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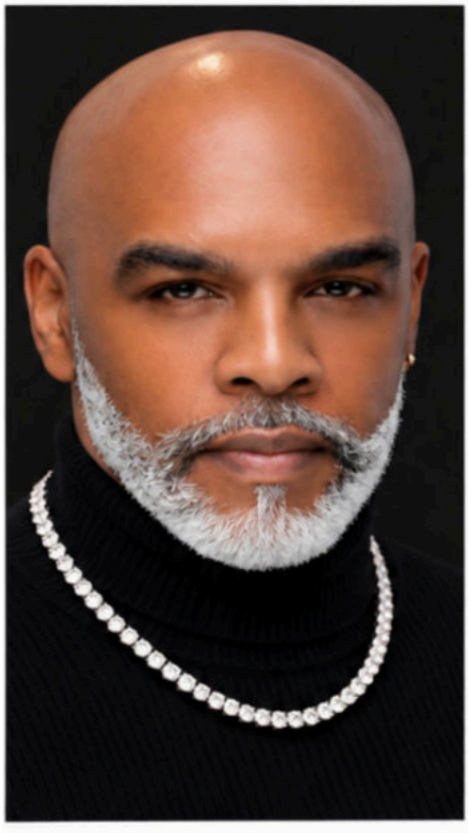

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Women
Who Lead
INFLUENCE.
PURPOSE.
A MORE BEAUTIFUL
TOMORROW.
Leadership is not defined by a title alone. It is reflected in the lives we touch, the opportunities we create, and the legacies we build.
This November, TOVAI International celebrates women whose vision, courage, intelligence and determination are shaping a more meaningful future across industries, cultures and communities.
Live beautifully.
Live intentionally.
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TO THE LETTER

The Complete Woman

Why I Created TOVAI International

BY TONY THOMPSON



For more than four decades, I have had the privilege of working with women from many walks of life. Throughout those years, one thing became increasingly clear to me: women are far more extraordinary, complex, and accomplished than any single definition of beauty could ever capture.

We have remarkable publications that celebrate fashion, beauty, and luxury. But I believed there was room for something more.

I envisioned a publication that would recognize the complete woman.

A woman is not simply her beauty, her career, her accomplishments, her relationships, or her possessions. She is the combination of her experiences, intelligence, determination, aspirations, and individuality—and even that doesn't fully define her potential.

The woman who is beautiful and intelligent. Sophisticated and sensual. Ambitious and accomplished. A woman who can command a boardroom build a business, raise a family, appreciate extraordinary design, and pursue her dreams without compromising any part of who she is.

She should never have to diminish one dimension of her excellence to be celebrated for another.

But my vision extended beyond women who have already achieved success. I thought about the young woman discovering her possibilities, the aspiring entrepreneur searching for direction, and the woman rebuilding her confidence, redefining her future, or preparing to accomplish something she once thought impossible.

TOVAI should not only celebrate women who have arrived. It should help prepare the women who are coming next.

That is why we created TOVAI International. We believe luxury is more than what she owns. It is also reflected in how she thinks, lives, grows, and contributes to the world.

Our purpose is to celebrate the accomplished woman, encourage the aspiring woman, and help connect generations through wisdom, culture, leadership, and the art of living well.

Because the complete woman is not defined simply by where she stands today, but also by everything she has the courage to become.

Live beautifully. Live intentionally.

> *"She is the combination of her experiences, intelligence, determination, aspirations, and individuality.*

TONY THOMPSON
Founder & Publisher

The Editorial Team

VISION. STORIES. A MORE BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW.

A distinguished team of editors, creators and contributors shaping the conversations, perspectives and experiences that define the modern woman.



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Leads our editorial vision and ensures every story reflects the elegance, intelligence and purpose of TOVAI International.



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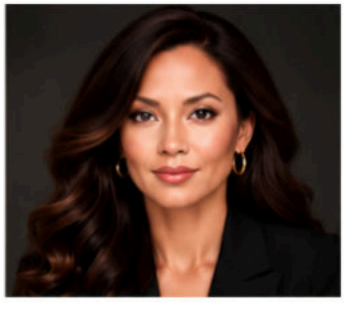
Explores the intersection of luxury, design, fashion and lifestyle, highlighting the women and trends defining modern sophistication.



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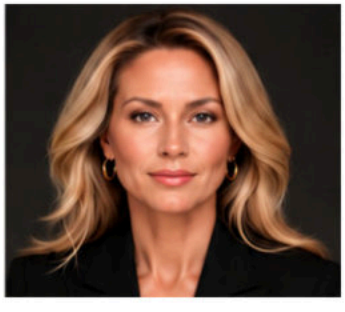
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Elena

ARTS, CULTURE &
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE EDITOR

Brings a global lens to the cultural stories and creative voices shaping a more connected and inspired world.

