

# *first* **AVENUE**

10

OF THE BEST...  
CROSSBODY  
BAGS!

HAUTE  
COUTURE  
SPRING  
2019

SIZZLING  
**STRIPES**  
THE ULTIMATE  
TREND

AWARDS SEASON  
**RED CARPET**  
HIGHLIGHTS

OUR FAVOURITE

**EMMA STONE**





**b YSI<sup>®</sup>**  
A New Woman Every Day







# Editor's LETTER



EMMA STONE - PAGE 28

Happy new year to all of our loyal First Avenue readers!

Apologies in advance, but we haven't eased you into the year gently. We've thrown absolutely everything we've got into this issue; and we wouldn't have it any other way!

We start the year in our favourite way, which is obsessing over Hollywood's A-listers and the various awards season red carpets they've been gracing. Former First Avenue cover stars Lady Gaga, Emily Blunt and Margot Robbie are just a few appearances you won't want to miss!

And speaking of unmissable red carpet looks... cover star Emma Stone has had some particularly spectacular moments lately- and we've hand-picked the best of the best for your viewing pleasure.

Stripes are the hot trend of the moment, as you'll come to realise thanks to our dedicated stripes feature. Even Lucy Hale is on board the stripe train, and we will show you exactly how you can get two of her striking stripy ensembles for yourselves. You're welcome!

Until next time...

*Myles Mellor*

## Dubai Duty Free

# Win \$1,000,000

Entries for "Millennium Millionaire"  
at Dubai Duty Free or  
online [www.dubaidutyfree.com](http://www.dubaidutyfree.com)



## Full of surprises.



# CONTENTS

February - March 2019



10



28



38



64

20 Trend to Try  
Stripes!

64 Awards Season  
Red carpet highlights

28 Style Crushing on...  
Emma Stone!

14 10 of the best...  
Crossbody bags!

38 Haute Couture Fashion Week  
Spring 2019

10 Get BOTH of Lucy Hale's  
Sizzling striped looks



## EXIGE SPORT 410 - THE LIGHTEST EXIGE EVER. WE CARE TO MAKE IT FEEL EVEN LIGHTER!

The Exige Sport 410 redefines the Exige range. Designed to be the ultimate road drive, unrivalled in its class, this latest addition packs an advanced chassis, suspension and powertrain. Capable of 0-100 km/h in just 3.4 seconds, it achieves a top speed of 290 km/h. Distinctive, the Exige Sport 410 is tuned to provide a perfect balance of performance, agility and power delivery. Conveying an extraordinary level of tactility and precision, it's developed to perform at its very best with maximum enjoyment and driver feedback on the road. And, now for a limited period you can enjoy the Exige Sport 410's performance without compromise and with absolute ease.

### INCLUSIVE OF

- 3 YEARS WARRANTY
- 3 YEARS SERVICE
- 1 YEAR INSURANCE
- FREE REGISTRATION



EXIGE 410  
SPORT



ADAMAS  
MOTORS

\*Terms & Conditions Apply

Adamas Motors LLC, Lotus Cars,  
Eiffel 1, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE  
Tel: +971 4 321 1512

LOTUSCARS.AE



**Publisher**  
Hares Fayad

**Editor**  
Myles Mellor

**Senior writer**  
Maria Pierides

**Art Director**  
Ahmad Yazbek

**Overseas Contributors**  
Nabil Massad, Paris  
Kristina Rolland, Italy  
Samo Suleiman, Lebanon  
Isabel Harsh, New York  
Kamilia Al Osta, London

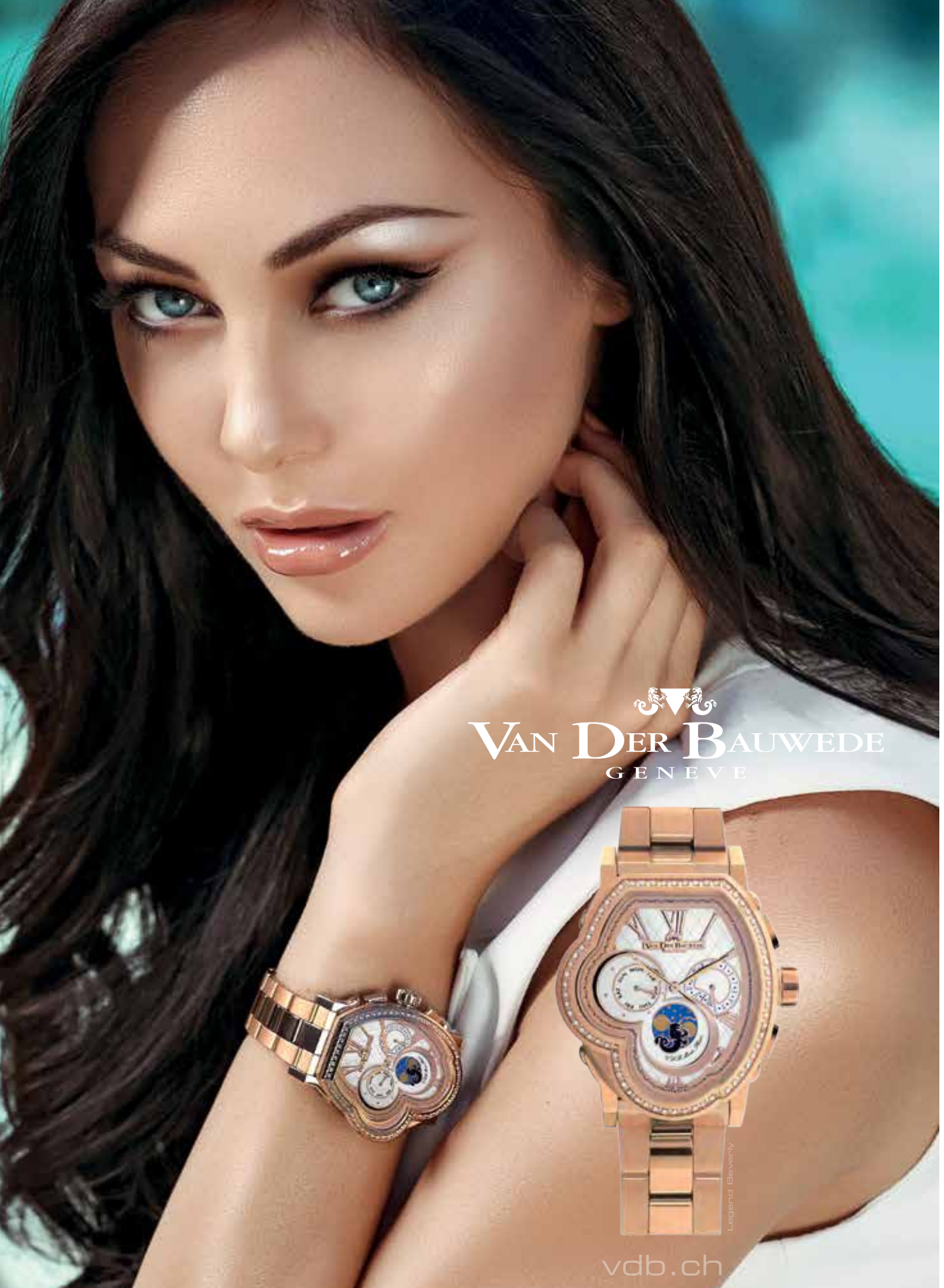
**Offices**  
(U.A.E.), Dubai  
Jumeirah Lakes Towers,  
JBC 2  
P.O. Box: 50324  
T.: +971 4 457 2348  
F.: +971 4 457 2126

**For Inquiries**  
**Editorials, Advertisements**  
M.: +971 50 653 4050,  
+971 55 302 5550

hares@firstavenuemagazine.com  
info@firstavenuemagazine.com

**Lebanon, Beirut**  
P.O. Box 90 -1096  
T. +961 1 513 121  
F. +961 1 513 141

Distributed in U.A.E By Dar Al Hekma  
Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman





# Get BOTH of Lucy Hale's

## Sizzling Striped Looks



There are so many things we love about Lucy Hale at the moment. Number one – she has mixed things up with a refreshing new hair colour change. She went from brunette to blonde and the 'First Avenue' office has had quite a few lunchtime discussions about it. (Spoiler alert: we adore it!) And number two – she has recently been spotted in not one but two sizzling striped numbers, proving our point that stripes are one of the biggest trends of the brand new year. We wouldn't be doing Lucy Hale or her two striped looks justice if we didn't analyse and obsess over both of them. All while helpfully telling you where to snap up the very same pieces for yourselves, of course. A 'First Avenue' first (yes we really did just say that, that wasn't a typo) as we break down two very different but equally mesmerising looks. Whilst we didn't need a stylish Hollywood actress to bring the stripe trend home, it certainly doesn't do it any harm either. (Shameless plug alert: be sure to turn to our 'Trend to Try: Stripes' feature to check out some of the hottest striped pieces of the moment.)

