STYLE FASHION FEATURE

TRAIL BLAZERS

Previously the mainstay of a public school uniform, the grey blazer - in its new incarnation - is at the forefront of style. Precisely tailored, adaptable and the colour for Autumn, this season's grey blazers are definitely too cool for school.

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> Yes, blazers do work well with Cardigans. In fact layering separates is one of the key looks for this season - even with a colour as loud as this number from Reiss.

Blazer, Dhs6,200, Les Hommes at Saks Fifth Avenue Cardigan, **Dhs95**, Reiss





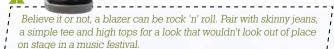
Working in the corporate world may offer limited options in terms of expressing your style, so keep things casual and opt for a one-button blazer. Add some flair with your tie – tartan has been used all over the catwalks this season.

Blazer, **Dhs4,855**, Marc Jacobs

Tie, **Dhs420**, D&G at Saks Fifth Avenue Shirt, **Dhs800**, Giorgio Armani Trousers, **Dhs1,290**, Paul and Joe

Shoes, Dhs1,095, Reiss





Blazer, **Dhs5,625**, D&G at Saks Fifth Avenue

T-shirt, **Dhs550**, Emporio Armani Jeans, **Dhs1,700**, Emporio Armani Belt, **Dhs2,270**, Mulberry at Boutique 1 Guitar chain, **Dhs65**, Topman

Trainers, Dhs2,130, Marc Jacobs



THE PERFECT FIT

- Since blazers are more casual than a suit, pay attention to whether it's slim or relaxed and consider how it will fit in with the rest of your wardrobe. Loose layering obviously requires more room hence a relaxed jacket and a crisper, formal jacket will go better with slimmer tailoring.
- A good blazer should hug your shoulders, not slide off them.
- Though bellboy-style cropped blazers are fashionable at the moment, this isn't always going to be the case. If you're after longevity, avoid transient trends such as these and stick to something classic.
- Sleeves should leave space for about a quarter inch of shirt cuff to show - irrelevant of whether you're wearing a shirt or not.
- When looking at vents, remember: a single centre vent for a slim profile and double vents for a bigger profile.
- Two main styles to consider are single-breasted or double-breasted. Single-breasted blazers have a lot of versatility and look good on almost all men, whereas double-breasted can add emphasis to any weight you may be carrying.
- The number of buttons on a blazer can affect the overall look greatly. For example, one button will make you look taller, whereas three buttons will make you look shorter.

Classic but cool, baggy tuxedo trousers and a grey jacket make a great combo and, as black-tie events become more and more casual, are a nice alternative to the all-black penguin suits of old.

Blazer, Dhs4,185, Christian Lacroix at Saks Fifth Avenue

Shirt, **Dhs1,300**, Marc by Marc Jacobs Trousers, **Dhs1,280**, Unconditional at Boutique 1

Shoes, Dhs1,980, Paul & Joe Bangle, **Dhs3,400**, Bottega Venetta.



You really can go as casual as you like with a grey blazer, just keep it fitted and open. Perfect for adding an extra layer post-beach fun.

Blazer, **Dhs8,800**, Giorgio Armani

T-shirt, **Dhs1,220**, Dolce and Gabanna at Saks Fifth Avenue

Jeans, **Dhs2,275**, Marc Jacobs

Sandals, Dhs2,535, Dolce and Gabanna at Saks Fifth Avenue

Bag, **Dhs1,530**, Marc Jacobs

Belt, **Dhs1,300**, Prada at Saks Fifth Avenue





keep the look current by wearing the trousers that are cropped above the ankle - the new length de rigeur.

Blazer, Dhs2,495, Reiss

Pocket Square, **Dhs350**, Giorgio Armani

Cardigan, **Dhs1,350**, Emporio Armani

Trousers, **Dhs4,185**, Christian Lacroix at Saks Fifth Avenue

Shoes, **Dhs2,400**, Yves Saint Laurent Watch, Dhs1,900, Tateossian at Tanagara

