

Samurai for all seasons

Ken Watanabe knows
how to look great when
the weather is not

1 The actor

Already a major star in his native Japan, Ken Watanabe earned an Academy Award nomination for his work opposite Tom Cruise in *The Last Samurai*. In December, the 46-year-old Watanabe stars in *Memoirs of a Geisha* as the Chairman, a courtesan-loving businessman.

2 The challenge

Cold, wet weather presents a fashion conundrum for businessmen. A trench coat will keep you dry but not warm, a bulky parka is ill suited for climbing the corporate ladder, and a cashmere topcoat will be ruined in a soaking rain.

3 The solution

Loro Piana recently introduced the Icer Coat (shown), made with its trademark Storm System cashmere. Each fiber of Mongolian goat hair is covered in a veneer that makes water bead away from its surface. Then a breathable waterproof lining is applied to the inside of the fabric. Finally, a third insulating layer on the inside wicks moisture away. The result is a coat that shields you from the elements without compromising your elemental style. TREVOR THIEME

Coat by Loro Piana; clothing by Canali;
boots by Cole Haan

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"I don't like to look like I'm trying too hard. I like to strike a balance. This coat is a beautiful combination of classic and modern styling, and a great blend of fashion and function."