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# SPEND

**STRONG SUIT**

Every time Spend dons an oversized white suit, it can feel a little 'female funeral director'. Not this one; the stencil leaf-print detail adds an aesthetic flourish to the longline single-breasted blazer and wide-leg trousers. Lightly padded shoulders, tortoiseshell buttons and mid-weight Tencel-cotton fabrication work for day and night. Rico blazer, \$449; Lagos pant, \$349; hansenandgretel.com



**ELEGANTLY WASTED**

British menswear brand Orlebar Brown has launched an artist-in-residence program with a vibrant installation across the atrium of the Sydney CBD flagship. *Gleaning, On the Beach, And Beyond*, created from recycled plastic rubbish from local beaches, is the work of Sydney-based environmental artist Rox De Luca. The colourful garlands of weathered bits and bobs are a beautiful juxtaposition of playfulness and earnest reminder of our ocean's plastic waste problem. On display until 2025 at 5 Martin Place Sydney.

**NEAT TREAT**

The Oris Aquis Date might well be all you need in a day-time/dive-time watch, the steel case perfectly sized at 36.5 mm and offering 300 meters water resistance while the dial shimmers in Aegean blue mother-of-pearl. A self-winding movement powers things, and the watch, normally \$3600, can be found for as low as \$2520. Inquiries 1300 700 950. Bani McSpedden



**stylish**

**HEAR HEAR!**

Hedi Slimane's Celine is turning into a one-stop shop releasing merch as diverse as shaving brushes to dog bowls. Now come headphones

made in collaboration with Master & Dynamic (a match of brains and good looks). Spend's a sucker for these tan lambskin ear-pad versions that boast a lightweight anodised aluminium body with Celine engraved on the side, and 30 hours of battery life. Earphones, \$1350, celine.com

**RESCUE REMEDY**

A summer's worth of swimming felt fabulous at the time, but now all that sun, salt and hair-straightening has left you with ravaged locks. Got 10 seconds? Add a squirt of this treatment after conditioning, comb through, and rinse. Its emollient plant ingredients smooth then seal the cuticle without silicones. Hey, presto: a lightweight veil of shine that's silky to touch. Aveda Botanical Repair Bond-Building Flash Treatment, \$80, aveda.com.au



**FIRE AND ICE**

Victoire de Castellane's opal obsession is no secret, and it's at the fore in her latest Dior D'élégance jewellery collection.

Among the artistic director's creations is this knockout knuckleduster: diamonds set in a white-gold band highlighting a rare 5.74 carat black Australian opal cut as a cabochon. It'll have your finger firing off glorious clashes of blue, green and red. POA, dior.com

**dazzle**



**BOOTS' N ALL**

Jumping on the cowgirl trend but keen to add an aristo twist? These refined Birch boots (we can picture Kate Middleton climbing out of her Range Rover in a pair) are designed by Jane Robertson who runs her thriving footwear brand, Millwoods, from her working farm outside Wagga, NSW. Handmade in Spain, they're surprisingly versatile to style whether paired with jeans or a floaty skirt. Bonus, we bet they'll look even better with age. \$499, millwoods.com.au