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# KHALID SHAFAR

*Three years ago, Khalid Shafar gave up a career in marketing to pursue his passion for design. Now recognised as the UAE's top bespoke furniture maker, his work has been exhibited around the world and his first permanent studio, KASA, opened in Dubai last month. He divides his time between the UAE and New Zealand*



**IF YOU COULD WAKE UP ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD TOMORROW, WHERE WOULD IT BE?** Istanbul. **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HOTEL?** Albergo Hotel in Beirut, and The House Hotel, Istanbul.

**WHERE IS THE BEST SERVICE YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED?** Zuma, in DIFC, Dubai. **IN TERMS OF YOUR WARDROBE, DO YOU HAVE A REGULAR GO-TO DESIGNER?** I can't name just one designer as I like to mix pieces from different labels such as Vivienne Westwood, Marc Jacob, Balenciaga, Carolina Herrera and Armani. **WHICH GROOMING PRODUCT OR TREATMENT DO YOU SWEAR BY?** 1847 in Emirates Towers in Dubai is one of my favourite male grooming places. I also strongly recommend the Bastien Gonzalez Pedi:Man at the One & Only Royal Mirage, Dubai. **WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST LUXURY PURCHASE?** My first Swiss-made watch. I was 18 and saved up to buy it after graduating from high school. **ARE YOU A COLLECTOR? IF SO, WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?** Art. I'm currently buying pieces by Middle Eastern artists. **IF YOU COULD INVEST IN THE WORK OF ONE ARTIST OR DESIGNER, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?** A limited-edition piece from the Campana Brothers would be a must. **WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?** My art collection – and a 25-year-old-watch that belonged to my dad and was passed to me. Another special possession is a book about the Campana Brothers' work, originally signed by both brothers. **IF YOU WERE TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME, WHERE WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?** I already did here in Dubai. It's very contemporary and minimalist. **WHICH OF YOUR DESIGNS MEANS MOST TO YOU AND WHY?** The Dubai board game I made just after I'd moved to New Zealand from Dubai. I was very homesick and put all my emotions into making it. **WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER SO FAR?** The opening of KASA – the new home of my creations, in the industrial area of Ras Al Khor. It's part of the vision to transform this area into Dubai's Design district. **DO YOU HAVE AN ESSENTIAL GADGET OR PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY?** I am far away from being a technology man but I love my BlackBerry. **DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE SHOPPING DISTRICT?** Milan is one of my favourite shopping cities. The Golden Triangle Via Monte Napoleone, Via della Spiga, and those streets that run between them, Via Sant' Andrea, Via Gesù, Via Borgospesso, are musts to shop from and window browse. **WHAT IS THE MOST-PLAYED MUSIC ON YOUR IPOD RIGHT NOW?** Not on my iPod, but in my design gallery space KASA, I'm playing lots of jazz by Ella Fitzgerald. **WHAT IS YOUR NEXT PROJECT OR AMBITION?** I'm currently working on four projects for the 2013 Design Days Dubai show. My ambition is to present my Emirati designs in Milan, Paris and New York. ◻