## Look 1 - at the BuzzFeed Studios in New York

Might we be right in assuming that Lucy Hale was at the BuzzFeed Studios in the Big Apple for a business meeting of sorts? There's no way to really be sure, but the chic and sophisticated suit almost gives it away. Exciting things could be on the horizon for Ms Hale, but until we know for sure, we are more than happy to just focus on the exciting striped outfit she arrived in. Here's everything you'll need to steal her style and inject a little bit of

Hollywood glam into your workwear...

### Salvatore Ferragamo mini studio top handle bag

There are hundreds of bags that Lucy Hale could have chosen to accessorise her outfit with, but we couldn't be happier with her decision. We're glad she didn't go for a safe monochrome bag, and added even more prints to the proceedings. Well played! Salvatore Ferragamo's top handle bag from the coveted Studio Collection is the perfect, iconic accompaniment to her chic and mature look. Lucy Hale has grown up a lot these past few years, and this whole look more than proves it! Salvatore Ferragamo mini studio top handle bag, £1,640.79, available at Saks Fifth Avenue

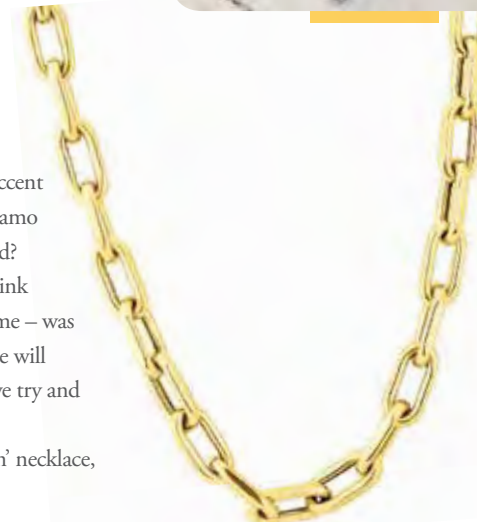


### Jonathan Simkhai pinstripe structured blazer

The first piece we tend to start with when we want to inject some smartness and sophistication into an outfit is a chic blazer. Tailored, structured blazers scream business, and that's exactly the vibe we got from Lucy Hale in her Jonathan Simkhai pinstripe blazer. Steering clear from the safe but potentially boring all-black suit, Lucy went for a navy blue option, which is just as smart as its all-black counterpart. Plus, hers came complete with a pinstripe pattern for added dimension; nothing boring here! This blazer can just as easily be worn on its own with a number of different bottom options. From a pencil skirt to white trousers, this blazer has the potential to transform an infinite number of pieces. Jonathan Simkhai pinstripe structured blazer, £538, available at Far Fetch

### 14KT yellow gold chain link 'Luxe Lillian' necklace

Lucy went for a gold chain necklace, to accent the gold detailing on her Salvatore Ferragamo bag. Or maybe it was the other way round? Either way, the 14KT yellow gold chain link 'Luxe Lillian' necklace – to use its full name – was a wonderful addition to the outfit, and we will certainly be adding it to our look when we try and replicate it. 14KT yellow gold chain link 'Luxe Lillian' necklace, \$3,220, available at Anne Sisteron



### Jonathan Simkhai pinstripe tapered trousers

Although Jonathan Simkhai's pinstripe blazer could be worn with a number of different bottoms, we can't fault Lucy Hale's decision to go all-out and team it with the matching trousers. After all, they're a match for a reason! Offering a relaxed and effortless vibe, these trousers are perfect for any hard day at the office; or any other occasion that demands a crisp yet fashionable dress code. Jonathan Simkhai pinstripe tapered trousers, £443, available at Far Fetch



### Chloe Gosselin gathered ankle boots

Lucy needed some height to give her trousers the best silhouette possible, and Chloe Gosselin's gathered ankle boots provided all the help she needed. Not only did they do the job that was required, but they also injected a bit of fun into the outfit too. When we're not stealing Lucy Hale's style, we'll be teaming these with a number of different mini skirts and A-line dresses. And maybe another pair of flared trousers for good measure! (Ps: apologies in advance for tempting you further, but they also come in black, red, and brown...) Chloe Gosselin gathered ankle boots, £788, available at Far Fetch



## Look 2 - Instagram

We're not actually sure where Lucy Hale was off to when she posted a series of enviable looks on the social media platform, but we bet it was somewhere fabulous. And we can almost guarantee that she was the life and soul of the party – not to mention the fact that her outfit was most likely the talking point of the entire event. At the same time, we also wouldn't judge her if she got dressed just for the sake of a glamorous photoshoot – let's not pretend that we haven't done that at least once in our lives, all in the name of a good Instagram post. Wherever she was going, she certainly left an impression – and we can't wait to steal her style for our next girlie night out!

### Balmain crystal embellished denim mini skirt

We never stray far from Balmain when we are in search of a failsafe party-ready look – and this crystal mini skirt proves why! Featuring a seemingly endless – and blinding – amount of crystals, this Balmain skirt is everything we look for in a show-stopping party piece. We don't think there's a bad way to accessorise it, although we are particularly obsessed with everything Lucy Hale teamed it with. (Hence why we have gone out of our way to present two Lucy Hale looks to you, instead of the usual one. You're welcome!) We can't count the ways in which we adore every inch of this look!

Balmain crystal embellished denim mini skirt, £928, available at Net a Porter



### Suzanne Kalan Fireworks Baguette Diamond Hoop Earrings

As if the mini skirt didn't provide enough bling... Lucy Hale completed her look with some of the most bedazzling earrings we have ever seen, courtesy of Suzanne Kalan and her 'Fireworks' hoop earrings. Fireworks seem to be very apt when it comes to describing these explosive pieces of jewellery. We are smitten! Suzanne Kalan 'Fireworks' hoop earrings, \$14,800, available at Neiman Marcus



### BALMAIN Striped open-knit bodysuit

Opting for such an intricate skirt usually means toning down the top half, to make aforementioned skirt stand out. Not Lucy Hale, though. Ms Hale toyed with even more fabrics and patterns with this look, bringing a daring striped bodysuit into the mix. Although we can't fault the Balmain bodysuit's combination with the embellished skirt, we think it will be a very hard-working piece to add to any wardrobe as it can be worn with a number of other pieces too. From bold and brightly coloured skirts to more understated and casual skinny jeans, this bodysuit will see you through a number of different occasions. Plus, it's striped, which as you now know, is one of the hottest patterns of the moment. Balmain open-knit striped bodysuit, £725, available at The Outnet



# Julius Baer Gold Cup 2019 Final

Dubai Open - 18 Goal Handicap

8<sup>th</sup> MARCH



**\*BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

800TICKETS

virgin tickets

Platinumlist

#### \*GOLD LOUNGE

AED5000/table of 10 pax  
minimum spend on drinks  
Including 10 Entry tickets,  
5 VIP Parking passes

#### \*VIP MARQUEE

AED1500/person  
1 General Admission pass,  
1 VIP Parking pass,  
Access to Gold lounge

#### FABULOUS BRUNCH

AED325 Soft Beverages Package  
AED425 House Beverages Package  
AED525 Half Bottle Sparkling Package

For reservations,  
please call +971 56 545 8391  
or email  
fnbreservation@habtoorpoloresort.com

#### \*PICNIC GAZEBO

AED2800/Gazebo  
Picnic Basket, 8 General Admission tickets  
AED1000/Gazebo  
Picnic Basket, 4 General Admission tickets

Booking deadline: 3 days before the event  
50% advance payment required

#### \*\*GENERAL ENTRY

AED180/person  
Sold online via Virgin Megastore,  
Platinum List, 800Tickets

**FOR BOOKINGS: CALL 056 373 2999**

Title Sponsor:

# Julius Bär

Main Sponsor:



Co-Sponsors:



Official Media Partner:

Media Partners:



**Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club**

@DubaiGoldCup Dubai Polo Gold Cup @dubaipologoldcupseries • www.dubaipologoldcup.com • +971 56 373 2999



# 10 of the Best CROSSBODY *bags!*

It's 2019, and we simply can't remember life without crossbody bags. Especially the small and practical variations, which are otherwise known as camera bags – for no reason other than to confuse your boyfriends or husbands, as well as to annoy you when they keep questioning the lack of photography equipment in said bag. (A handy trick is to address your smartphone, which does a very good job of doubling up as a camera... you're welcome!)

Crossbody bags have quite remarkably taken over the fashion world these past few seasons, and with one dreamy design emerging after another, it really isn't hard to see why. Gucci essentially ignited our resurrected obsession with the camera bag style crossbody bag, thanks to its Marmont collection. But the Italian fashion house is by no means a one hit wonder, as Alessandro Michele has produced several lust-worthy crossbody bags since. The Gucci Soho Disco, which we will be showing you later, is a particular highlight.