Different voices. A shared purpose.

The New Architecture *of Power*

Today's leaders are building a more inclusive, innovative and impactful future.

Today's women are redefining power — not as a title, but as a force for progress. They are leading with vision, building with purpose, and creating opportunities that reach far beyond their own success.

Across business, culture, philanthropy, and public service, women are designing new models of leadership that are more inclusive, collaborative and forward-looking.

They understand that true influence comes from the ability to open doors, create solutions and leave a lasting impact on the next generation.

> *"Leadership today is about lifting others as you rise."*

These women are changing the conversation, expanding what is possible, and creating a more equitable world through their courage, talent and unwavering commitment to excellence.





WOMEN WHO LEAD

The New Architecture of Power

The Influence That Endures

Power has many expressions. It can be seen in a decision made with conviction, a business built with patience, or the opportunity a leader creates for someone who comes next.

Today's women are shaping industries, strengthening communities, and redefining what leadership looks like. They lead with vision, surround themselves with people who elevate the work, and remain committed to creating lasting impact.

> *"True leadership is measured not simply by how far a woman rises, but by the foundations she builds for others."*

They understand that success is not a destination, but a responsibility — to open doors, to share knowledge, and to make the journey smoother for the next generation.

This is the new architecture of power — rooted in purpose, built on integrity, and designed to create opportunities that continue far beyond the moment.

Global Women, *Global Opportunity*



How Women Around the World Are Creating Change, Building Business and Expanding Possibilities.

Women across the globe are redefining what opportunity looks like. From established leaders to emerging entrepreneurs, they are using their talent, knowledge and perspective to create meaningful change in business, culture and society.

Today's women are connecting across borders — building partnerships, sharing ideas and bringing fresh perspectives to long-standing industries. Their influence is not only expanding markets, but also creating solutions to real-world challenges, from sustainable development and education, to healthcare and economic growth.

With access to technology, global networks and a shared commitment to progress, women are proving that influence knows no boundaries. They are turning insight into opportunity, using their platforms to open doors for others and shaping a more equitable and prosperous future for the next generation.

> "When women support women across the world, opportunity becomes a global force."

KEY AREAS OF GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

COLLABORATION
Building meaningful partnerships across industries and cultures.

INNOVATION
Turning global insight into creative solutions and lasting impact.

EMPOWERMENT
Creating opportunities that uplift women and strengthen communities worldwide.

The Quiet Power of the Modern Woman

Strength today is not always loud. It lives in clarity, confidence and the courage to lead with purpose.



In a world that often equates leadership with visibility, today's influential women are showing that true power doesn't have to be loud. It is thoughtful, deliberate and deeply rooted in self-awareness.

They lead with intention, make decisions with care, and create meaningful change without needing to be the center of attention.

The modern woman understands that influence is not about being the most visible person in the room — it's about being the most impactful. She listens, she builds, she supports and she opens doors for others, often without seeking recognition.

> *"True influence doesn't need a louder voice. It creates bigger opportunities for everyone in the room."*

The quiet power of the modern woman is a force for good. It elevates standards, inspires new possibilities and proves that leadership is not a performance, but a purpose.

As more women embrace this approach, they are not only changing their own lives — they are helping to shape a more thoughtful, inclusive and prosperous world for everyone.

THE QUIET POWER OF

The Modern Woman

True power doesn't always announce itself. Often, it arrives quietly — in the way a woman carries herself, the way she makes decisions, and the way she creates opportunities for others.

The modern woman understands that influence is not about being the loudest voice in the room. It's about being the most consistent, the most prepared, and the most intentional.

She leads with clarity, not chaos. With purpose, not pressure. With elegance, not ego.

She knows that real strength isn't just in what she achieves, but in how she treats people along the way.

The modern woman is redefining what leadership looks like — proving that you can be ambitious and gracious, confident and compassionate, successful and grounded.

In a world that often equates visibility with value, she reminds us that quiet influence can open the biggest doors.



The New Generation of Influence

Women of a new generation are changing what influence looks like.

They are creative, connected, and purpose-driven, using their voices, ideas, and platforms to create meaningful impact in business, culture, and society.

This generation understands that influence is not just about visibility — it is about value. They are building communities, launching innovative brands, advocating for change, and opening doors for others along the way.