*For more details on KASA, see page 40.*

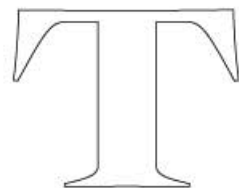


# THIS MONTH'S NAMES, NUMBERS & ADDRESSES OF NOTE

## STOCKISTS

- Alexander McQueen**, Dubai Mall, 04 339 8760
- Amouage**, www.amouage.com
- Asprey**, Mall of the Emirates, 04 341 0641
- Bang & Olufsen**, Dubai Mall, 04 339 9314
- Bloomingdale's**, Dubai Mall, 04 350 5333
- Bloomingdale's Home**, Dubai Mall, 04 350 5464
- Breitling**, Mall of the Emirates, 04 341 1165
- Burberry**, Marina Mall, 02 681 7477; Dubai Mall, 04 339 8357; Mall of the Emirates, 04 340 5559
- Cartier**, 0800 227 8437, Dubai Mall, Etihad Towers and elsewhere
- Christian Dior**, Marina Mall, 02 681 7477; Mall of the Emirates, 04 323 5322, Dubai Mall, 04 330 8739
- Christoffe**, Dubai Mall, 04 339 8451
- Crate & Barrel**, Mall of the Emirates, 04 399 0125; Mirdif City Centre, 04 284 3151
- Dubai Audio**, 04 3431441, www.dubaiaudio.com
- Faubourg Design**, Business Central Twin Towers, Tower B, 11th Floor Office 1101, Dubai 04 42 27 909
- Gucci**, Marina Mall, 02 681 6844; Mall of the Emirates, 04 341 0669 and elsewhere
- Harry Winston**, Dubai Mall, 04 325 3334 and elsewhere
- Harvey Nichols**, Mall of the Emirates, 04 409 8888
- Hermès**, Etihad Towers, 02 666 9720; Burluman Centre, 04 351 1190; Dubai Mall 04 330 8385
- IF Boutique**, Umm Al Sheif Street, 04 394 7260
- IWC**, Marina Mall, 02 681 1557, Dubai Mall 04 339 8111
- Kate Spade**, Dubai Mall, 04 325 3518
- Longines**, Abu Dhabi Mall, 02 640 4250; Dubai Mall 04 33 98528
- Moschino**, Dubai Mall, 04 339 8079
- Mulberry**, Dubai Mall, 04 339 8990, www.boutique1.com
- Panerai**, Etihad Towers 02 681 8660; Dubai Mall 04 339 8444
- Penhaligon's**, Dubai Mall, 04 434 3122
- S\*uce**, Marina Mall, 02 681 8650; Village Mall, 04 344 7270; Dubai Mall, 04 339 9696
- Salvatore Ferragamo**, Avenue at Etihad Towers, 02 665 5481; Dubai Mall, 04 330 8590 and elsewhere
- Smythson**, www.smythson.com
- Tag Heuer**, Dubai Mall 04 339 8555.
- Tod's**, Marina Mall, 02 681 6562; Mall of the Emirates, 04 341 3033; Burluman Centre, 04 355 4417
- Tom Ford**, Dubai Mall, 04 330 8300
- William & Son**, www.williamandson.com

## THE ROYAL STABLES



his month's equestrian-themed fashion shoot was photographed in the grounds of the beautiful Royal Stables in Abu Dhabi. Set among manicured lawns, with endless avenues of mature trees and shrubs it provided the perfect backdrop for our editorial.

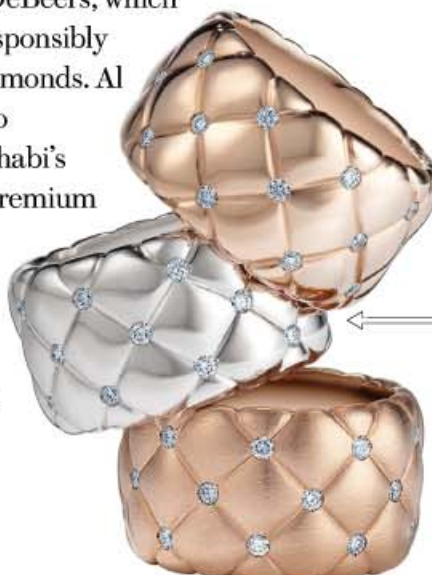
Facilities include a riding school for both beginners and advanced riders, a pony club for children to develop their skills while learning the basic skills of caring for a horse, livery stables and horse leasing.

*The Royal Stables, 24th St (Karama St), Al Mushrif Area, Abu Dhabi, 02 447 8111*



## FABERGÉ

Fabergé, the legendary jeweller to the Russian Imperial court, will launch its first collections in Dubai next month, in a special collaboration with Damas. Also making its UAE debut at Damas is Forevermark, the offshoot of DeBeers, which specialises in responsibly sourced rare diamonds. Al Wahda Mall is to welcome Abu Dhabi's first branch of premium beauty store Sephora, and the capital is also now home to the city's first Pandora boutique.



## KASA

Opened last month, Kasa is the designer Khalid Shafar's first permanent studio space. Its cool, sharply minimalist concrete interior is the perfect backdrop to showcase Shafar's striking, innovative pieces, and as Shafar mentions in our interview (see p 24), the studio was deliberately located in Ras Al Khor with the aim of helping to transform this old industrial district into Dubai's next creative hub. As a kickstart to this vision, this offers a truly exciting glimpse of future possibilities.

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