Gucci doesn't hold the crossbody bag monopoly though, as virtually all of the biggest designers have tried their hand at replicating Gucci's crossbody bag success. And many of them have had some very impressive results. So without further ado, let's take a look at 10 of the best crossbody bags currently available to snap up. Because we can all agree that it isn't as fun looking at and drooling over bags you can't purchase the very second you fall in love with them. We are an impatient generation, are we not?



Valentino has thrown his hat into the crossbody ring by coming out with an instantly delectable – not to mention recognisable – style. One of the biggest Valentino features of the past few years is the signature rockstud detailing, so it comes as no surprise to find a camera bag equipped with the brand's classic addition. Not only will the rockstuds get you noticed, but we have a feeling that the zany stripe design will also make you stand out a mile. A simply must-have piece! Valentino Garavani rockstud striped camera bag, £543, available at Net a Porter



The list of Gucci's A-list fans is as long as both of our arms – and the majority of those aforementioned A-listers have carried a Marmont or two in the past few years. We adore every single variation of the Gucci Marmont camera bag, both in terms of colour and texture. However, we think the plush velvet has a slight edge over the quilted leather version, and are extra thrilled to find out it comes in an array of wonderful colours too. Black, pink, navy, and as you can see, red. Which one would you go for? Gucci GG Marmont small velvet shoulder bag, £850, available at Net a Porter







If any bag was going to compete with Gucci's Marmont bag, we would definitely back the Gucci Soho Disco.

Small enough for practicality but with just enough space for those must-have essentials (phone, money, emergency lip gloss and eyelash glue) the Gucci Soho Disco has it all. Plus, it comes embossed with the iconic interlocking 'GG' logo and a fun tassel accessory for good measure. It currently comes in red, black and nude, but we wouldn't be surprised if more colours are released in the near future!

Gucci Soho Disco bag, £805, available at Net a Porter



Michael Kors has been perfecting his crossbody bags for many years now, and they seem to get better with each and every season, as the team provide us with even more covetable colours to choose from. Some deep wintery hues were recently released, and we can't get enough of them! Dark racing green, mustard yellow (a very hot trend if you paid attention to our last issue!) and a very seductive oxblood colour were among our favourites.

MICHAEL Michael Kors medium camera bag, £196, available at Far Fetch



If you want something a little more subtle, then this Saint Laurent Lou camera bag might be just the ticket. We would also point you in the direction of this bag for a lighter, spring/summer ready bag thanks to its soft rosy colour. This bag is chic and minimal – save for the tassel on the strap – with the iconic YSL logo being visible only at a very short distance. With that in mind, the Saint Laurent Lou camera bag will go with absolutely everything, and is the perfect bag to just grab and go. Our spring/summer wardrobe won't be complete without it!

Saint Laurent small Lou camera bag, £775, available at Harrods



What we love most about the majority of the crossbody bags we have chosen is their versatility, meaning that you can chop and change outfits to your heart's desire without worrying about whether your bag is going to match. However, every once in a while, we like to turn things upside down – and this Balenciaga velvet bag is just the piece to help us do it. This is the perfect bag for those head-scratching "nothing to wear" days. Even with a wardrobe full of the newest and most on-trend clothes, we all sometimes wake up feeling uninspired. But this is where the Balenciaga shoulder bag comes in.

Throw an all-black outfit together in an instant without a care in the world, as the bag will be the true hero piece of your outfit. A life saver in vibrant floral print!

Balenciaga BB chain quilted velvet shoulder bag, £695, available at Net a Porter







One of the most elegant and feminine crossbody bags we have ever seen in our lives – and we have Karl Lagerfeld and his wonderful team at Fendi to thank for it. This small smooth leather Kan I shoulder bag is pastel perfection, and therefore the ultimate accessory for the spring/summer season. It comes in two heavenly shades of dusty pink and powder blue – can we please have them both? – and features the most divine all-round scalloped detailing around the edges. How many crossbody bags can you say that about? Fendi small leather Kan I shoulder bag, £1350, available at Harrods



And finally, let's round off our list with a classic. It doesn't get more iconic, versatile, or luxurious than this Saint Laurent quilted envelope shoulder bag. The double straps make it a two for the price of one style, meaning you can double them up and wear as a shoulder bag, or choose just one for the long, crossbody effect. There's really not much else we can say about this bag that the pictures don't – a picture speaks a thousand words etc – so enjoy! We hope your credit cards will forgive us... Saint Laurent envelope quilted leather shoulder bag, £1,390, available at Net a Porter



Everyone knows that black is the colour you go for when you want to "play it safe" – but nude variations also have the same effect, especially for the upcoming spring/summer season. However, we think this Prada camera bag ticks every single box in terms of "goes with everything", as it comes in the ultimate year-round hue of taupe. One of the most in-demand bags in one of the most versatile and transitional colours imaginable. It's a no brainer – add to shopping bag immediately!

Prada quilted leather camera bag, £765, available at Net a Porter



Whimsical, playful, and downright irresistible. If these are the words on your crossbody bag checklist, then look no further, as we have found exactly what you're looking for. Sophia Webster is where we go for delicate, fairy-tale-reminiscent, one-of-a-kind footwear, so it makes perfect sense that her handbags would follow suit too. The Sophia Webster light pink Flossy Butterfly cross-body camera bag is a camera bag like no other. It features a 3D laser-cut butterfly appliqué on the front – it isn't hard to miss, is it? – and slightly more subtle rose gold metal accents. All in all, it's the ultimate feminine must-have piece!

Sophia Webster Flossy Butterfly cross-body camera bag, £350, available at Matches





# Trend to Try

# STRIPS!

It's been a long time coming, but today we want to talk to you about one of the most hard-working yet timeless trends of all. Stripes.

No matter what the big name designers present on the biggest catwalks of the world, stripes are always going to be on trend. We've seldom seen a Fashion Month without a handful of seductive stripe infusions, which just goes to show that stripes are in it for the long haul. Big stripes, small stripes, horizontal stripes, vertical stripes and even multi-directional stripes (yes indeed) – they're all on trend!

In the winter months, stripe knitwear proves particularly popular, especially as far as oversized scarves and bobble hats are concerned. There's nothing quite like adding an exciting pattern to otherwise monochrome winter warmers. And once the summer season emerges, we know we aren't the only ones who love the idea of stripe swimwear (bikinis, one-pieces, cover-ups, you name it) as well as the must-have stripe beach bag. You know the one we mean – everyone has one, and it always seems to get an exciting make-over every season!

Like the shameless temptresses we are, we've rounded up some of our absolute favourite stripy numbers for your perusal. There is no corner left unturned and no stripe left unexplored...



Where do we even start? Stripes by name and stripes by nature thanks to this must-have midi skirt from MDS Stripes. This skirt brings the drama not only with its voluminous midi shape, but also thanks to its easily recognisable multi-coloured multi-stripe pattern. A dream for the upcoming spring/summer season; simply team this stunning piece with an un-distracting white top, some dainty and elegant strappy sandals and a miniature clutch bag in complementary shades of green, blue or red.

MDS Stripes asymmetric striped cotton poplin skirt, £425, available at Net a Porter

Elevate your mid-season style with some stripe shoes – and they don't come more sumptuous than these bright and bold Chloe Gosselin beauties. The striking pink and white colour combination immediately caught our eye, which makes them a must-have purchase for those confusing months in-between seasons. Wear them with cropped jeans to jazz up a casual ensemble, or even with cropped white trousers and a matching blazer for your next brunch with the girls. Or go all-out and team them with a bright fuchsia dress at the peak of summer. We're fans of everything!

Chloe Gosselin 'Narcissus' striped sandals, £547, available at Far Fetch







What do you get if you cross a timeless – iconic, even – shoe design with one of the most classic and wearable prints in the world? The answer is the Manolo Blahnik Hangisi 105 leather stripe pumps, of course. We love everything about Manolo Blahnik's raspberry hued interpretation, with the striking crystal embellishment in a contrasting shade of blue taking the shoe to unstoppable new levels. There really is only one Manolo Blahnik, and this is why! Manolo Blahnik Hangisi 105 leather stripe pumps, £815, available at Savannahs



Another mid-season dream, and therefore perfect to wear right at this very moment. See, we are so practical and considerate with our choices! The designing experts behind these Vetements split toe ankle boots have hit the nail right on the head. We adore the progressive and modern design that features a lot of our favourite things. Pretty pastel colours, contrasting heel shades, feminine touches (thanks to the ribbon) and of course, stripes. They are just what is needed when you're bored of winter and want to will the spring season along, but the weather isn't quite warm enough to brave open toed shoes. Yet, thanks to their canvas material, they are also light enough to be worn in slightly sunnier climates too. Talk about getting the best of both worlds! Vetements 'Geisha' striped canvas lighter-heel ankle boots, £528, available at Matches

Trend or no trend, there's always going to be a place for striped trousers in our wardrobes! What's not to love about a chic, crisp pair of trousers with leg elongating stripe detailing? A fashionable alternative to the classic black trouser; when striped trousers are done right, they have the ability to up the class factor on any outfit. We challenge you not to look and feel smart and sophisticated with a pair of well-made striped trousers – which these Haider Ackermann trousers definitely are – and a well-fitted blazer.

