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Chanel
spring/
summer
2010

hopping has been considered a national pastime in Singapore—and with good reason. This island may be small, but it has some of the best brands and boutiques in the region. This is definitely one place where retail therapy is at its best.

In this insider's guide to the hottest and latest retail spots, we've covered all your shopping bases for your fashion lifestyle. From clothes and bags to lamps and candles, score all your wants and needs to fill your wardrobe or even your home. There are designer options, edgy street wear, quirky cool pieces and luxury items. We've even scoured the country for some of the most popular restaurants, so you know where to go when you need a break from the frocks and frills.

With huge fashion events like the Audi Fashion Festival, fashion trade show Blueprint and the Great Singapore Sale, great discounts and deals are inevitable—making this month one of the best times to shop.

So, whether you're looking for the perfect pair of jeans, your next statement-making party dress or conversation-starting cushions, take this guide with you and shop 'til you drop!

Alexandra Kohut-Cole

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FASHION

A woman can never have enough clothes—so don't resist the urge to stock your wardrobe with these fabulous picks



Strapless gown,
Romyda Keth at Rouge

ECLECTIC FINDS

TRIOON

Young up-and-coming designer Liu WeiLing has always been obsessed with wearable designer apparel—and her new store offers just that. Think effortless glamour for both day and night with dresses in bright prints, sophisticated cuts and colours. The store also offers made-to-measure services for those who are looking for something a little extra

special. As part of her spring/summer 2010 line, WeiLing has also created a capsule collection in eco-conscious organic jersey. #03-08 Mandarin Gallery. Tel: 6735 7183. Visit www.trioon.com

ROUGE

An eclectic boutique situated at the heart of Dempsey, Rouge boasts an impressive collection of elegant daywear and

Multi-label concept store,
To The Nines (2the9s)



Silver sandals,
2the9s

evening apparel, most of which is designed by French-Khmer designer, Romyda Keth. The clothes are made from silk and linen and designed with silhouettes that lend a dose of glamour and sophistication. The lifestyle store also stocks a children's line, bridal wear and even offers hair styling services at its in-house salon. Block 16 Dempsey Road #01-01. Tel: 6474 9245. Visit www.rouge.com.sg

TO THE NINES (2the9s)

With a multi-label concept shop that stocks brands from all over the region, 2the9s is all about progressively hip fashion. With limited pieces from local labels such as avant-garde Reckless Ericka, androgynous Elohim, feminine Chalk, street savvy Al&Alicia, hip Allergic-2-Ordinary and cutting-edge Oneandahalf, customers are assured of unique, one-of-a-kind finds. #05-03 Orchard Central. Tel: 6884 6462. Visit [www.tothenines.com.sg](http://tothenines.com.sg) or 2-the-9s.blogspot.com



Sensual yet versatile
pieces at Abyzz

ABYZZ

Local designer Desmond Yang's award-winning brand caters to the modern working woman who needs pieces that can be transformed easily for different occasions. Yang's talent lies in his ability to create sensual pieces that are stylish yet versatile. His clothes have gained a following all over the world, with his label stocked in countries including Taiwan and the US. #02-21/22/23 Orchard Central. Tel: 6509 8892. Visit www.abyzz.com.sg

SKYE

The brainchild of local designer Ana Liew, this label is famous for flirty frocks and rock-chick outfits. Fluid jersey dresses and colourful reversible tops fill the racks alongside hand-beaded gowns and printed dresses by Filipino designer Lotte Delima Edwards. #03-28A Orchard Central. Tel: 6835 9025. Visit www.skye.com.sg



Nicholas
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NICHOLAS WONG

Fashion Designer,
Nicholas

I like to keep things minimal and comfortable. I am also sensitive towards the technical construction of my designs—clean lines and subtle details are my style. My favourite trend for spring/summer 2010 is the utilitarian look introduced by Alexander Wang. There was a wide variety of fabrics and the best look had to be the corset laced over an oversized grey sweatshirt. If I had to choose a favourite combination from my current collection, it would be a smart casual suit with a collared tulip vest called Janet and a pair of pants with centre pleats and rolled up cuffs called Puffin."