From entrepreneurship and media to beauty, technology, and the creative industries, these women are using talent and perspective to shape the future with confidence and intention.

> *"They are not waiting for a seat at the table. They are creating new tables."*

Their influence is bold, collaborative, and forward-looking. They are proving that when women lead with authenticity and purpose, the impact reaches far beyond their own success.

Their influence today is building a better tomorrow for everyone.



| CAREER & PURPOSE

Beyond the Corner *Office*

How Today's Women Are Finding Fulfillment, Freedom and a Greater Sense of Purpose



> *"Purpose gives your work greater meaning and your success a longer reach."*

For many women, success has never been just about a title or a corner office. It's about creating a life that feels full — professionally, personally and spiritually.

Today, more women are redefining what achievement looks like. They are choosing purpose over pressure, balance over burnout and meaningful impact over simply moving up the ladder.

Whether they are leading a company, launching a new venture, supporting their communities or pursuing a long-held passion, these women are showing that true success is about alignment — living and working in a way that reflects who they are and what they value.

Beyond the corner office, they are building lives of intention, influence and joy — and inspiring others to do the same.

A MORE MEANINGFUL DEFINITION OF SUCCESS

PURPOSE
Doing work that aligns with your values and vision.

BALANCE
Making time for what matters most in every season of life.

LEGACY
Leaving a positive impact on the people and communities you touch.

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| WOMEN & LEGACY

Women Building Lasting *Legacies*

How Today's Women Are Creating Opportunities, Opening Doors and Changing Generations

For generations, women have built legacies — not only through what they achieve, but through who they uplift along the way. Today's women are expanding that legacy, using their influence, resources and experience to create opportunities for the next generation.

From the boardroom to the classroom, from the arts to entrepreneurship, they are proving that true success is measured not just by personal milestones, but by the doors they open for others.

Whether it's mentoring a young professional, investing in a new business, or supporting education and the arts, these women understand that legacy is built in the lives they touch. They know that progress is not a solo journey — it's a shared commitment to lift as we climb.



"Success is more meaningful when it makes room for others."

THE LEGACY PILLARS

MENTORSHIP
Sharing knowledge, experience and confidence to help the next generation find their voice.

OPPORTUNITY
Creating access through education, business and meaningful connections.

COMMUNITY
Investing in people and places that strengthen families and open new possibilities.

A legacy is not defined by what we keep, but by what we give — our time, our wisdom and our belief in the next generation.

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| WOMEN & LEGACY

Gratitude Creates *Generations*

How Thanksgiving Brings Us Back to What Matters Most



Thanksgiving is more than a holiday — it is a reminder of the power of togetherness. It gives us a moment to slow down, reflect and celebrate the people who have shaped our lives and the opportunities that lie ahead.

For many women, the Thanksgiving table is a place where generations connect — where stories are shared, wisdom is passed on and gratitude becomes a foundation for the future.

In a busy world, this is a time to pause and honor what truly matters: family, love, friendship and the blessings that make it all possible. It is also a reminder that the legacy we build is not only measured by what we achieve, but by the lives we touch and the traditions we continue.

"Around the table, we are reminded that the greatest gifts in life are not things, but the people we are blessed to share them with."

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A NEW WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

The Future of Luxury

What Women Will Value Next

Luxury is evolving. For a new generation of accomplished women, it is no longer defined solely by familiar symbols of wealth, but by something far more meaningful — time, freedom, privacy, extraordinary experiences and the ability to live on one's own terms.

As the world changes, so too does the modern woman's understanding of what truly matters. She is not simply acquiring more; she is choosing better, with intention, discernment and a deeper sense of purpose.

01

A New Definition of Luxury

Today's luxury is less about excess and more about meaning. It is the freedom to shape your own days, the privacy to protect what is precious, and the time to pursue what brings joy. Extraordinary experiences, from rare cultural moments to once-in-a-lifetime journeys, are becoming the new symbols of a life well lived.

> *"The future of luxury will not be defined solely by what women own, but by the quality of the lives they create."*

02

Choosing Better

The accomplished woman is making more considered choices. She values craftsmanship over trend, meaningful travel over checklists, thoughtful innovation over novelty, and authenticity over appearance. She seeks lasting value in the people, places and pieces that enrich her life — curating a world that feels personal, not performative.

03

Beyond Possession

The future of luxury extends far beyond what women own. It lies in the quality of their relationships, the richness of their experiences, the impact they make and the lives they create. True luxury is found in a well-spent morning, a place that feels like home, a journey that changes perspective, and the freedom to say no to what does not align.