Haider Ackermann striped trousers, £698, available at Far Fetch



No so-called influencer's social media page was complete in 2018 without a circle bag popping up in one post or another. And we're pleased to report that, since the trend was so strong last year, it isn't going anywhere. The circle bag is getting bigger and better in 2019, with designers all around the world adding new prints and patterns to their circle bags as we speak. Mansur Gavriel's stripe circle bag is one of our favourites for obvious reasons. The understated design and the ability to wear it as a tote bag or a crossbody bag get two big thumbs up from us. Perfect for all casual and smart-casual outfits, and a definite keeper for all seasons!

Mansur Gavriel mini circle striped bag, £636, available at Moda Operandi







Modest meets modern meets on-trend at its finest, all thanks to this L.K. Bennett dress. The multi-directional stripe patterns are an inspiration, as is the timeless design. This dress has the potential to be one of the most hard-working items of your wardrobe as it can be dressed up or down with ease. Team with a fur (faux or otherwise) gilet and knee high boots for the winter months, and add some springtime colour with some bright elegant pumps and a statement necklace. And on another note, we can totally see Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle in this number...

L.K. Bennett 'Maria' bold stripe dress, £250, available at John Lewis



We're looking into our fashion crystal ball, and can see that this will be THE tote of the summer. Infused with some of the most summery hues, as well as some darker shades for those of us never wanting to let go of that failsafe black dress, it's the ultimate bag of the season. Stripe trend or no stripe trend, this Emilio Pucci bag is a dream!

Emilio Pucci striped tote, £665, available at Far Fetch

Diane von Furstenberg knows a thing or two about flattering and empowering women. She is the unrivalled queen of the wrap dress, i.e. one of the most figure-flattering dresses that have been generously bestowed upon women over the years. But the wrap dress isn't her only gift to women around the world, oh no. Diane von Furstenberg and her team work tirelessly to produce flattering, on-trend pieces for women every season – and this stunning striped dress is just one of their many victories. Complete with slimming vertical stripes (the oldest trick in the book – but why mess with the formula when it works so well?) and a striking blue floral print, we simply cannot rave about this silk dress enough!

DVF Diane Von Furstenberg floral print striped dress, £388, available at Far Fetch



And now we have one of the most subtle, elegant and feminine takes on the stripe trend thanks to this stunning blouse from the Italian masterminds at Dolce and Gabbana. The inclusion of a pussybow adds instant femininity, which is one of the many reasons we are head over heels for this blouse. We would wear this silk blouse juxtaposed with a fierce leather skirt – or leather trousers when we want even more attitude. Alternatively, it works just as well with equally feminine pieces too, for example tucked into a floaty maxi or some cropped white trousers. In other words, there's no wrong way to wear this piece.

Dolce and Gabbana rainbow stripe pussybow blouse, £775, available at Far Fetch

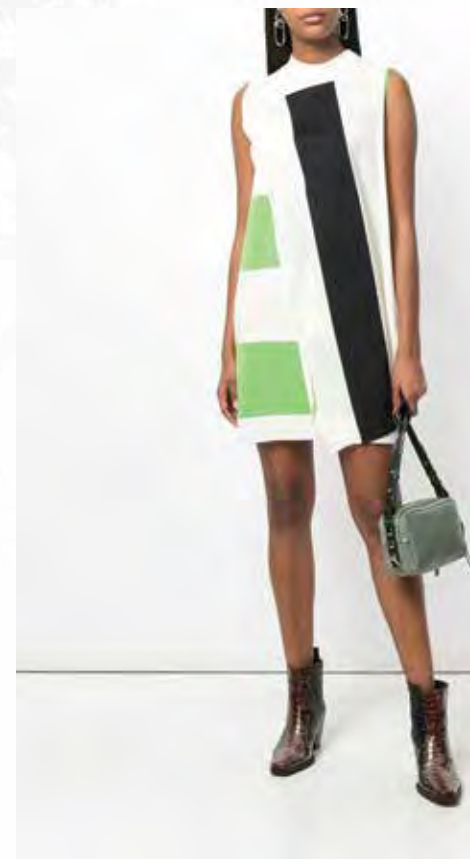






Are you brave enough to wear a skin-tight mini dress with horizontal stripes? We never thought we would be, but Olivier Rousteing has made yet another irresistible Balmain piece, so we can't help but be tempted by it. Teamed with some black tights and sky scraping black ankle boots, or bare legs/nude coloured tights and knee high – or maybe even thigh high – boots, this has the potential to be one of our most striking autumn/winter outfits of the season. Especially thanks to the warming high neck detail! We like the idea of keeping things monochrome, but it can also be jazzed up with a pop of colour from time to time too. Jewel tones such as emerald, ruby or sapphire would work fabulously!

Balmain short sequinned stripe dress, £1,018, available at Far Fetch



If thinking outside the box is your thing, then we are confident that you will be delighted with this asymmetric stripe dress from the truly mesmerising Calvin Klein 205W39NYC SS18 collection. It's the perfect piece to show off your style credentials, and should be teamed with minimal accessories to let the dress do all the hard work. Accessorise with some fierce black ankle boots and an unassuming black tote bag. Calvin Klein 205W39NYC asymmetric stripe dress, £778, available at Far Fetch

There's so much to love about this Missoni maxi skirt, we don't even know where to begin. This skirt is everything we could ever want in a party piece thanks to its stunning contrasting black and gold stripes. Subtle yet powerful – and it leaves the drama completely in your hands. You can choose to team it with a subtle black bodysuit or top to let the skirt be the true hero piece of the outfit. Or use it to add to the sparkle by way of another glitter-laden piece. And that's still before those all-important accessories are thrown in! Add an ultra-glamorous sparkly clutch bag to really bring out the gold detailing, or go for a white bag to add some contrast without taking anything away from the sparkle. So many options!

Missoni striped metallic crochet-knit maxi skirt, £970, available at Net a Porter



Not just any old striped shirt dress – this is Prada after all! Like many of the pieces from its SS18 collection, Prada's striped shirt dress comes complete with a fun and quirky cartoon print that makes it instantly recognisable to anyone in the know. Other noteworthy features of this striped shirt dress include the asymmetric waistband, and of course the contrasting black collar. Wear on its own, with tights, or even tucked into an A-line skirt.

Prada striped shirt dress, £612, available at Far Fetch





Style crushing on...

# EMMA *stone*

We've made no secret of the fact that we have awards show fever this issue. And Emma Stone has never been far away from an awards season red carpet for the past decade, slaying her high fashion appearances each and every time. So, we put two and two together and decided that it was high time we praised Emma Stone on her aforementioned red carpet victories. And as she is nominated for countless accolades this awards season, the timing couldn't be better...

This year is a particularly big one for the 30-year-old actress, as she has found herself as a regular nominee at the biggest annual awards ceremonies, thanks to her role in 'The Favourite', the film that everyone is going crazy for. (Along with 'Roma', it leads this year's Oscars, with a staggering ten nominations!) For her wonderful Abigail Masham portrayal, Emma Stone has been up for a BAFTA, Screen Actors Guild Award, Golden Globe, AFCC Award (which she won) to name just a few. And of course the big one, a 'Best Supporting Actress' Oscar.

Emma Stone is no stranger to The Oscars, having previously been nominated for 'Birdman' in 2015 and of course, landing the Best Actress win in 2017 for musical extravaganza, 'La La Land'. And at the same time, who can

forget how professionally she handled 'envelope gate' at the same awards. I.e. one of the biggest scandals in Oscars history, whereby the hosts mistakenly read out the wrong winner for 'Best Picture', claiming they were clutching the 'Best Actress: Emma Stone' envelope the whole time. The horror! We're hiding behind our hands in embarrassment just thinking about it...

Let's move on to what we're really here for – her red carpet fashion hits and her unmistakable style prowess! One of our favourite (no pun intended) things about Emma Stone is her red carpet consistency over the years. She never fails to make an impression – the right impression, at that – at everything from big awards ceremonies, designer front rows (her FROW appearances alone are enough to fill an entire feature!), talk shows, and general A-list appearances. She isn't afraid to take a style risk either, which always ranks highly with us – and the world's biggest designers.

We're itching to get down to the nitty gritty, so without further ado, let's take a look at a few of Emma Stone's recent red carpet highlights. Ps: she's extremely loyal to Louis Vuitton these days (being a LV ambassador, and all) so be prepared for a very LV-heavy red carpet. Not that that's a bad thing...