ACCESSORIES

The drama is really in the details—which is why an outfit isn't complete until you've accessorised

Resin inlay ring, \$69.90,
Witchery



NEW TO SINGAPORE

WITCHERY

If your style personality veers towards subtle luxury, you will certainly appreciate Witchery. The popular Aussie fashion brand has made its first appearance in Singapore with a stand-alone accessories store that carries shoes, handbags, jewellery, belts, scarves, eyewear, intimates and watches. Hair accessories and even bath and body essentials are also covered. #B2-48 ION Orchard. Visit www.witchery.com.au



Arcade bag,
Rabeanco spring/
summer 2010

Textured poppy
necklace, \$79.90.
Witchery



BIMBA & LOLA

Founded by sisters Uxía and María Domínguez, whose illustrious family design heritage includes Carolina Herrera, this Spanish brand has won loyal fans in Singapore since its opening. The eclectic fashion label's first store in Singapore carries ready-to-wear, playful shoes, chic bags and feminine accessories. #B1-22 ION Orchard. Tel: 6509 3305. Visit www.bimbaylola.es

TRENDS OF THE SEASON

- **Chunky platforms or wedges as seen on the runways of Chanel, Miu Miu and Céline**
- **Colourful, bold bags such as the totes at Louis Vuitton and Bottega Veneta**
- **Menswear-inspired shoes—think Salvatore Ferragamo Oxfords**
- **Structured belts made from wood and perspex, as spotted at Fendi and Hermès, are the new must-haves**
- **Floral-printed bags and clutches, which were the highlight of Valentino's spring/summer 2010 collection**
- **Feminine details such as big bows on headbands were all the rage at Marc Jacobs**
- **Elaborate, intricately-designed necklaces, fabricated with ribbons or embellished with crystals, as seen at Lanvin**

GLAMOROUS OPTIONS



Judith Leiber
spring/summer
2010 collection at
The Link Bag Bar



ROLEX

Rolex is renowned for being one of the most reliable brands when it comes to luxury watches—and Singapore happens to be one of Asia's top hubs for Rolex fans. The must-have for 2010 is the chocolate-coloured gold and steel Datejust Lady 31mm watch with diamonds. That's just if the classic men's Oyster Perpetual doesn't grab you first. #01-01 Tong Building, 302 Orchard Road. Tel: 6737 9033. Visit www.rolex.com

THE LINK BAG BAR

Bag hags and purse lovers know that when it comes to über-lux bags, the Link Bag Bar is the place to head to. Hang out at the shop's bar and browse through its collection of red carpet-worthy designer bags, ranging from Chloé to Judith Leiber. #01-31 Paragon. Tel: 6235 5965

KWANPEN

Founded in 1938, Kwanpen is known for its high-quality crocodile bags. Look out for the spring/summer 2010 collection featuring a black



Classic
handbag
range,
Kwanpen

and white colour scheme. There's also the limited edition Singapore-inspired Sayang clutch that blends elements from Peranakan, Chinese and Malay cultures. #03-17 ION Orchard. Tel: 6238 0223

L'ATELIER BY THE HOURGLASS

A new experience in haute horology awaits—L'Atelier offers a personalised service that allows enthusiasts to learn about watchmakers, as well as timepieces, and enables them to enquire about events and workshops. The boutique also offers a bespoke service, which lets you work with different brands to create your dream watch. #03-06 ION Orchard. Tel: 6509 9268. Visit www.thehourglass.com



HOME

If you would like your home to be as fashionable as your wardrobe is, these shops might hold the key



Chic lifestyle boutique Atomii

ATOMII

If you love Japanese fashion trends, Atomii should be near the top of your list. This chic lifestyle boutique holds homeware, accessories and clothes from Japanese designers. Must-haves include brightly-coloured glass-blown jewellery and accessories by Yuriko, ceramics and porcelain, super-thin glassware, designed for an optimum tasting experience, and award-winning cookware line, Koizumi. #04-27 Mandarin Gallery. Tel: 6222 1456. Visit www.atomii.jp.com

