

Best of British



The British have the reputation for impeccable craftsmanship using classic materials. Two centuries-old brands that have set up shop in Hong Kong are Hackett London and John Lobb.

For its Spring/Summer 2014 collection, Hackett – available in Elton Tower on Hysan Avenue and Landmark Atrium – has been influenced by Terry O'Neill's black-and-white menswear portraits of the 1960s in its Mayfair line.

Expect to see lightweight, deconstructed suits and half or unlined jackets. Shapes are single or double-breasted. The collection has been expanded with the addition of polo shirts with fully fashioned collars and knitwear.

The base color palette is dark gray, navy and brown with splashes of pastel green, yellow and pink. Hackett's collaboration with the Prince's Trust's Prince of Wales check costumes, but with the incorporation of more color and casual items such as blouses and blazers.

Other lines in the collection are: Art College, a collegiate look inspired by the founding of the Royal College of Art 150 years ago; The Yorkshire Paintings, a formal collection that has hints of David Hockney's recent Yorkshire landscape; and The Artist's Atelier, a palette-cleansing line of neutrals inspired by Lucian Freud's studio.

Another British stalwart is John Lobb, a renowned bootmaker with close to 150 years of heritage. To celebrate its new store in Mandarin Oriental, it has introduced its new gloves and ties collection.

There are two pairs of gloves in the collection: the outer leather ones come in classic or buckle designs while the 70 percent cashmere and 30 percent silk inner ones come in a choice of four colors.

For the ties, you can choose from two designs: the Signature or the Twinstitch. Both have a range of eight colors, inspired by the rich shades of leather used for John Lobb shoes. To further accentuate the link, each tie features a loop label made from soft shoe leather.



SIHH Showtime

As this year's Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) 2014 brings down the curtain, the masterpieces presented at the prestigious trade show will continue their legacy to illustrate their passion and persistence in excellence for haute horology.

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A. Lange & Söhne – Superior Precision

Lining up to a long-standing reputation of the high-end watch manufacturers from Germany, Grand Lange 1 Moon Phase, one of the seven new models exceptionally unveiled by the house at the show this year, starts with the same basic structure as the other members of the Lange 1 family, but is marked by its striking and prominent moon phase display. Nested inside the top half of the hour/minutes dial, a patented method of coating the moon's disk allows little hints of gold to shine through from over 300 stars to give this astronomical complication a highly detailed silhouette.

The Grand Lange piece is not just good looking. The movement with 72 hours power reserve utilizes the hour-train to keep the moonphase wheel in constant slow

motion with a seven gear train. This allows the moonphase to be tuned very precisely, accurate for over 100 years without needing any adjustments. Combining an off centered dial, the outside date and a lavishly finished manufacture Calibre L095.3, the 41mm case and is decorated to the highest degree in yellow gold, pink gold or platinum.

Manufactured in-house, with a three-quarter plate made of untreated German silver and intricately hand-gathered parts, the Grand Lange 1 Moon Phase bears an equal measure of Saxon watch making artistry and superior precision.



Beauty Around The Corner



Set in the heart of Central on Wyndham Street, Flawless is now offering a Massage Happy Hour every day between 7pm and 9pm; make reservations to soothe out any worry and stress.

Dubbed the best Mani-Pedi Spa by the List Magazine and AsiaSpa's nominated Day Spa of the Year, the urban beauty center prides itself for being one of the most sought-after go-to 'girls' day out' destinations, with its folksy ambiance and a long, good-value treatment menu.

And, starting from today, workaholic and urban housewives with uptight shoulders and exhausted minds are welcome to indulge in their carefully selected target treatment including Enrichment Massage for 60 minutes, Muscle Release for 75 minutes and Sleep Deeply for 90 minutes to melt away your worries and pressure from everyday life. Top your massage off with a mini facial to deep cleanse your pores for a refreshing glow the next morning.

Beauty-savvy ladies can also be spoiled with a sumptuous list of nails service from basic manicure, pedicure, shellac nail polish to a French manicure, all blissfully streamlined and topped with a gentle girly touch.



Opening Hours: 10am – 10pm
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Natural Weight Killer



A recognized Greenpeace Green Label brand, along with multiple International Awards, Alqymis from Spain promises to shape your figure and melt your fat in a truly natural and effective way. Made from 100% Natural Synergy of botanical and fruit active ingredients like thistle, grapefruit and lemongrass, the luxurious Alqymis Body Sculptor Oil persistently prevents the effect of excess weight and lipid retention via micro-circulation activation, while toning the skin for a flawless glow. And detoxifying lemon efficaciously gives this exclusive treatment a natural "fat burning" effect. Apply to body morning and night after shower for ultimate benefits. (2577 2333)



Blossom Beauty

Japanese cosmetic brand shu uemura recently joined hands in collaboration with local singer-actress Charlene Choi for the just-released calligraphy-ink series inspired by Asian calligraphy. The campaign, "A Life in Blossom," starring Charlene, reveals different facets of feminine beauty through the smooth and concentrated black eyeliner stroke and unique artistic perspective display on the actress' body.

The film "Blossom of Charlene" was led by the reputable photographer and visual stylist Tong Meng, and features a song composed by popular musician Eric Kwok. Taking part in the filming which took over 12 hours, Charlene was thrilled by the supremely versatile calligraphy-ink eyeliner which is now available in all shu uemura shops. (2234 7060)

Eye Framer

When choosing an eyeliner product to buy, one of the terms you should watch for is "smudge-free." That is exactly what you will get from the Korean makeup brand Cio's new Waterproof Pen Line Kill Blood, which delightfully glides dark burgundy color on your eyes with extreme precision and waterproof properties. It is easy to apply and stays on all day, according to the brand. (2608 8383)



At-Home Facial Peels

Facial peels are typically applied in a spa setting, but even the most-time pressed women can now get gorgeous results with the Peel Complex 10 essence collection from Dermacept by Dr. Zein Obag. Designed to remove both the outermost and innermost layer of dead skin cells, the Peel Complex 10 essence facial cream and mask are formulated with high-performance healing moisture complex and natural botanical extract to efficaciously restore your complexion and create smooth, radiant skin. Apply every morning and evening; it benefits from a sequence of gestures. (2699 0078)



Intimissimi Swap

Lingerie label Intimissimi launches an eco-friendly initiative with Swiss sustainable brand I:CO. From February 15 to May 31, you will be able to take bras, briefs and tops of any brand into Intimissimi stores in exchange for a voucher which you can spend anytime before Jun 30. I:CO will then recycle these used textiles to make insulation materials and new products. (www.intimissimi.com)