04

The Luxury of Discernment

At the heart of it all is discernment. True sophistication begins with the knowledge to recognise what is valuable, what is enduring, and what is truly worth your time and energy. The modern woman understands that luxury is not a destination, but a way of living — one defined by clarity, intention and the courage to create a life that reflects her highest values.



WOMEN WHO LEAD

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"Leadership is no longer about position. It is about possibility — for people, for business, and for a more equitable world."

LEADERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS

How Modern Women Are Building Influence, Opportunity and Lasting Change in a Connected World

Today's women leaders are bringing a new level of purpose and perspective to global leadership. They are innovators, entrepreneurs, executives and creatives who are not only leading successful organizations, but also shaping conversations and driving meaningful change across industries, cultures and borders.

From business and technology to the arts, health and social impact, these women are proving that influence has no boundaries. They are building companies, creating opportunity and opening doors for the next generation of women around the world.

"When wonen lead, the world moves forward — together."


WORLD OF LUXURY
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BLACK LUXURY HANDBAG DESIGNERS
The Names You Should Know
Black luxury handbag designers are redefining what modern luxury looks like. With bold creativity, cultural storytelling and uncompromising craftsmanship, they are building global brands that celebrate heritage, elevate artistry and meet the needs of a new generation of luxury consumers.
These are the names shaping a more inclusive, innovative and inspiring future for fashion.
CULTURAL STORYTELLING
Designers weaving heritage, identity and personal experience into luxury collections with meaning and depth.
EXCEPTIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP
From fine leathers to meticulous construction, Black luxury handbag designers are setting a new standard for quality and artistry.
MODERN DESIGN PERSPECTIVE
Bold silhouettes and refined design that blend timeless elegance with a distinctly modern, global vision.
GLOBAL IMPACT
Brands creating economic opportunity, expanding representation and influencing the future of luxury worldwide.
"Different perspectives create a more beautiful world of luxury."

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BLACK LUXURY HANDBAG DESIGNERS

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The Names You Should Know

These designers are bringing new energy, perspective, and extraordinary craftsmanship to luxury handbags. Each has a distinctive vision, an authentic point of view, and a growing global presence — and they represent the power, creativity, and influence of Black designers in today's luxury market.

"Extraordinary design tells a story and the best handbags carry more than essentials. They carry culture, creativity, and a vision for what's next."



BRANDON BLACKWOOD

Founder of Brandon Blackwood New York.

Known for expressive silhouettes, polished hardware, and a distinctive approach to contemporary accessories.



WILGLORY TANJONG

Founder of Anima Iris.

Celebrates African design heritage through vibrant, sculptural handbags handcrafted by artisans in Dakar, Senegal.



DESIREE KLEINEN

Founder and Creative Director of Ree Projects.

Amsterdam-designed, Italy-crafted handbags defined by sculptural form and understated functional elegance.

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THE QUIET WORLD OF BLACK LUXURY

Designers the Ultra-Wealthy Know

SERGIO HUDSON

THE POWER OF PRECISION

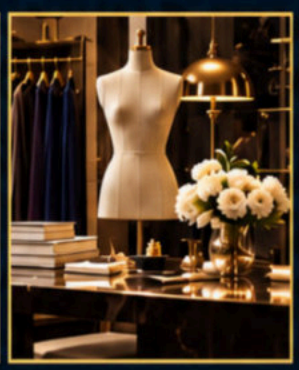
Sergio Hudson has built a global reputation for exceptionally tailored womenswear that celebrates confidence, strength and modern elegance. Since launching his namesake brand, he has become known for crisp tailoring, bold color and a refined, sophisticated approach to contemporary luxury.

His designs are worn by influential women around the world who appreciate the combination of precise fit, luxurious fabrics and a timeless sense of glamour. Whether it's a sharply tailored suit or a sculpted evening look, Sergio Hudson's work embodies a modern vision of power dressing rooted in quality, craftsmanship and an unmistakable sense of purpose.

Tailoring is more than clothing. It is a statement of who you are and where you're going."

SERGIO HUDSON







A MODERN AMERICAN VISION

Sergio Hudson represents a new generation of American designers who are shaping the global luxury landscape. His success is a reminder that excellence, vision and authenticity create opportunitics far beyond the runway — opening doors for greater representation and a more inclusive definition of luxury.

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OZWALD BOATENG

The Man Who Reimagined British Tailoring

Where heritage, cultural identity, and contemporary luxury meet.

Ozwald Boateng has transformed the traditional suit into a modern expression of individuality, confidence and cultural identity. His work bridges the heritage of British tailoring with a global perspective, bringing new energy, color and creativity to an institution long associated with restraint and convention.

