

TRADITION revisited

Refinement blended with a traditional twist describes the leather goods maker's latest offerings, writes Carmen Yam

Tod's revisiting its traditional roots for the upcoming season and re-presenting them in a contemporary manner.

An understated elegance is felt throughout the women's collection with the use of subtle shades including hematite gray, cardinal red, natural pink, honey and chestnut brown, and fine materials woven together with sophisticated craftsmanship.

Tribute to significant classics marks the collection, with the Winter Gommini, the brand's iconic creation, making its comeback as a fashionable ankle boot or a polacchino trekking boot.

Another design signaling the coming cold season, the lace-up icy Glam heels showcase the sparkling combination of calf hides and soft suede to achieve an interesting silhouette infused with femininity.

A mannish touch is seen in the collection to strike a refreshing balance, with rubber-soled moccasins, while ballerinas are available for those prefer a sweeter look.

The opposite gender is offered simple chic designs for a fast-paced cosmopolitan life that compromises no elegance.

The collection is where you can satisfy your desire for artisanal craft accompanied by fine materials that convey a sense of lightness.

Start off with the Jack moccasin, featuring new, streamlined silhouette and rubber sole as a timeless modernity. Also ultra-light with a supple rubber sole is the Winter Gommini available in a selection of colors and leathers.

For the metro man constantly on the go, there is the lace-up boot with classic wingtip detailing, that leaves an impeccable impres-

sion any time of the day.

To complete the range, a new sporty style comes in suede or vintage leather, posing as the perfect match for casual jeans or suits for a dress-down look.

An indispensable element of the brand, bags also play an important part this season. Ladies can re-savor the all-time icon, the D Bag, boasting new precious materials ranging from classic leather, antiqued leather and fox to crocodile.

The Pashmy is crafted in lightweight and specially-treated cloth-like leather. The retro Doctor Bag features leather or matte crocodile, while the deconstructed G Bag is stitched in fox fur or pony.

Meanwhile for the gen. Y, fashion revolves around travel. The travel bags greet us in signature soft vacchetta leather, the embodiment of quality. The carry-on bag and the overnight bag stand out with astonishing light weight, the result of careful research.

To round it up, the briefcase, a must-have for modern man, has been studied down to the most minute detail, from the central band, to the hardware to its size, making it the ideal partner for workdays and weekends alike.

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Flawless summer face

Love it or hate it, the searing sun won't go away. Why not go fresh when the hot weather hits?

Consider putting some color on your face. Drop baby pink and bronze orange. Try green. The new summer essentials collection from Laura Mercier features the mini eye color quad with a palette of lush botanicals.

The first step to an energetic day is to apply a very thin layer of the grass green color on your eyelids.

Make your eyes look bigger by adding a thin shade of brown close to the lids. The tonal purple and vibrant melon will also add an accent of vitality depending on the occasion.

A tip from the regional makeup training

manager, Randolph Cheung, when you are using the double ended brush for the eyes, remember to spray an adequate amount of water on it, pick the desired eye color or eyeliner and create a paste not too watery. Otherwise it will be too much fuss wiping purple drops off your eyes.

Also in the collection are Laura Mercier's popular foundation primer in a mini size, a mini long lash mascara and lip gloss, all in a handy woven bag. Tel: 2687 1028

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A new interpretation of time

Bored with conventional time-keeping? How about telling the time without the hour hand? Yes, without the hour hand. This is not a joke, but it is the innovative new collection from Louis Vuitton – the Tambour Spin Time.

The collection, featuring the LeVel Up system, consists of the Tambour Spin Time GMT and Tambour Spin Time Joaillerie, for men and women respectively, does not have an hour hand. Instead, each of the twelve hour positions is equipped with a rotating cube with quarter rotations, twice per half a day.

The Tambour Spin Time GMT in white gold, 44mm, paired with a leather strap and carrying the Calibre LV 119, has cubes which have numbers on two sides. For example, at the six o'clock position it will show 6 and 18. At 6 am, it will display the side with the number 6, while the other 11 cubes are blank. When it reaches 7 am, it will turnover to its blank side, while the cube at the seven o'clock position will turn from blank to the number "7" side. It also features a yellow GMT hours hand which displays a second time zone and a date window at the 4:30 position.

Meanwhile, the Tambour Spin Time Joaillerie in white gold, is 39.5mm and carries the Calibre LV 96, displaying the hours in diamonds and the minutes with a hand designed to resemble a pen nib. The dial is set with white diamonds at the top half and black at the bottom. The cubes have both black and white diamonds which are back to back from each other. For example, at 8 o'clock, the cube in the 8 o'clock position will turn from black to white, indicating the eighth hour. As it turns to 9 o'clock, the white side of the cube in the 8 o'clock position will go back to black, while the cube at the 9 o'clock position will turn from white (the background of the dial) to black, to show it is the ninth hour.

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World-class Italian shoes

The Italian Trade Commission and the Italian Footwear Manufacturers' Association (A.N.C.I.) have jointly organized "Shoes from Italy," an exclusive shoe exhibition, in Hong Kong last week, displaying the Spring Summer 2011 Collections from 40 premium Italian footwear suppliers. A MICROMUSEUM exhibition was also held to create a deeper understanding of the history and trends of Italian footwear.



The Langham Club

A new residence of choice for those in the know, the Langham Club, set to open at the end of July, 2010, contains the Ante Room, the Bureau, the library, the dining room, the lounge, the Butler's Pantry and the salon. Exuding a European elegance in design and style, the club suits your varying moods and requirements. Tel: 2378 9399



Shop Wise to safeguard your health

With such a dizzying array of cosmetics available on the market these days, it's hard to tell which are harmless to our health. It is therefore important to pay attention to ingredients labels.

One of the most common chemicals used in cosmetics are parabens, including methyl, propyl, butyl, and ethyl, effective preservatives to extend the shelf life of products. Unfortunately they are also proved to be toxic and the cause of skin allergies like rashes.

So choosing paraben-free products is the first step to ensure a beauty journey with minimal harm; the next would be choosing those with organic ingredients. Try the Complete Care Shampoo by Skin Blossom, a mild cleanser that delivers a lovely lather to cleanse and condition. Its rosemary extract stimulates and soothes the hair and scalp, while bergamot strengthens hair shafts and citrus removes build up.

For extra shine, use Shiny Clean Shampoo by Balance Me. It contains a gently cleansing natural formula that doesn't strip the hair or scalp. Mouth-watering grapefruit cleanses and refreshes, while jasmine soothes sensitivity. Black pepper optimizes a healthy circulation.

Available at EcoG Organic Skincare Shop Tel: 3583 1232.



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