## ■ *At the 'Maniac' New York Premiere in Givenchy*

With a myriad of wow worthy red carpet appearances under her belt, we aren't in the least bit surprised to learn that the biggest designers in the world are all too happy to dress her. We can't imagine what goes on behind closed doors, but in our heads, the designers have quite a battle on their hands. It would take something pretty special to make Emma Stone opt out of Louis Vuitton, and this Givenchy creation is just that. Special on so many levels, this Givenchy Resort 2019 dress was nothing short of sensational, and Emma Stone was the perfect person to wear it. The colour complemented her red hair beautifully, as did her matching bronze eye make-up. We will never tire of looking at Emma in this Givenchy dress.



## ■ *At the 2018 Met Gala in Louis Vuitton*

Given their working relationship, naturally Emma Stone was going to wear Louis Vuitton to the biggest event on the fashion calendar. With the help of a stunning navy and gold embellished Louis Vuitton gown, Emma Stone really brought the drama to the 2018 Met Gala. We love how the outfit was colour coordinated down to the very last detail. From her hair to her make-up to her accessories, the whole look had bronze, copper, and golden tones, and we couldn't fault a single thing! There was a lot of competition on the Met Gala red carpet, but Emma Stone definitely stood out as one of the best dressed.





## ■ *At the 2019 Palm Springs International Film Festival Gala in Louis Vuitton*

We're used to seeing Emma in softer and more elegant outfits, so we loved seeing her step out of her comfort zone and go for something edgier. We fell in love with this look on the runway, but even more so now that it has been adapted for the red carpet and tailor made for Emma's body. The sharp bust detailing is a particular highlight! We will always applaud someone's decision to opt out of traditional red carpet dresses, and will scream our delights from the rooftops when it's done as successfully as this. This is the height of Emma Stone and Louis Vuitton's collaboration. We know they haven't peaked too soon either, as we know they have other stunners up their sleeves. We're predicting big things for the Oscars...



## ■ *At the 2018 Academy Awards in Louis Vuitton*

As Emma Stone had her career highlight in 2017 (she was the envy of the world as she floated onto the red carpet in her Givenchy Haute Couture gown and walked home with the coveted Best Actress Oscar) she could afford to have a little fun the following year. Interestingly, Emma Stone's 2018 Oscars outfit sparked quite a few debates around the world, as it was the Marmite outfit of the entire night. Many fans were disappointed that she didn't make the most of the 'more is more' Oscars dress code and don a dramatic gown; while many others applauded her risk-taking decision. We are undoubtedly in the latter category, especially as it was a bold and memorable – albeit, controversial – choice. No one can argue with the sharpness of the outfit, and Emma rocked it with confidence and attitude. As she is up for a 'Best Supporting Actress' Oscar this year, we have a feeling that she might revert to the traditional glamorous gown dress code and opt for something more feminine. But don't quote us on that!





## ■ *At the 2019 Golden Globe Awards in Louis Vuitton*

It's tough going up against a Bond Girl. Emma Stone has gone head to head with Mrs James Bond herself, aka Daniel Craig's wife Rachel Weisz, multiple times for the 'Best Supporting Actress' category this year. Both ladies have found themselves up for the same award for their equally memorable roles in 'The Favourite', and it's honestly a tough one to call. But although Rachel Weisz was also present at this year's Golden Globes (looking gorgeous, we can't argue) it was Emma Stone who won the award for best dressed in our eyes – and this beyond-beautiful custom Louis Vuitton dress played a huge part in it. The soft pink hue, the embellishment, the waist defining belt – perfection!



## ■ *At the 2017 Academy Awards in Givenchy Haute Couture*

We couldn't help but include the dress Emma Stone picked up her 'Best Actress' Academy Award in. She could have had her pick of any dress in the world for her big moment, but she entrusted none other than Givenchy Haute Couture with the honour. And the French fashion house certainly delivered! The golden colour that matched her Oscars statue (coincidence? We think not) and the playful fringe detailing, we loved it all! Emma couldn't have chosen a better dress for the occasion, especially as it echoed the glitz and glamour of 'La La Land', the film she ultimately won her Oscar for. Old Hollywood screen siren waves styled to perfection and a seductive (but not distracting) red lip completed her award-winning look wonderfully.

## ■ *At the BAFTA Los Angeles Tea Party in Fendi*

As a Louis Vuitton ambassador – and the face of Louis Vuitton's perfume in the revolutionary Sam Mendes-directed fragrance film (a first for the brand!) – Emma Stone's red carpet appearances unsurprisingly include a lot of LV. However, she does occasionally stray from the brand, and boy, does she make it worthwhile. We were pleasantly surprised when she donned this vibrant parrot Fendi dress from the Spring/Summer 2019 collection – and not just because of her choice of designer. Emma Stone and soft, subtle hues work wonderfully together – as this feature will demonstrate – which is why she goes for them so often. But we adore it when she keeps us guessing and goes for something unpredictable too; and this look did just that! Bonus points for the matching orange eyeshadow!



## ■ *At the 'The Favourite' Venice Film Festival Premiere in Louis Vuitton*

With Emma Stone working so closely with Louis Vuitton, we sometimes wonder if it makes the red carpet selection process easier. We can't deny how easily and effortlessly Emma Stone has adapted her red carpet looks since her big LV contract. She fits the brand perfectly, and it's clear that they are a match made in heaven. Take her 2018 Venice Film Festival outfit for example. The dress was made exclusively for her, inspired by a look from Louis Vuitton's Resort 2019 collection. No one rocks a pale dress quite like Emma Stone, and this one is definitely up there with our favourites.



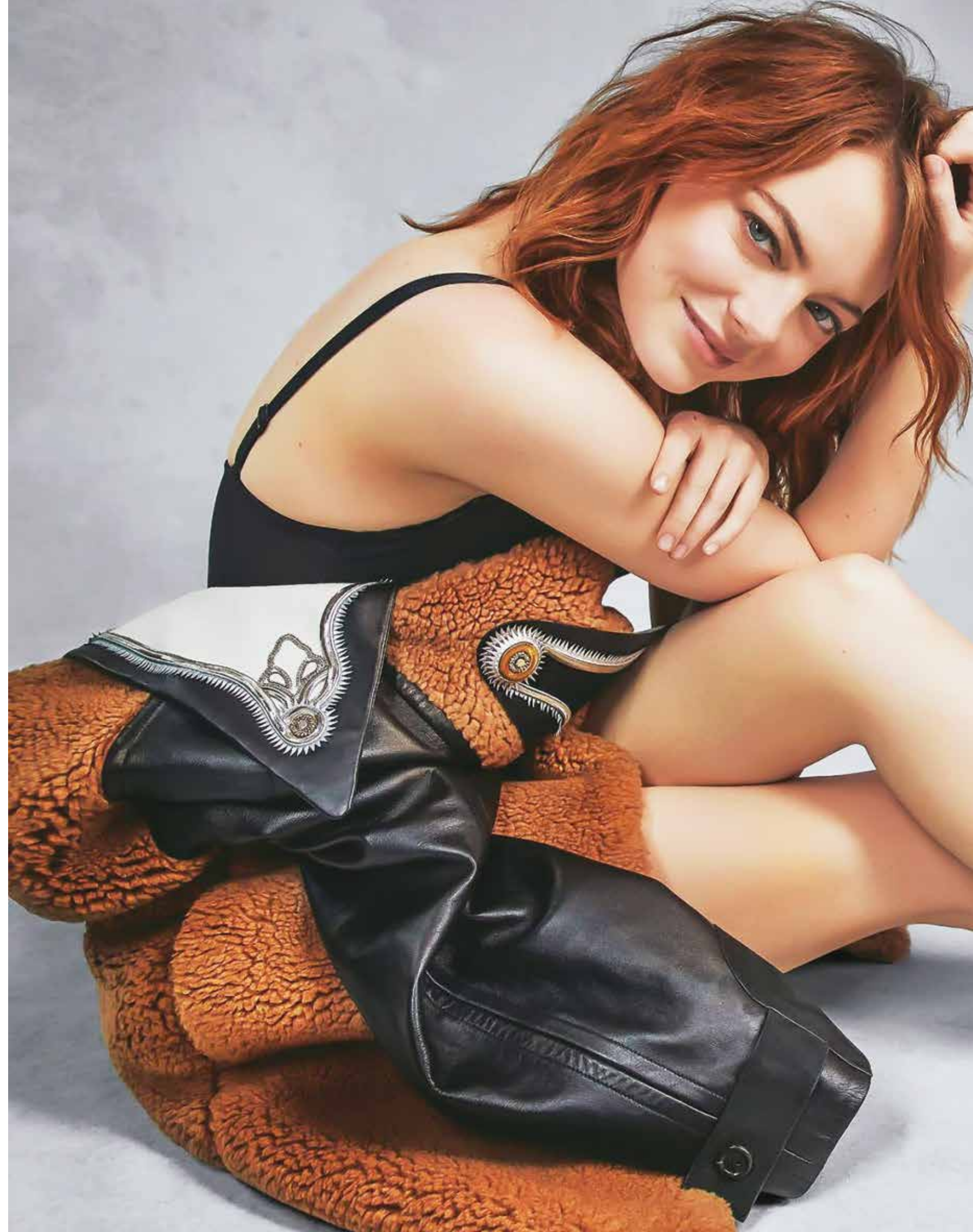
## ■ *At the 'The Favourite' London Film Festival Premiere in Louis Vuitton*

