

THIS MONTH'S FASHION INTEL



Hit and Myth

THIRD IN THE FASHION FAIRY TALE MEMOIR series is *Diane von Fürstenberg and the Tale of the Empress's New Clothes*, out last month. With this fresh take on *The Emperor's New Clothes*, London-based fashion writer Camilla Morton continues to re-imagine well-known fairy tales with fashion legends as their central characters. A feminist spin on the cautionary tale, this one aims to empower female readers by incorporating DIANE VON FÜRSTENBERG'S own incredible story.

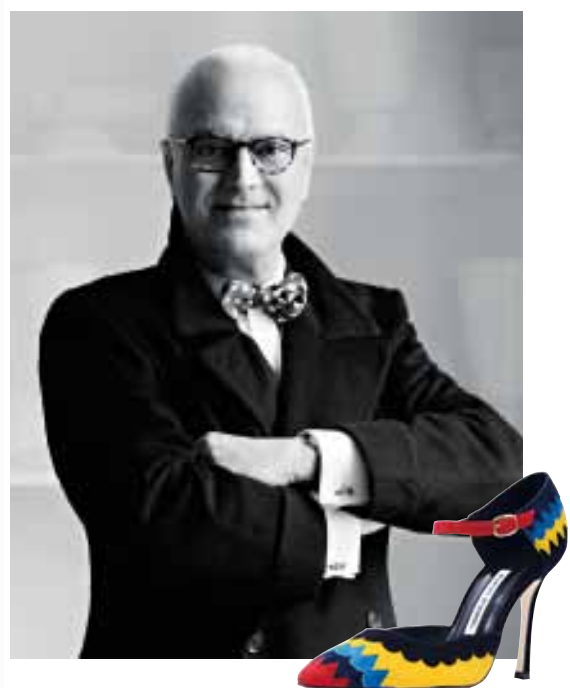
FOOT FETISH

British lingerie expert Agent Provocateur has teamed up with shoe designer CHARLOTTE OLYMPIA to create a daring capsule collection of sexy heels. The two styles tease in very different ways – while Candice's sensual design uses barely-there nude tulle, dominatrix-inspired Bellatrix (left) shines in zipper-lined patent leather. The perfect accessory for every seductress, both in out of the boudoir.



Box of Tricks

Purveyor of unconventional luxury Maria Luisa has been introducing budding talent, including Helmut Lang and Yohji Yamamoto, to its fashion-conscious customers since 1988. Now, the boutique is rediscovering American leather specialist MARK CROSS. The label's best-known product is the Grace Kelly Box, which became famous when the actress used it in Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window* – to carry nothing but lingerie.



Dizzy Heights

Aside from his huge fashionista following, London-based shoe designer MANOLO BLAHNIK also has an impressive mantle of awards. Adding to his collection was his recent win of the Outstanding Achievement Award at the British Fashion Awards 2012. Next month Blahnik will also team up with the British Fashion Council, working on the creative brief for London Fashion Week's next ad campaign.



clockwise from top centre: Tory Burch; Alexander McQueen, available at On Pedder; Salvatore Ferragamo; Marc Jacobs; Bottega Veneta; Balenciaga, available at On Pedder

Ballet Class

GIVE YOUR FEET A REST AND DITCH YOUR HEELS FOR A PAIR OF COMFY FLATS. THE CLASSIC BALLERINA REMAINS OUR FAVOURITE - BEST WORN IN PUNCHY SHADES



Assches to Assches

HARVEY NICHOLS' ASIA FLAGSHIP in Pacific Place has launched the world's first KRIS VAN ASSCHE shop-in-shop. With its untreated wood and unpolished metals, the space reflects the Belgian designer's raw, minimal aesthetic. To coincide with the launch Van Assche has designed a limited-edition scarf, exclusively available in the new concession.



WRIST WATCH

British men's jeweller ROBERT TATEOSSIAN has added yet another range of unique cufflinks to his offerings. Made in a limited edition of 25 per style, the Spazio Collection features some extremely rare materials, such as dinosaur bone from Utah and prehistoric meteorites from Namibia. Each of the stones is set in sterling silver and numbered individually, making them true collector's pieces.



BEST FOOT FORWARD

When designing the brand's first large leather goods collection, Parisian shoemaker **J.M. Weston** took inspiration from the architectural proportions of its elegant footwear. The Grand Angle line reflects not only the precise cuts of the house's shoe designs, but also their impeccable finishing, beautiful leathers and hidden detailing.



Smaller Shades

As eyewear label RAY-BAN celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, the brand has released its iconic Aviator style in a 22K gold-plated folding version, the Aviator Folding Ultra. With the help of eight almost invisible hinges, you can fold your shades down to pocket size and store them in a compact leather case.



clockwise from top left
Ermenegildo Zegna; Louis Vuitton; Hermès; Bottega Veneta; Lanvin; Salvatore Ferragamo

Elegantly Waisted

TO GIVE YOUR LOOK THAT FINAL TOUCH, IT'S WORTH INVESTING IN A SMART BELT. THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS - GO FOR BOLD BUCKLES, COLOURS OR TEXTURES



Black Velvet

FASHION ICON AND MUSE DAPHNE GUINNESS HAS teamed up with ROGER DUBUIS for its latest haute horlogerie collection, Velvet. The luxurious collection is as extravagant as the British-born beauty: while the black Velvet Spinel model is set with mysteriously shimmering purple gems, the Velvet High Jewellery model dazzles with a jaw-dropping 1,300 diamonds.

GET LUCKY

New York jeweller HARRY WINSTON charms with its new collection, Charms by Harry Winston. The bracelets feature five unique pieces, which are carefully crafted in platinum or yellow gold and set with fine diamonds. Apart from a Harry Winston logo, a solitaire, a loop and a peony, the bracelets feature an auspicious number eight.



Time Moves Faster

The revolutionary Tourbillon Thunderbolt by FRANCK MULLER made its debut in October. In this race for time, Franck Muller's hare completes a rotation every five seconds, 12 times faster than other tortoise tourbillon complications on the market.

FINE MIND

EDGE OF EMBER

name
Lynette Ong

origin
Singapore

background
After leaving her banking career in 2011, Ong decided to dedicate herself to creative and philanthropic pursuits, launching ethically-conscious jewellery label Edge of Ember. The line's debut collection showcased bold studs, organic hand-hammered metals and ethnic-inspired tassels that were accompanied by an elegant mix of crystals and pearls.

inspiration
The designer draws inspiration from her travels throughout Asia, especially the developing communities where she works with local artisans.

trademark pieces
Dylan earrings and Chamelli bangles, both seen above

s/s 2013 inspiration:
"The Aarati collection is influenced by traditional motifs and the architecture of Cambodia and Nepal, where most of the pieces are handcrafted. It features an interplay of geometric shapes and refined curves drawn from the rough edgy vibe of these cities, Khmer temples and Nepalese art."



clockwise from top left
White gold necklace with 175-carat pink morganite and diamonds by Tiffany & Co; white gold pendant with morganite and diamonds by Cartier High Jewellery; white gold necklace with diamonds by Piaget; white gold necklace with pear-shaped morganite, diamonds, tsavorite garnets, sapphires and turquoise by Van Cleef & Arpels

Size Matters

THE BIGGER THE BETTER: EXTRAVAGANT STATEMENT NECKLACES ARE THE DAZZLING HEROES OF EVERY HIGH JEWELLERY COLLECTION