QUIRKY FABULOUS FINDS

STRANGLERS

Tucked away in Chinatown, this eclectic store will make sure you want to part with your credit card. Its hard-to-resist collection of fabulous finds includes dog-shaped lamps, Forget-Me-Not rings, arias stationary, biomorphic

jewellery, dragon bowls and hen basket cookie jars. So, if you're looking for some tongue-in-cheek pieces to wear or display in your home, you know where to go. 87 Amoy Street. Tel: 6222 1456. Visit www.strangleit.sg



NEW TO SINGAPORE

MILES & THEODORE

Choice is the underlying element of this store, which is the Singapore distributor for Italian brand Missoni Home. The store also carries designer goods such as Driade Kosmo tableware and Ester & Erik candles. 71 Amoy Street. Tel: 6423 9155. Visit www.milesandtheodore.com.sg

POP AND CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

If you love pop and contemporary art, you'll feel at home here. Expect to see works by established artists such as Andy Warhol, Burton Morris, Keith Haring and Roy Lichtenstein. #03-12 Palais Renaissance. Tel: 6735 0959. Visit www.popandcontemporaryart.com

SASKIA JOOSSE

Managing Director, Pop and Contemporary Fine Art

"I believe that the art that people select for their homes should be a very personal affair. Researching on what you want is good, but do not let other people tell you your likes or dislikes, as it is you who will have to live with the piece and enjoy or suffer it."



Art from all over the world at Opera Gallery

GLAMOROUS OPTIONS

MUSEUM OF ART & DESIGN BY JASMINE FINE ART

Founder Jasmine Tay believes in making art accessible to everyone. She opened the Museum of Art and Design so that visitors can purchase pieces as well as attend workshops, seminars and events—all for the love of art. Furthermore, works by emerging artists hold their place among pieces by established masters. #03-01 Mandarin Gallery. Tel: 6734 5688. Visit www.madmad.com.sg