This dynamic look spoke to us on so many levels. Louis Vuitton contract or no Louis Vuitton contract, we believe Emma Stone was made to wear this dress, and would have selected it no matter what. Emma Stone went slightly futuristic for her London Film Festival appearance, which is worlds away from the 'The Favourite' film she was there to promote. We love juxtaposition, and an 18th century movie combined with a 2018 red carpet is just that. It isn't just the sleek, modern dress that gave us chills, as the styling also had a big part to play too. The dark lipstick teamed with matching metallic eyeshadow were the perfect additions, as was the sleek, unassuming hairstyle. Top marks for effort and execution!



## ■ *At the 2019 Screen Actors Guild Awards in Louis Vuitton*

No surprises here, Emma Stone wore Louis Vuitton. But what did surprise us was Emma's decision to shun the traditional red carpet dress and go for a riskier trousers-and-top combo instead. (Risky only because of what we learned from her 2018 Oscars look. I.e. the look which divided the world.) However, we think this high impact, high fashion ensemble is a true crowd-pleaser – especially due to the intricacy of the Victorian-inspired golden top. Nothing plain and boring about this outfit. Ps: we simply adore Emma Stone's new, darker hair colour, which confirms that she really can pull off absolutely everything!





# HAUTE COUTURE FASHION WEEK *Spring 2019*

## CHANEL

There's nothing like getting us in the mood for the Autumn/Winter 2019 season quite like Haute Couture Fashion week. One of the biggest talking points of Haute Couture Fashion Week came courtesy of Naomi Campbell and Valentino. Yes, one of the biggest supermodels of the nineties made a spectacular return, strutting her stuff on the Valentino catwalk for the first time in 14 years. Not only did she walk in the show, but she quite rightly closed it; because one does not close a Valentino show if Naomi Campbell is also there. It was a breath-taking, head-turning and spine-tingling moment to say the least!

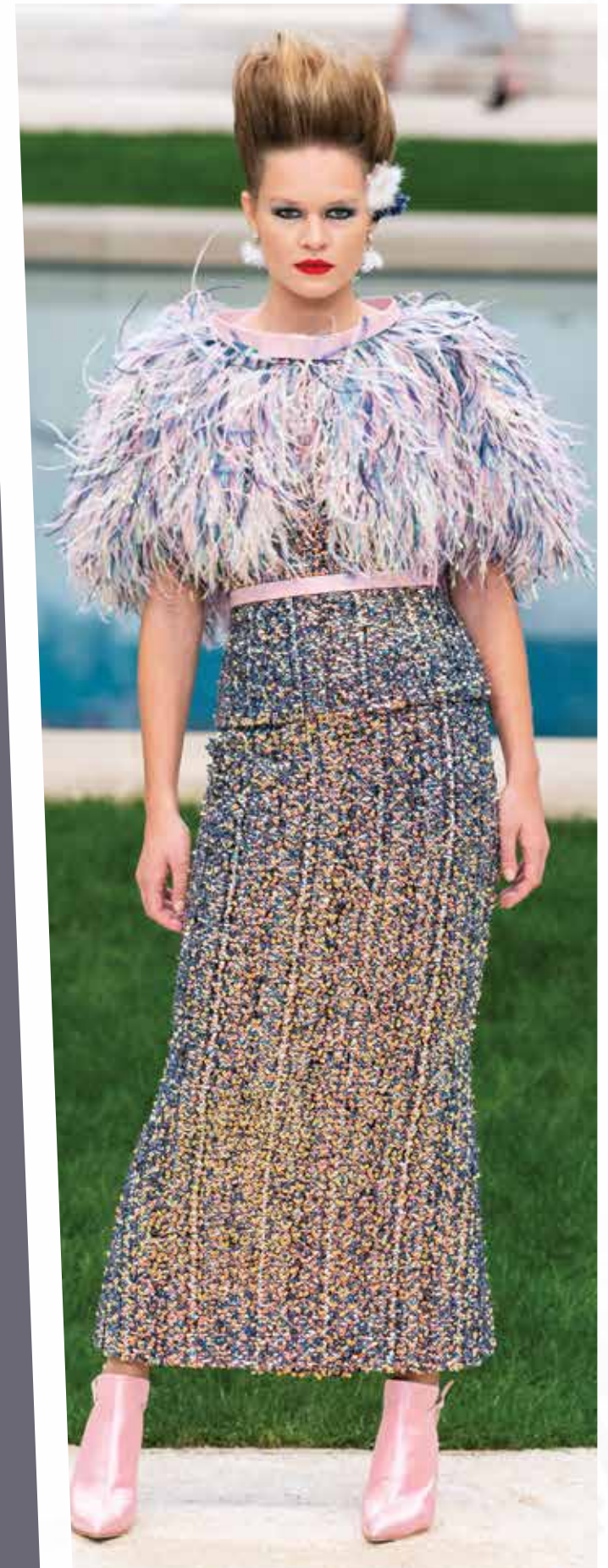
Another Haute Couture Fashion Week highlight involved the Viktor & Rolf collection – in particular its impossibly hard to miss slogan pieces. Subtle they were not. If you thought the slogan tee already had its moment, then think again, as things were quite literally bigger and better than ever thanks to the countless slogan dresses that emerged on the catwalk. Slogans aren't going anywhere – especially not if Viktor & Rolf have anything to do with it.

Not one to be outdone was Christian Dior, who made its catwalk show just as spectacular as the collection itself thanks to its stunning acrobatic display. The all-female circus company, Mimbres, wowed the lucky crowd, who no doubt must have had a hard time dividing their attention between the acrobatics and the new collection. We would have given our right arm (or any other limb for that matter) to have sat front row at that show!

And Karl Lagerfeld wouldn't be Karl Lagerfeld if he didn't throw his hat into the ring, as the Chanel Couture show and collection blew everyone away. We wouldn't have expected any different! If you are in the midst of planning a wedding, perhaps you will be seeking inspiration from the Haute Couture catwalks. After all, bridal looks seem to feature quite heavily in most shows. The Chanel show was no exception, as the latest Chanel bride made the notion of a wedding dress completely obsolete. She walked down the catwalk in an intricate, embellished swimsuit – along with a floor length embellished veil, no less – which we have to admit bodes extremely well for those braving the scorching UAE heat for their weddings. Definitely something to think about...

As usual, we were blown away by this season's Haute Couture offerings. And on a final note, we sincerely hope that our Haute Couture catwalk to awards season red carpet prayers will be answered, as there are more than a few jaw-dropping dresses fit for the most exclusive of awards ceremonies. Will any Oscar nominated actresses be lucky enough to walk the red carpet or even accept an award in a dress from the Couture Spring 2019 collections? Only time will tell...

Join us as we marvel at some of the highlights from Haute Couture Fashion Week and the Haute Couture Spring 2019 collections...







