Bernard Creed, Olympia Pineda, Manager – Corporate Responsibility and Mary Joy Castor, HSE Specialist accepted the four awards on behalf of Colm McLoughlin and Dubai Duty Free.



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