MARXX & ARTEASTIQ TEA LOUNGE

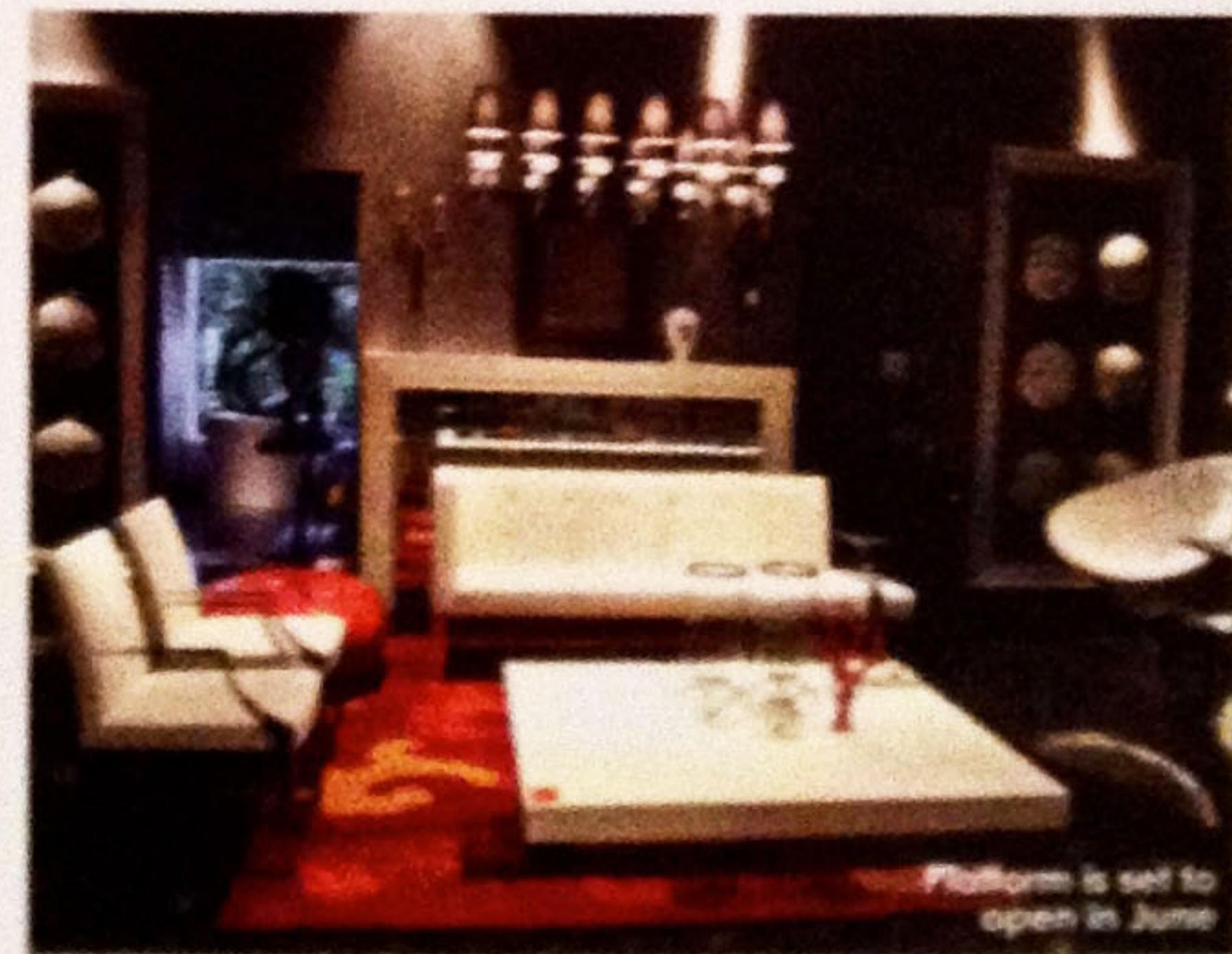
Old World charm meets an über-modern aesthetic in this showroom—from the furnishing and upholstery to home accessories and lighting. And it's not just about shopping—located at the further end of the store, the tea lounge serves a wide range of designer teas and delicious finger food, which makes it perfect for high tea with friends. #04-14/15 Mandarin Gallery. Tel: 6235 8705. Visit www.designbymarxx.co.uk

OPERA GALLERY

If you are looking for fine art from all over the world, then look no further. The Opera Gallery features artists such as Brazilian pop artist Romero Britto, Colombian artist Fernando Botero and Chinese contemporary artist Zeng Fanzhi. The gallery also holds special master exhibitions—last year it hosted an exhibition by acclaimed surrealist painter Salvador Dalí. #03-05 10N Orchard. Tel: 6735 2618. Visit www.operagallery.com

PLATFORM

Though its official opening isn't until June, this upscale home store has already made a name for itself—with its collection of designer brands making it a favourite among the fashion set. The store also boasts a range of lifestyle pieces including Oluce's award-winning Atollo lamp by Achille Castiglioni and Tendo Phi's Butterfly stool by Isao Yanagi. #04-12/13 Mandarin Gallery. Tel: 6235 5618. Visit www.platform.net.sg



Platform is set to open in June

With flavours from around the world, there is plenty of reason—and choice—to indulge your tastebuds

Private Affairs is fast gaining a cult following



NEW TO SINGAPORE

CASSIA

A renaissance in Chinese fine dining awaits at Cassia. Under the guidance of executive chef Ooi Soon Lok, haute Cantonese cooking techniques, traditional recipes and fresh local ingredients entwine to create gastronomic delights. Deep fried spring rolls with prawn, garlic and mozzarella cheese, pan-fried bean curd skin rolls with chicken and foie gras and wok-fried carrot cake with crisp garlic in Pi Fong Tang style—are some of the specialities. The intimate dining room opens onto an outdoor terrace overlooking Capella's lush gardens. Level 3 Capella Singapore, The Knolls, Sentosa. Tel: 6591 5050. Visit www.capellasingapore.com