CHANEL



CHANEL



CHANEL

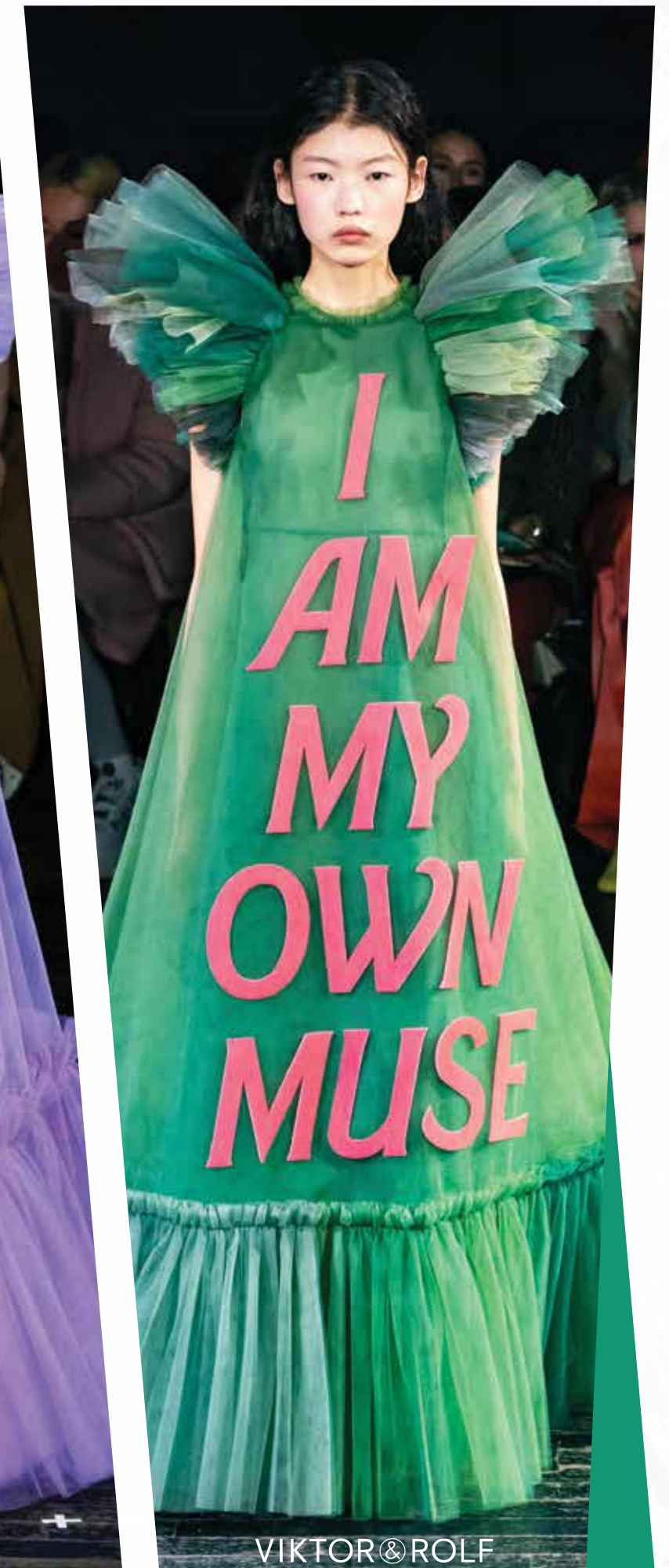


# VIKTOR&ROLF



VIKTOR&ROLF







# ELIE SAAB







ELIE SAAB



ELIE SAAB



ELIE SAAB





ELIE SAAB



ELIE SAAB



ELIE SAAB



# ChristianDior



ChristianDior





ChristianDior



ChristianDior

# ZUHAIR MURAD







ZUHAIR MURAD



ZUHAIR MURAD



ZUHAIR MURAD



# VALENTINO



VALENTINO





VALENTINO



VALENTINO

# GIAMBATTISTA VALLI







GIAMBATTISTA VALLI



GIAMBATTISTA VALLI



GIAMBATTISTA VALLI



GIAMBATTISTA VALLI



# Awards Season RED CARPET *highlights*

It's here! Awards season is officially here, and we are giddy with glee, anticipation, and appreciation. What a wonderful time to be alive!

As awards season is one of our favourite times of the year, we thought we would treat you to not one but two features honouring all things A-list red carpet. (Next issue will also include the biggest awards ceremony of the year – The Oscars – so be sure not to miss it!)

We are not short of stunning red carpet outfits from the awards shows that have already happened this year. The stars and their stylists really have outdone themselves this year – so much so that it was a huge struggle to pick just a few favourites. From the Golden Globes to the Critics Choice Awards to the Screen Actors Guild Awards, there was no shortage of high fashion, wow factor, and our favourite red carpet ingredient of all, sparkle.

We had our eyes firmly peeled for multi-nominees such as Lady Gaga and Emily Blunt (our last two cover stars, respectively, thank you very much) as well as red carpet champions such as Lupita Nyong'o, Thandie Newton and Nicole Kidman, to name just a few. (Emma Stone would have graced this list multiple times, but we thought we would fawn over her red carpet hits in her very own feature; turn to our 'Style Crushing On... Emma Stone' spread to see some of her greatest red carpet triumphs.)

Now allow us to dazzle you with some of our favourite looks from this year's already-faultless awards season red carpet...

## *Lady Gaga in Valentino Haute Couture at the Golden Globes*

Lady Gaga, are you back to your old self? Lady Gaga brought the theatrics, drama, and undeniable colour to the Golden Globes. Not content with sporting just a purple dress, Mother Monster went all-out with a matching purple hairdo too. Who else but Gaga? Whether or not you are fans of the temporary hair dye, no one can deny the sheer magnificence of her Valentino Haute Couture dress. She made the ultimate entrance on the red carpet, and we wouldn't expect any different from her. Especially when she herself is nominated for one of the most coveted awards of the night. (Spoiler alert: she quite deservedly won the 'Best Original Song' gong for 'Shallow' from 'A Star Is Born'.



## *Gemma Chan in Jason Wu Collection at the Critics Choice Awards*

Florals aren't often favoured for Awards Season red carpets. Maybe it's the time of the year, maybe it's because they can be tricky to perfect in terms of eveningwear; or maybe it's a combination of both! However, Gemma Chan didn't let that bother her, and went bold for her Critics Choice Awards appearance. And we're so grateful that she did, because she brought something refreshing to the red carpet. The 'Crazy Rich Asians' star went bold not only in terms of colour and print, but also in terms of voluminous silhouette too. Everything worked together seamlessly to provide one of our best looks from the Critics Choice Awards. Ps: Gemma Chan is by no means a red carpet one hit wonder, as her Valentino look at the Golden Globes also had us drooling.



## *Margot Robbie in Chanel at the Screen Actors Guild Awards*

Floating onto the red carpet like an angel was former First Avenue cover star and current Chanel ambassador, Margot Robbie. Looking like Hollywood royalty, the actress simply wowed in a sleek Chanel Pre-Fall 2019 dress, which was accessorised to perfection. She let her signature blonde, tousled waves hang delicately over her shoulders, while her make-up glowed and smouldered in all the right places. Sleek and sexy, this was Hollywood glam at its finest. Now bring on the Oscars!



## *Lupita Nyong'o in Calvin Klein by Appointment at the Golden Globes*

Whether she's up for an award or not, Lupita Nyong'o never – and we repeat never – fails to bring her A game on the red carpet. We never tire of Lupita Nyong'o's red carpet triumphs – especially as the 'Black Panther' actress seldom shies away from bold and exciting colours, fabrics and silhouettes. Her Golden Globes appearance was no exception, and she went one step further by adding our red carpet cherry on top: sequins! Bold colour plus sparkles plus Lupita is a winning combination every single time! Lupita accessorised her embellished gown with a matching vibrant purple eye, which might be a bit adventurous for some people; but just another day in the office for Lupita. It goes without saying, but this look was top to toe perfection!

## *Emily Blunt in Michael Kors Collection at the Screen Actors Guild Awards*

Emily Blunt triumphed on the SAG Awards red carpet as well as at the ceremony itself, picking up a shiny accolade for her role in 'A Quiet Place'. (FYI, there was stiff competition from Rachel Weisz, Margot Robbie, Amy Adams and our very own cover star Emma Stone for the Best Actress in a Supporting Role category.) We rejoiced when we first saw her step onto the red carpet, as we've seldom seen her in bold, monochrome gowns these days. Emily Blunt kept hair, make-up and accessories on the minimal side, to really let the dress – which is essentially a work of art – have its well-deserved moment. The side ruffles were the unmistakable highlight of the dress, adding equal measures of drama and dimension. Just wow!



## *Thandie Newton in Michael Kors Collection at the Golden Globes*

We squealed with delight when we saw Thandie Newton make her red carpet appearance at the Golden Globes. The iridescent Michael Kors Collection cut-out dress made the 'Westworld' actress stand out for all the right reasons – as did her larger than life hair style. The cut-out detailing gave the dress that feel-good, modern aesthetic – something a lot of red carpet dresses sadly lack – as did the pebbled, disco-ball reminiscent effect. We expect great things from Thandie Newton following this look – the bar has officially been set!



## *Emily Blunt in Alexander McQueen at the Golden Globes*

Emily Blunt took quite the style risk on the Golden Globes red carpet, wearing an asymmetrical custom made Alexander McQueen dress. She didn't play it safe, but her daring choice certainly paid off as she was easily one of our most memorable (for the right reasons!) actresses to walk the red carpet. The macramé-lace detailing, complete with the asymmetric hem, could look overbearing and wrong on so many levels on so many people, but Emily Blunt just made it work for her. She looked radiant, confident and enchanting – much like her Mary Poppins character. Matching grey sandals and an un-distracting up-do were the perfect accompaniments.



