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THE MAY EDITION

Looking for a new addition to your coffee table book collection? As always, Assouline has you sorted. Its new Kingdom of Saudi Arabia collection comprises six books dedicated to the country, highlighting everything from its serene desert expanses to coastal regions that come teeming with flora and fauna. Not only does each volume feature original works by high-end photographers and artists, but you can also unearth a unique Saudi treasure within each one, be it an ancient city or historic tribe. This is, quite literally, one for the books.

Available at Assouline

A LOVE LETTER TO SAUDI

Assouline's latest offering pays tribute to the vast Arabian Peninsula country



ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Exquisite craftsmanship and the highest quality of leathers are at the heart of Celine's new Haute Maroquinerie collection

Hedi Slimane has never been one to do things by halves, and the same goes for his latest leather goods collection, which cements his commitment to Parisian savoir-faire while celebrating the art of maroquinerie, or leathercraft. Centered around versions of the House's two signature handbags, the 16 and the Triomphe, pieces from the Celine Haute Maroquinerie collection come cut from a single crocodile leather hide, with the process beginning only once a client has placed their order.

While closures, clasps and hardware come crafted in 18 karat gold and occasionally accented with diamonds, the final product rests in a custom-made panelled eucalyptus box, making it cultural, personal and rare all the same time. What's more, with the 16 taking 17 hours to complete, and the Triomphe taking 12, you can rest assured each piece is created from the most exquisite demonstration of craftsmanship. We're sold.
Available at celine.com

TEN MINUTES WITH
**AIMÉE ANN
 LOUISE HOMER**

International investment banker turned luxury shoemaker, the Dubai-based designer's debut collection is turning heads for all the right reasons



Dubai-based shoe designer Aimée Ann Louise Homer offers handmade pieces crafted by artisans in Italy

Congratulations on the launch of Aimée Ann Lou — what are your plans for the GCC market debut?

Thank you! We debuted in London after an incredible explorative journey across Italy encompassing research, design and building the right team. Now we are launching in the GCC market which, having spent more than a decade here, is very important to me. My tastes and aesthetic preferences have been influenced by time spent in the Middle East and I can't wait to contribute to the region's visual culture with my own efforts in footwear.

What were your inspirations?

I travelled a lot as an investment banker, and became frustrated that my footwear didn't seem to be able to keep pace. Dashing between meetings I constantly wondered why men should enjoy elegance at ease in their masculine loafers, but women didn't have that luxury. I'm also a firm believer that whatever one puts into the world should hold value and be progressive. As such, all my

collections are entirely handmade by artisans in Italy using materials that are sustainable, eco-conscious or recycled. Our shoes turn heads for all the right reasons, they boost your confidence, take you glamorously from day to night and free the wearer from the exhausted, disfigured feet that often come with high heels.

What makes your collections unique?

We craft thoughtful designs that are elegant, glamorous and highly functional. For me, the combination of eco-friendly designs and processes, attention to detail, high-quality materials and handwork as well as long-term vision equate to real luxury.

What sort of woman do you see wearing your shoes?

Regardless of her age or occupation, a few things unite the Aimée Ann Lou wearer — an appreciation for fine and clean living, quality, head-turning elegance and exceptionality. Available at aimeeannlou.com



Loewe's yearly Paula's Ibiza drop is a treat for the style senses



ISLAND IN THE SUN

Loewe's new Paula's Ibiza SS22 collection is the summer wardrobe we've all been waiting for

With the scent of summer fresh in the air, attentions are quickly turning to our holiday wardrobes – more specifically, the new Loewe Paula's Ibiza SS22 collection. Perfectly capturing the eclectic essence of the light and breezy spirit of the Balearic Island, the Spanish fashion house has once more teamed up with the coolest label on archipelago to create an idyllic collection inspired by the endless party destination.

With smatterings of sequins, glitter, short hems, lacing and cut outs, Jonathan Anderson's latest looks are all about

hedonism, with easy-to-wear dresses and separates cut close to the body. Prints are feisty – surfing graphics from LeRoy Grannis, cactus motifs and playful geometries come emblazoned across T-shirts, shorts, pullovers and more. Ibizan staple crochet also takes pride of place, with artisanal fabric crafted in Japan and colourful overdyeing on faded denim. In other words, this is a collection destined for a good time.

Not to be outdone, accessories carry the same playful aesthetic, with sequined platform mules and espadrilles sitting

alongside ombré updates of the classic Puzzle, Hammock, Amazona and Goya bags. As to be expected, woven straw and raffia don't go overlooked.

A treat for all the senses, the House has also launched its second eau de toilette, Loewe Paula's Ibiza Eclectic, in tandem with the collection – a unisex scent comprising woody, floral and gourmand notes of orange flower and jasmine, perfect for sunny days and balmy nights. Book your flights immediately.

Available at Loewe boutiques nationwide



Persian artist Abol Atighetchi brings brand new pieces to the UAE for the first time



CALLIGRAPHY KING

Abol Atighetchi's latest exhibition looks back at a lifetime of exquisite artistry

If there's one art exhibition you don't want to miss this month, it's *The Story of Abol Atighetchi*. For the first time ever, the Persian artist will exhibit his 12 unpublished paintings from 1983 to 1992 at Oblong Contemporary Gallery where, alongside his earliest paintings *Les Iroquois*, *Rainbow Warrior* and *Squares*, he will be showcasing some of his recent calligraphy work, returning to the discipline after a 30-year hiatus.