PRIVATE AFFAIRS

Nestled in a beautifully restored shophouse in Joo Chiat, Private Affairs is fast gaining a cult following for its French and Asian dishes. Indulge your tastebuds with chef Paul Ng's innovative fusion menus—served at lunch and dinner: a four-course set called the Private Affair (\$98) and a seven course option called the Luscious Affair (\$168). Or choose from the range of signature dishes, such as lobster bisque or vine-ripened tomatoes with horseradish meringue and ginger flower vinaigrette. The restaurant's reservations-only lounge on the second floor is perfect for relaxing with a bottle of wine and good friends. 45 Joo Chiat Place. Tel: 6440 0601. Visit www.privateaffairs.com.sg



CHOCOLATE RESEARCH FACILITY
Almost like a Willie Wonka-fantasy come true, this boutique-cum-café is sure to entice chocoholics. It offers a wide range of chocolates in 100 flavours—from the Connoisseur Exotic line to the Double Fruit range in flavours of chai tea and Sichuan pepper as well as alcoholic varieties. A chocolate bar provides detailed information about each selection, all of which are wrapped in brightly coloured packages. #01-30 Millennia Walk. Tel: 6338 5191. Visit www.chocolateresearchfacility.com

TANTALISING TEMPTATIONS

COAST @ 1-TWENTYSIX

A beachfront restaurant and gastrobar from the One Rochester stable, COAST features simple flavours that celebrate its star ingredients: fresh, ocean-farmed seafood that's delicious and environmentally responsible. Favourites include tartare of scallop, ocean trout and tuna loin with foie gras parfait and caramelised shallots, freshly shucked oysters, wild barramundi with a brandade crust, spinach and almond puree with shellfish sauce and braised short rib of beef, creamy Paris mashed potatoes and horseradish cream. Make room for dessert—you don't want to miss their apple and frangipani tart and the



wild honey and pistachio frozen nougat parfait. For drinks, try their Bananaram, Baileys-laced "Faithfully Yours" or the signature flavoured mojitos. #01-26 Playground @ Big Splash, 902 East Coast Parkway. Tel: 6348 2126. Visit www.1-twentysix.com

IVAN FERNANDEZ

Managing director, 1-TwentySix



I have a weak spot for fresh fruit martinis. My current obsession is Kyoho grapes, which are expensive, but the concentrated sweetness and unique flavour are to die for. I soak them in spirits overnight before adding to my concoctions. I recommend the Timuni Martini and Monster Mojito at 1-TwentySix and the Very Berry Martini and The Temasek Smash from One Rochester.

Tartare of scallop, ocean trout and tuna loin with foie gras parfait and caramelised shallots
COAST @ 1-TwentySix



MARMALADE PANTRY

A favourite among the fashionable set, this upscale chic yet cosy restaurant is known for its hearty main courses and delectable desserts. Make sure you try the signature avocado caesar wrap, the Marmalade burger with roast tomato chutney, crabmeat linguini, sticky date and toffee pudding and the old-fashioned chocolate fudge cake. If you are looking for tea-time treats, the cupcakes are a great choice. The location at ION Orchard is as great for a mid-week shopping pit-stop as it is for weekend brunch with friends. #03-02 ION Orchard. Tel: 6734 2700. Visit [www.themarmaladepantry.com](http://themarmaladepantry.com)

EVENTS

There are always places to go and people to see. To see and be seen is the key

AUDI FASHION FESTIVAL

The Audi Fashion Festival (AFF), which is fast becoming one of the most anticipated fashion events, boasts personal appearances by designers Dean and Dan Caten of Dsquared2 and Roberto Cavalli, as well as supermodels Carmen Kass and Song Kyunga. The event, in partnership with the Textile and Fashion Federation (TaFf), will host Star Creation, a fashion design competition. MasterCard cardholders get priority access to tickets, preferential show prices and styling sessions by fashion pros. April 28-May 2. Tent@Orchard, Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza



Raoul
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THE BAZAAR DAILY

Be first to get the scoop on insider-happenings at the Audi Fashion Festival with The BAZAAR Daily, brought to you by Harper's BAZAAR. Copies of The BAZAAR Daily will be available at the BAZAAR Fashion Lounge at Level 4, ION Orchard, 28 April-2 May