## *Alison Brie in Miu Miu at the Screen Actors Guild Awards*

A staple black dress, but make it fashion! Alison Brie proved that black most definitely doesn't have to be boring, as she walked the SAG Awards red carpet in an over-the-top, dramatic, and awe-inspiring dress from Miu Miu. We would expect nothing less from the label! We have no doubt that the 'Glow' actress would have still shone bright on the red carpet without the gargantuan wing-like additions, but the look definitely wouldn't have had the same power. She took a risk, and it most definitely paid off. We wish more actresses would do the same!

## *Nicole Kidman in Michael Kors at the Golden Globes*

Although her monochrome Armani Prive Critics Choice Awards look was breath-taking, we also felt the same way about her Michael Kors Golden Globes number too. Purely for space saving reasons, we had to choose just one Nicole Kidman outfit. This look got the edge just because of its hard to miss deep and sensual shade of red, and we absolutely love Nicole Kidman in colour. We wish she would do it more often because this look is nothing short of sensational. She has a busy few months coming up in terms of red carpet outings, so we hope to see more of these daring colours in the near future.



## *Lady Gaga in Christian Dior Haute Couture at the Screen Actors Guild Awards*

After briefly going back to her bold and exaggerated roots at the Golden Globes, Lady Gaga was back sporting those soft and understated looks that we became obsessed with during her 'A Star Is Born' promo trailer for the Critics Choice Awards. However, her Screen Actors Guild look was a brilliant mix of the two, making it one of our favourite Lady Gaga looks of awards season. Proving that one simply doesn't blend into the background when wearing Christian Dior – and a Haute Couture piece at that – is Lady Gaga in this old Hollywood meets seductive modern screen siren dress. Perfect for the red carpet, in particular when you're up for an award yourself. Oh, how we are counting down the days until the Oscars. (At the time of printing, we won't know whether or not Lady Gaga will walk home with the 'Best Actress in a Lead Role' Academy Award. It's a hard one to call as her category is exceptionally strong this year, but whatever happens, Lady Gaga has done us – and more importantly, herself – proud. Red carpet choices, songwriting, acting – she hasn't put a foot or note wrong!).



# CORUM

## *Golden Bridge Round 39*

*makes an ideal gift for Valentine's Day*



When the most famous calibre in watchmaking is adorned with High Jewellery lacework gem setting, the result sheds new light on the architecture of the baguette movement.

It will soon be 40 years old. But the best is yet to come. Beyond its men's and women's models, its manual or automatic winding, its vertical or horizontal structure, there is still no shortage of pages left to be written about the baguette movement. The Golden Bridge Round 39 is a perfect example.

It is probably one of the most daring High Jewellery creations, not only for Corum but for contemporary watchmaking. The Golden Bridge Round 39's unique architecture features an exquisite interplay of shapes with its horizontal baguette movement and a half-moon on each side

of a round 39 mm case. No fewer than six new High Jewellery versions are being unveiled today. Together, they highlight five exceptional stones: diamond, sapphire, ruby, tsavorite and amethyst.

These stones are set in a genuine gold lacework that extends across the movement. Unlike most jewellery creations, with the Golden Bridge Round 39, light thus comes from within the piece. It illuminates the movement with glints of blue, green, red, purple and white. The baguette movement is the central element and core identity of any Golden Bridge, and the entire composition of the Round 39 model has been designed to showcase it once again.

To do so, a lacework microstructure has been stretched out alongside the movement, which is home to gem setting requiring a day and a half of work. To accentuate the dial's radiance, Corum's artisans have chosen a marquise cut for the stones, giving the impression that rays of light are emanating from the movement and radiating out toward the case. Finally, the openwork character of the jewellery lacework allows light to literally cross through the piece. Each stone sparkles differently, depending on the angle, nature and intensity of the light that is cast on it, meaning that the Golden Bridge Round 39 never looks quite the same throughout the day.

As with any High Jewellery piece, the Golden Bridge Round 39, offered in white gold and pink gold, is entirely paved (dial, bezel and horns). The diamond version has a final particularity: the two gold bridges that frame its baguette movement are paved with diamonds, as is the flange. These versions feature 76 Wesselton diamonds on the case, 12 marquise-cut diamonds and 24 round-cut diamonds on the microstructure, as well as 46 round-cut diamonds on the bridges of the microstructure and 60 diamonds on the flange, for a total of 6.41 carats.

The success of the Golden Bridge Round 39 comes down to one thing: it honours the airy and light character of the baguette movement. Precious stones should serve an exceptional mechanism. And that is exactly the case with the Golden Bridge Round 39, which is the perfect combination of watchmaking and high jewellery.

# ROGER DUBUIS

## *Excalibur Shooting Star makes for a stunning Valentine's Day gift for the woman of style*



Convinced that women too deserve to wear calibres that are as daring and technical as their masculine counterparts, the 36 mm Excalibur Shooting Star timepiece is the perfect illustration of Roger Dubuis' ability to build the impossible. Designed for women who stand out, the Excalibur Shooting Star timepiece exudes all the audacity any girl could wish for.

The proud bearer of the Maison's iconic Astral signature enhanced by a sparkling shooting star, the Excalibur Shooting Star timepiece features the latest generation of skeleton flying tourbillon, one of the highest complications in the world of Haute Horlogerie. This is the very first time a complication of this nature has been displayed in such a diminutive piece and is the result of two years of development by Roger Dubuis watchmakers. With its sassy-looking skeleton movements and materials chosen from among the most luxurious and innovative available, the Excalibur Shooting Star timepiece thus offers a perfect

union between Fine Watchmaking technology and natural elegance. Powered by a mechanical skeleton flying tourbillon RD510SQ complete with the prestigious Poinçon de Geneve, the 36 mm Excalibur Shooting Star timepiece represents a galactic new trajectory in the world of skeleton complications. All aglow in 18K pink gold with white round cut diamonds and enamel accents, this 28-piece limited edition comes with "please don't make me choose" options in pink or blue.

If choices really have to be made and pink is your preference, this stunning model offers gleaming white mother-of-pearl décor on the inside. Its retail exclusive blue counterpart features diamond-set lugs and caseband, along with a sophisticated blue sunburst décor on the inside. But why choose? Like Roger Dubuis women, shooting stars are oblivious to the rules.



# Celebrating 125 Years Of The OMEGA Name

*A special tribute to history and the unveiling of two new creations*



With the invention of the revolutionary 19-ligne “OMEGA” Calibre in 1894, one of watchmaking’s most famous names was born. 125 years later, the company has proudly marked the anniversary with an intimate celebration event at its home in Bienne, Switzerland.

The occasion was hosted at the OMEGA Museum, where the brand’s iconic heritage is displayed. To bring this to life, guests were given an exclusive insight into the OMEGA journey, covering 125 years of key moments, including the story of the brand’s name.

Before it was called OMEGA, the company’s first workshop was opened in 1848 by the young watchmaker Louis Brandt. Almost 50 years later, in 1894, his two sons, Louis-Paul and César, invented a new movement that would change the industry forever. Their innovative 19-ligne calibre introduced pioneering mechanisms as well as industrial-scale production lines. It was so advanced that the brothers named the movement “Omega”. Like the last letter of the Greek alphabet, it symbolised ultimate accomplishment and the “final word” in watchmaking success. Following that achievement, the entire company was renamed “OMEGA” in 1903.

Raynald Aeschlimann, President and CEO of OMEGA, welcomed guests to the event and said, “Today, we are truly proud to represent such an iconic name. OMEGA is the only watchmaker to be named

after a movement, which proves our commitment to the art of precision. It is also a name renowned in so many areas – from moon landings and the Olympic Games to James Bond films and ocean exploration. This anniversary certainly deserves to be celebrated.” OMEGA also gave guests the first glimpse of two new watchmaking creations. The De Ville Trésor 125th Anniversary Edition has been crafted from 18K yellow gold with a burgundy leather strap and a red enamel dial. The caseback includes an anniversary medallion, as well as a decorative engraving known as “damaskeening” – the same style that was originally used on some of the 19-ligne “OMEGA” calibres that were hugely popular in the USA. The second creation revealed at the event was the return of the 19-ligne Calibre – which is being given a new lease of life. The brand has retrieved a number of original movement components from its vaults, including bridges, mainplates, escapements and bimetallic balance spring. These will now be used by the watchmakers in OMEGA’s Atelier Tourbillon to recreate 19 movements. This project is also about 21st century evolution, meaning that the 19-ligne calibres will receive distinguished updates and innovations – such as a Swiss hand setting system. Furthermore, the movements will be embellished with “damaskeening” decoration and will be housed inside a new half hunter pocket watch.





TOUGH & ADVANCED

**TOUGH** ON THE OUTSIDE,  
& **ADVANCED** ON THE INSIDE

***MONTERO SPORT***



**Test the best**

Visit your nearest Mitsubishi showroom today for an exclusive test drive.

**800** ALHABTOOR  
254228667

SMS M32 TO 4881 FOR MORE INFO

