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Suits, Shoes, Watches,  
and the Season's  
Best Luxury Basics Worn  
by This Guy:

**MATTHIAS SCHOENAERTS,** →  
almost movie star  
and man of style

FEATURING  
THE  
Essential  
You Want  
to Wear

THE  
Life You  
Want  
to Live

THE  
**BIG  
BLACK  
BOOK**

THE  
STYLE  
MANUAL  
FOR  
SUCCESSFUL  
MEN

DISPLAY UNTIL JULY 5, 2016







**On him:** Two-button linen-and-cotton jacket (\$1,080) by Massimo Alba; boboli.ca. Cashmere sweater (\$860) by Massimo Alba. Cotton shirt (\$175) by Rag & Bone; rag-bone.com. Linen-and-cotton trousers (\$380) by Massimo Alba; george-greene.com. Suede shoes (\$420) by Grenson; grenson.com. Steel Original Beige chronograph (\$4,200) by Bell & Ross; bellross.com. Leather belt (\$195) by Paul Smith; paulsmith.co.uk. Nylon-and-turquoise bracelet (\$140) by Scosha; scosha.com.

**On her:** Jacket by Dsquared2. T-shirt by L'école des Femmes. Pants by Denim & Supply Ralph Lauren. Brogues by Giuseppe Zanotti Design. Choker by Vanessa Mooney.



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# ITALY

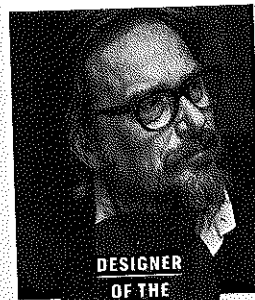
*"To be noticed without striving to be noticed, this is what elegance is about."*  
—LUCIANO BARBERA

## WHAT ITALY GAVE THE WORLD: LIGHTNESS

*As well as elegance and permission to care deeply about clothes while looking like you couldn't care less*



**LEFT:** Alessandro Squarzi; Brunello Cucinelli; and his legendary grandfather, Gianni—avatars of Italian fashionability, past and present.



DESIGNER  
OF THE  
MOMENT

↓  
Massimo Alba

*One of Milan's finest men's-wear designers, Alba brings an intellectual approach to design, making clothes that showcase his refined aesthetic and sophisticated techniques. The thoroughly modern result blends the romantic Italian sensibility with gentlemanly casualness (see below). Here, the designer weighs in on the state of Italian style today.*

*"Once, Italy was very famous for handmade shoes, shirts, and suits. Gentlemen wore bespoke suits. Today, this is a niche. I don't feel part of it. Men today shouldn't be overdressed—it's cliché. I really like double-breasted jackets, but I wear them with a turtleneck or a sweatshirt or a T-shirt and very light corduroy trousers."*



## THE SECRETS OF ITALIAN STYLE



**SUNGLASSES IN THE BREAST POCKET:**  
May we suggest Persols?



**SWEATER ON THE SHOULDERS:**  
The thinner the cashmere, the better.



**SOCKLESSNESS:**  
As soon—and for as long—as the weather allows.

## \*THE NO-SWEAT GUIDE TO GOING SOCKLESS

**1** **ALTERNATE** between two or more pairs of shoes. Your feet have 250,000 sweat glands; your shoes take 24 to 48 hours to dry after a day of wear. Unvarnished cedar shoe trees go a long way when it comes to shape retention and odor prevention.

**2** **USE** disposable insoles. Don't just stick them in and forget about them—change them every two weeks, at a minimum.

**3** **KEEP** your feet dry. Don't want trench foot? Skip clumpy powders and use a foot-specific antiperspirant spray such as Klima Surefoot Spray (\$25; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)), which lasts for several days.