

Style File

This month's fashion fixation is on curated shopping, men's inspired shoes and clothes for the great outdoors

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SADDLE UP

Honestly, most of us here have never even been on a horse, let alone put in the long hours that competitive jockeys devote to their sport. But that's no reason not to indulge in the best part of riding: the fashion. Equestrian garb has always brought to mind idyllic images of playing polo in the Hamptons with champagne to celebrate after, and Gucci's Equestrian Collection doesn't disappoint.

The line includes a ready-to-wear assortment of 15 styles comprising riding jackets, pants, shirts and polo tees. Each garment is characterised by the Gucci crest and green-and-red band, and interpreted in innovative and comfortable fabrics and classic colours – all that underlines the everlasting wearability of the collection.

Available at select Gucci boutiques and on Gucci.com from Nov 2012

STEP INTO THE FUTURE

Utilitarian with an edge – Camper has partnered French avant-garde designer Romain Kremer to create a sleek and contemporary capsule collection of footwear dominated by urban minimalism and futuristic influences.

Available at Camper stores islandwide



ASIA MAJOR

"Every garment has a story to tell. Fashion can be a transformation, a spiritual experience." Such is the philosophy behind MYthology, a new multi-label boutique that prides itself on carrying emerging fashion labels from across Asia. Founder Apsara Oswal, a well-established fashion stylist, hopes to bring a different shopping experience to the chic locale of Club Street.

The store stocks unique brands including Indonesia's Toton, Singapore's own Dresstronomy, and Nikasha, an Indian label that embodies a bohemian, vintage feel using chiffons and light silks in colours like turquoise, saffron and coral.

MYthology opens its first store at 88 Club Street in Sep 2012



THE SOCIAL NETWORK

Rejoice, because there's no need to fly all the way to Los Angeles to indulge in SoCal fashion. Livebysocial.com, the brainchild of former Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising students Katheleen Painan and Elyse Gui, is an online fashion retailer focused on bringing contemporary Hollywood merchandise to style-mavens in Asia.

More than just an online shopping site, Livebysocial.com serves as a virtual fashion community and allows fashion enthusiasts to interact and share their mutual love of clothing. Most of its products are relatively new to market and each is carefully curated to align with Painan and Gui's philosophy of providing affordable yet classy pieces from trendy apparel to edgy accessories. Notable labels include Blee Inara, whose standout designs comprise gemstones, symbols and carvings, and Wildfox, a vintage-inspired knitwear brand known for its soft fabrics and well-cut designs.

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BAGGAGE CLAIM

Ideal for the power woman on the go, Tumi's Georgetown collection, made with the line's iconic ballistic nylon material, defines new chic travel. Standouts include the Riggs Weekender, a must-have for an exotic weekend getaway, and the Potomac International Carry-On. Ready, set, go!

From \$710 to \$1,240, available at Tumi stores islandwide



HIGHLAND FLING

Think Scottish fashion automatically means oversized kilts and lumpy tartan jumpers? Think again. Drawing inspiration from Scottish luxury, Club Monaco's latest collection marries tailored pieces with casual ease for the perfect transitional wardrobe. While pale blue denim and whimsical garments in kelly green and tribal prints serve as foundation pieces, knit sweaters, herringbone outerwear and military-inspired parkas are perfect for layering, giving the collection an elegant autumnal edge.

From Club Monaco at B1-12/14 Takashimaya Shopping Centre



PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

If there's anything a woman should allow herself to splurge on, it's shoes. This season, step out in the newest creations by J Shoes, the British footwear brand known for its conscientious craftsmanship and understated beauty. The latest collection features feminine styles like ribbon-adorned pumps and heeled booties as well as tougher stuff like brogues and laced combat boots, all swathed in a palette of earthy browns, red berry hues and leafy green notes.

Available at J Shoes stores, including its boutique at B1-22 CityLink Mall