RAOUL FALL/WINTER 2010

Local designer brand Raoul is popular for its affordable luxury. Originally a men's shirt label, it now carries apparel for men and women, bags, shoes and accessories. The line-up for fall/winter 2010 centres around iconic cinematic figures and includes a capsule knitwear collection by American designer Tom Scott. April 29, 7pm, ticketed



Song Kyunga

REDKEN PRESENTS THE INSPIRING WORLD OF REDKEN

Local Redken celebrity hair and make-up artists Casey Chua and Eugene Ong will be presenting Singapore with the first outdoor hair show. The event will include some of the most fashion-forward and innovative hair styles and make-up trends. April 29, 9pm, by invitation

KTZ FALL/WINTER 2010

This super hip street wear brand, KTZ (Kokon to Zai), has got the fashion world talking and its Macedonian designers, Marjan Pejoski

and Sasko Besovski, are the industry's latest wunderkinds. The former construction engineer student and DJ, who both graduated from Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, designed a futuristic collection for fall/winter 2010 that straddles the line between urban and couture. This is one show you shouldn't miss. April 29, 11pm, ticketed

WAREHOUSE SPRING/ SUMMER 2010

The popular high street brand takes to the runway with a glamorous yet edgy spring/summer collection. Think cocktail dresses, easy-to-wear pieces, fluid tailoring and global inspiration—all with the brand's signature effortless chic. April 30, 3pm, limited tickets

DSQUARED2 FALL/WINTER 2010 OPENING SHOW

Candian twin brothers Dean and Dan Caten are known for their high energy fashion shows—a combination of their irreverently glamorous clothes, explosive music and impressive

performances. Madonna, Rihanna, Christina Aguilera, Lenny Kravitz and Justin Timberlake are all known to be fans. The fall/winter 2010 collection has a major vamp-meets-rock feel featuring cocktail dresses, motorcycle jackets, jersey gowns and latex leggings. April 28, 7pm, limited tickets

ALLDRESSEDUP FALL/ WINTER 2010

With a relaxed, contemporary aesthetic, this homegrown label, created by fashion veteran Tina Tan-Leo to be the in-house brand of The Link, has been making a splash in Europe and the US. Designer Sven Tan took his fall/winter 2010 inspiration from the traditional Peranakan kebaya top and transformed it into balloon-sleeved, sheer silk blouses. The collection also features its signature relaxed silhouette in earth tone colours, jodhpurs, jumpsuits and origami folds. May 1, 5pm, ticketed



Dsquared2

LAUNCH OF HP MINI 210 VIVIENNE TAM BUTTERFLY LOVERS EDITION

Gadget guru HP recently launched its designer "digital clutch"—the HP Mini 210 Vivienne Tam Butterfly Lovers Edition—at the Tang's Fashion Party: Singapore Edition. The stylish netbook is the second in the brand's line-up of Vivienne Tam-designed products and was inspired by the Chinese love story, "Butterfly Lovers." It features Tam's spring/summer 2010 butterfly print, a gold-coloured keyboard and a desktop with a butterfly theme. Weighing just over one kilogramme and less than three centimetres thick, this mobile computer is worthy of its place in your It-bag. \$999. Available at Tang's Orchard; Vivienne Tam at ION Orchard. Visit www.hp.com.sg/shop

SAMSUNG WAVE COLLABORATION

As part of the launch of its latest smartphone, the Samsung Wave, the popular gadget brand teamed up with local designers Ben Wu and Desmond Yang to create some Wave-inspired pieces and concepts. Yang is known for his edgy form-fitting style at fashion label Abyzz, while Wu is the creative force behind Tian and BenWu. Watch out for the debut of these creations at the Audi Fashion Festival tent lounge. They will be made available for sale at the Samsung flagship store at VivoCity, the BenWu, Mandarin Gallery and Abyzz by Desmond Yang, Orchard Central and Millenia Walk.

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