

Ermenegildo Zegna

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The keystone supporting the Ermenegildo Zegna collections' sophisticated architecture will in autumn-winter 2005/2006 be accessories. A varied, versatile world whose styles clearly suit the mood of the collection they complete; the suavely elegant man turns to them for an even more harmonious, unmistakeable personal style.

Allowing himself, for example, the luxury of a made-to-measure shoe or belt: an impeccable service which Ermenegildo Zegna offers in its Rome and New York boutiques and in the recently-opened Florence flagship store devoted to accessories. Three styles, Oxford, Derby and Loafer, feature leathers with a very exclusive look, such as ostrich or matt alligator, to finish with a choice of linings and the uniquely elegant finishing touch of a monogram branded into the sole. The "Limited Edition" range is given a new look: unmistakeable Italian appeal in three variations, Loafer, Derby and Oxford. Carefully selected, unusual leathers give a high-fashion touch; the Nile Monitor or the American Alligator provide unparalleled softness. Our pivotal philosophy is unchanged – the craft workmanship that distinguishes each article, sophisticated solutions such as wooden shoe-trees and hand stitching.

A breath of fresh air also blows through the other collections. This year, *Couture* has a lighter look thanks to a lower, more tapered line, finished with hand-polishing or with iconic details, such as the tiny screws that re-appear on the belt or in the range of matching bags. *Sartorial* owes its contemporary feel to fashion details such as the newly-proportioned welt; or the toe, which is decidedly more streamlined. Modernity is also the key to the leisurewear range, above all the Highway sneakers now restyled for colder weather. Matching accessories – a belt and small leather articles – display the brand's hallmark, exquisite workmanship.

Z takes Zegna into the atmosphere of the Sixties, thoroughly creative and avant-garde. The rubber-soled ankle boot has the most fashion-driven style; the evening slip-on has a tapered last and tassels. The sneaker is available in suede or pony as well as in exotic leathers such as ostrich or iguana. The "Z" logo appears on all details, from leather to the hi-tech fabric which is perfect for bags and deconstructed trolley cases, on small leather articles and – for a distinguishing touch – on buckles.

Zegna Sport introduces a whole new idea of comfort: the brand-new "pocket shoe" is a celebration of lightness – the ankle boot with a natural rubber sole can be folded and stored in a tiny pouch. The hi-tech, super-sporty *Active* range is designed to meet the needs of free-climbers and is distinguished for a vulcanisation treatment, eye-catching design and excellent value. Lastly, in the wake of its past-season success, the Portofino range updates its colour palette with shades of green.