

GAME, SET, MATCH

There are plenty of menswear trends that have died an honourable death and laid to rest never to be heard from again. But, a few more favourable staples from yesteryear have been making the rounds lately. Here are some of our favourites of 2019 and a few to look forward to in 2020 that deserve a permanent seat at the fashion table.

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1. THINK PINK

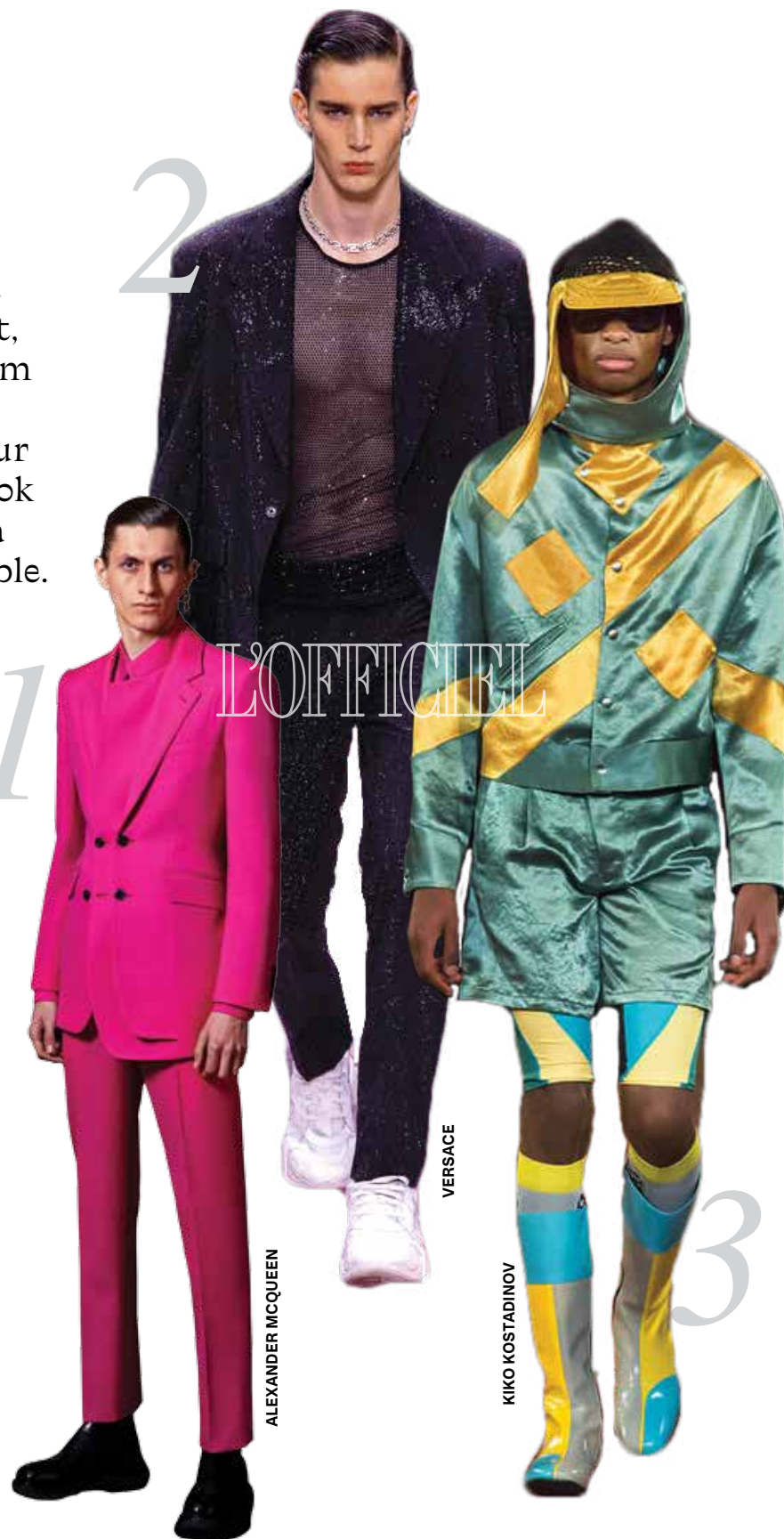
We know what you're thinking. Can guys wear pink? Well, it's the 21st century and things have changed. From a few fleshy tones to an abundance of fuchsia, pink made a mark on the Spring Summer 2020 catwalks, seen at Alexander McQueen, Dries Van Noten, GmBH and Louis Vuitton. Don't forget to layer up on accessories that go hand in hand while accentuating your look - pick out some sneakers, scarves and sunglasses to ace this trend.

2. EASY BREEZY

Show off those abs with a sheer top. Pair it with a relaxed suit for a fun night out, or don a loose, sheer shirt in the summer. From meshy trench coats, shirts and Mandarin suit jackets shown at Giorgio Armani, Dolce & Gabbana and Versace to filmy tracksuits at Qasimi and an all-but-invisible rock star-ready T-shirts at John Lawrence Sullivan and Dsquared2, dressing in, new clothes has never been cooler.

3. CHIC SHINE

With fluidity and shine, satin brings a relaxed elegance to spring fashion. Designers recognised this on their catwalks, including silky pieces in their Spring/Summer 2019 and 2020 collections. The menswear contingent has given the fabric a fresh new lease of life in the form of lemon-hued ensembles at Chinese brand 8on8, regal frock coats at Charles Jeffrey, sleek shirts and harem pants at Saint Laurent and satin-y cropped jackets at Zegna and Kiko Kostadinov.



4. DOUBLE TROUBLE

The fashion world has always been divided over the double-breasted suit. While, on the other hand, it is on high rotation on an international fashion circuit. The contentious fashion statement has featured heavily at Pitti Uomo. Designers such as Prada, Vivienne Westwood and Calvin Klein have all made an impact as each reinvented the suit with new fabrics either making them super fitted or straight cut.

5. CO-ORD 2.0

Good things come in pairs. And the matching *mantra* seems to be affecting our wardrobes. After years of being told to mix it up and avoid one block ensembles, the likes of Wooyungmi, Berthold and Versace sent fully coordinated looks down the SS19 runways—we're talking outfits in matching violet shades, floral two-pieces, graphic denims and monochrome shorts-and-shirt sets.

6. SEPIA PALLETE

It's not necessarily all that interesting to get into the "why" of brown's resurgence on the runway as seen at Dolce & Gabbana, but all we know is that it has to do with a lot of 1970s inspired looks going down the runways. What is important to know is that brown makes a really great alternative to black in the winter. It also warms your features, rather than draining colour.

7. MILITARY PRECISION

Camouflage is one of menswear's greatest ironies. For a print that was designed to let members of the military go incognito, it's pretty damn conspicuous everywhere else. For style inspiration, think Jean-Claude Van Damme in Street Fighter and NSYNC in their heyday. Probably safe to say it isn't the classic and chill version you're used to wearing.