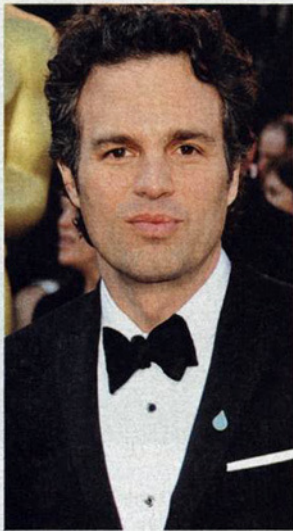


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Brand watch **Tateossian**

From a Birmingham workshop to A-list lapels

In 1990, Kuwaiti-born entrepreneur Robert Tateossian began manufacturing high-end accessories and jewellery from a workshop at the heart of the silversmith industry in Birmingham.

Twenty-five years later, the label has outlets from New York to Tokyo, with the newest boutique opening in Sloane Square, London, last year. Fans including Elton John, Mark Ruffalo (above) and the King of Denmark have spiced up their outfits with Tateossian's accessories.

High end means pretty hefty prices, such as these 18-carat gold matchstick cufflinks encrusted with black diamonds, left, £3,000, but the pop bracelet, above, £120, is rather easier on the pocket (tateossian.com).



THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

The best carry-on bags, by Jane Taylor-Hayhurst



£115, Eastpak



£89, Marks & Spencer



£955, Globetrotter



£650, Mulberry



£119, Antler

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All-weather outdoorwear
We know Filson as a traditional canvas bag-maker, but its rugged clothing range boasts a fittingly similar retro feel. The Oil Tin Cloth Cruiser, £212, is made of an abrasion and wind-resistant tin cloth, has a reinforced yoke and as many pockets as you have manly outdoor items for (9 Newburgh Street, London W1; 020-7434 3007).



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STREET SMART

Footwear purveyor Brooks Heritage has gone back to its Pennsylvania roots by teaming up with Philadelphia streetwear brand UBIQ. The result is the UBIQ x Brooks "Liberty" Chariot, £100, in brown leather with a burgundy lining (sneakersnstuff.com).

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'I am vain. I think vanity is a good thing. It's done more good things for me than it has not'

Matthew McConaughey