



THE RETAILER



UAE Trading marketing director Dina Karam counts Lanvin among her portfolio of luxury brands.

Personal style: Edgy simplicity. Givenchy conveys this perfectly.
A/W09 fashion staple: A long wool camel-coloured coat is a great buy for travelling – it looks good with Mediterranean skin tones and you can throw it over anything to look instantly sophisticated. Also, ankle boots can be paired with pretty much everything (Dior and Valentino have some gorgeous ones) and they give your whole outfit an edgy touch. They're one of the only winter wardrobe accessories that you can wear in the Dubai heat without getting funny looks.

A/W09 beauty staple: Really dark red nail polish. This year, next year... every year.

Style icon: Cate Blanchett – she makes brave fashion choices that radiate class and coolness. Although not the most beautiful woman in the world by traditional standards, her style always makes her stand out in a crowd as the loveliest and most interesting woman in the room.

Trend tip: Those amazing sharp, high shoulders. They're a callback to the 1980s shoulder pads, but this revamped version is actually more sexy and powerful.

Fashion mantra: Invest in solids. Even though they may not jump off the clothes rack as much as a print, they will last a whole lot longer in your closet.

Secret shopping address: I love Fashion Avenue at The Dubai Mall, but that's hardly a secret!

Favourite fashion piece: Lanvin's necklaces. They really make a bold statement and I enjoy the mix of materials, such as metal, crystals, pearls and ribbon.



BOOTS, GIVENCHY



THE SKINCARE EXPERT

Based in Oregon in the US, with a client base spanning LA to Dubai, Dr Naina is an expert in aesthetic, integrative, functional and anti-ageing medicine and is an ambassador for Olay's Regenerist skincare line.

Personal style: Understated chic
A/W09 fashion staple: A black patent leather Versace bag with silver studs.

A/W09 beauty staple: MAC black eyeshadow instead of eyeliner to line around the eyes.

Style icon: Victoria Beckham.

Style mantra: I love fashion that's subtle yet extremely powerful.

Trend tip: Piaget's watch with a floating diamond bezel is one of my autumn must-buys.

Secret shopping address: Lior boutique at the Venetian Hotel Shoppes in Las Vegas.

Inspiration: I'm inspired by a vast range of things: biochemistry, nutrigenomics, kickboxing and hip-hop music, to name a few.

Fashion favourite: My Gianni Versace black leather jacket with silver hooks down the front. I can dress it up or down, wear it over a short camisole or long top. It works with just about everything. ■



TOUCHE ECLAT, YVES SAINT LAURENT

ONE OF DAVID'S WORKING SKETCHES FOR HARPER'S BAZAAR ARABIA



THE ILLUSTRATOR

David Downton first started illustrating fashion when he attended the haute couture shows in 1996. Since then he has been commissioned by the likes of Chanel and Harrods, and has drawn all of the world's top models, as well as icons including Joan Collins, Catherine Deneuve and Anna Piaggi. He created the Harper's Bazaar Fortnight of Fashion illustration.

Personal style: When I'm at my studio, I look like Howard Hughes. When I'm out and about, I try and go for 'artist doing well, but not trying too hard'.

A/W09 fashion staples: A Yohji Yamamoto jacket and Comme des Garçons shirt.

A/W09 grooming staple: My great good looks are God-given. Don't mess with nature...

Style icon: In the movies, Ursula Andress and Marcello Mastroianni in 1965 sci-fi thriller *The 10th Victim*. In life, Julian Schnabel (who I don't know), and Amanda Harlech (who I do).

Style mantra: "Lighten up!"

Secret shopping address: It's not so secret now, but I love Astier de Villette in Paris. Like all inspiring places, it makes you rethink (and can sell you things you don't need, just because they are beautiful).

Inspiration: I agree with Paul Smith. Look around you... it's everywhere.



BAG, VERSACE