"The beauty of the movement of the lines and Arabic letters is what draws me to calligraphy," Atighetchi tells *MOJEH*. "The public is still impressed by my use of colours,

daring dimensions and compositions when compared to other artists."

Atighetchi's work represents his interpretation of different cultures, combining colour with large dimensions.

"As an artist, I would like to be remembered and to leave a legacy," he adds. "This exhibition is a look back at my career, covering nearly 30 years of my history. I'm overjoyed to be back in Dubai."

And we are overjoyed to have him.

The Story of Abol Atighetchi will run until 30 May 2022 at Oblong Contemporary Gallery, Bluewaters Island, Dubai

Sportswomen at the ready, Louis Vuitton's latest collection is an ode to an active summer



CITY SICKER

The sunny season has officially sprung at Louis Vuitton, where its Spring in the City collection is giving us all the holiday feels

Inspired by the energy of California, the Spring in the City collection transports us directly to its sunny shores with a retro colour palette and beachy silhouettes that are playful and elegant all at the same time. For ready-to-wear, T-shirts that come printed with palm trees contrast with high-waisted cargo pants and safari shorts, while tie dye and pastel hues add an element of escapism. As for the accessories, classic styles including the City Petit Bucket bag, City Saint Jacques bag and Pool Pillow flat mules all nod to a sunny afternoon down at Venice Beach — the star of the show being its wooden skimboard which comes adorned with a gradient LV print. There's no better excuse to hit the waves.

Available at Louis Vuitton stores nationwide



Peachy hues and jovial prints set the tone for summer at Genny



HOLIDAY MODE ON

Prepare for a sartorially savvy summer with Sara Cavazza Facchini's new SS22 collection for Genny

Genny is turning 60 this year, an impressive feat for any fashion House. Yet with Sara Cavazza Facchini at the helm since 2013, the Italian fashion House has gone from strength to strength. Case in point? Her new SS22 collection is top of many a fashionable wish list this season.

"Holidays were my inspiration, and I revisited them with an elegant, urban and quintessentially sensual twist and assertive femininity," she tells *MOJEH*. "I envisioned the sailing culture of the Greek islands, gazing into the intense blue of the Mediterranean

Sea surrounded by the dazzling light that reflects on the white houses."

From tie dye shirts to plissé mini dresses, each piece from the new collection is a lesson in relaxed dressing. Jenny's favourite flower, the orchid, is also interpreted through a number of pieces, used as a leather brooch, buttons, rivets and as graphics for prints and 3D motifs.

Elsewhere skintight cycling shorts, feminine rompers and accessories destined for sundowners complete the balmy, sundrenched line-up.

With Genny set to expand in the Middle East sometime in the near future — "we are enthusiastically working on new openings in the region," she says — we can expect much more of the brand's structure, femininity and modernity in our lives.

"I really like how femininity is expressed in the Middle East," she concludes. "Especially with the use of precious fabrics, embroidery and discrete sensuality. These are the exact traits I look for when thinking about the Genny woman."

Available at Genny stores nationwide

THE DREAM TEAM

Bulgari's sporty new collaboration with French House Casablanca takes cues from both classic and on-court style

We love a good luxury accessories collaboration, so the news that contemporary Parisian House Casablanca has joined forces with Bulgari to deliver an exclusive interpretation of the mythical Serpenti icon is music to our ears. Unveiling a chic accessories capsule inspired by the tennis court, the collection combines a sporty spirit and colourful prints with a Roman ease. It's the latest in a long line that captures the endless metamorphosis of the Bulgari snake through the bold visions of different designers. We'll put it out there — this could be our favourite one yet.

Available at Bulgari boutiques nationwide



LUXURY REDEFINED

A melting pot of modern design and regional flair, Emirati brand Odeem's latest collection of arm candy is most certainly worth the investment

"I design for the confident woman who has an understated sense of style," Fatma Al Otaiba, Emirati designer and founder of Odeem tells *MOJEH*. "She knows what she wants, and purchases a handbag because of its style rather than the label."

And none are more stylish than those found in her new SS22 collection, which offers a lesson in both form and function.

Reflecting the brand's South African and Italian craftsmanship paired with the UAE's universal design language, Al Otaiba has added new key bag styles to her repertoire – the Bucket and Baguette in nappa leather, the Nikita clutch, Flor and Mini Flor, Shoulder Bag and Mini Igor in exotic skin. Crafted from a complex colour palette there are styles and hues to suit any occasion or outfit.

"We are all about versatility," adds Al Otaiba. "Our new shapes are soft and supple, and can easily be transformed from a day bag to weekend essential carry all."

Substance and style – sounds like all bases are covered.

Available at odeem.ae and *Tyrano*



THE LOOK OF LOVE

With wedding season back on the agenda, this one-stop-shop has all your sartorial needs sorted

Whether you're saying 'I do' barefoot on the beach or on the roof of a swanky five-star hotel, sifting through all the best wedding dresses and finding that perfect match is a daunting task.

Luckily the lovely people at Matches Fashion are making it all the more simple with their carefully curated edit of dresses, separates, shoes and accessories that make shopping for everything bridal a snap.

If you happen to be a bohemian, minimalist or fashion-forward bride, there's something for everyone from the likes of Jessica McCormack, The Row and Jimmy Choo, including more traditional long white dresses as well as trouser suits and mini dresses for a more modern look. The best bit? They deliver direct to your door, leaving you more time to focus on other details for the big day. Anything for an easy life, hey? Matchesfashion.com 