A NEW VISION FOR SAVILE ROW

In the 1990s, Boateng introduced a contemporary approach to British tailoring. In 1994, he brought the craftsmanship of Savile Row to the Paris runway, introducing a new generation to the artistry of bespoke tailoring. In 1995, he established his presence on Vigo Street, at the southern end of Savile Row, where his distinctive approach began to attract international attention.





HERITAGE AS A SOURCE OF INNOVATION

Born in London to Ghanaian parents, Boateng brought multiple cultural influences into his creative identity. His heritage informs his appreciation for expressive color, individuality and the relationship between personal presentation and cultural pride. In his work, British craftsmanship and African influence become complementary expressions of sophistication.

FROM LONDON TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

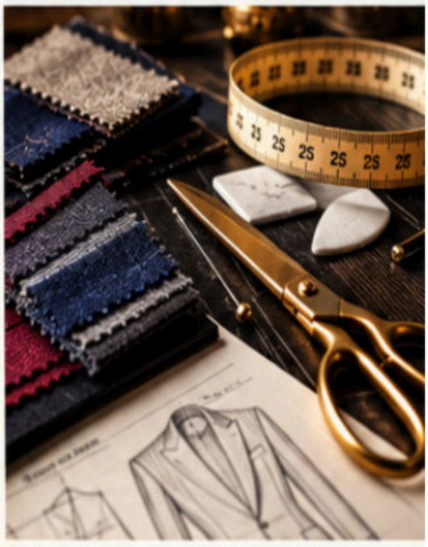
In 2003, Boateng was appointed Creative Director of Menswear at Givenchy, becoming the first Black designer to hold that position at the French fashion house. His appointment represented a significant milestone, but his contribution went beyond the distinction itself. He brought a contemporary perspective to an established luxury institution, reinforcing his belief that fashion can respect history while continuing to evolve.

THE ENDURING MEANING OF LUXURY

A beautifully tailored garment is not simply an expensive possession. It is the result of knowledge, precision, imagination and an appreciation for detail. Boateng's career illustrates that luxury is most powerful when it communicates identity rather than merely status.







> *"True distinction is not achieved by following the established standard. Sometimes, it is achieved by expanding what that standard can become.*

THE TOVAI PERSPECTIVE

Ozwald Boateng's influence reminds us that enduring excellence is never static. It evolves through curiosity, conviction and the courage to bring an individual perspective into established spaces. His legacy is that he demonstrated how craftsmanship, heritage, cultural expression and personal vision can coexist at the highest level of luxury.

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THE WORLD OF LUXURY

The Art of Living Beautifully

Luxury is not only what a woman owns. It is how intentionally she chooses to live.

There is a quiet elegance in a life shaped with care. It reveals itself in the way a woman moves through the world, in the standards she keeps, and in the choices she makes about what deserves her time, attention, and energy.

For today's accomplished woman, living beautifully is no longer defined by display alone. It is found in substance. In wisdom. In peace. In the confidence to create a life that reflects both refinement and purpose.

A beautiful life may include exquisite surroundings, thoughtful design, and cherished possessions, but its deepest value comes from something greater. It comes from clarity. From self-respect. From knowing that fulfillment is not accidental, but cultivated.

Sometimes that beauty is found in the simplest moments: a quiet room, a meaningful book, an hour set aside to think, reflect, and grow. In a world that often rewards noise, there is something powerful about a woman who remains grounded in herself and committed to her own becoming.

Living beautifully is not about perfection. It is about alignment — between what a woman values and how she lives each day. It is about choosing elegance without apology, intellect without compromise, and a life that reflects both achievement and grace.

Because in the end, the most beautiful life is not the one most admired from a distance. It is the one most deeply lived.

"A beautiful life is not measured by what surrounds you, but by what fulfills you."

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The Private Art of Collecting

The finest collections are not defined by excess. They are shaped by taste, patience, and the quiet confidence to value what endures.

Collecting has always been about more than possession. At its highest expression, it reflects knowledge, memory, discernment, and the ability to recognize beauty long before others fully understand its worth.

For the cultivated woman — and for those who build a life of refinement together — collecting becomes a personal language. Sometimes it is expressed through art, jewelry, books, or objets d'art. Sometimes it is revealed in the cellar, where fine wines are chosen not simply for prestige, but for character, rarity, provenance, and promise.

A remarkable collection is never assembled in haste. It is developed over time, shaped by curiosity and guided by a deepening appreciation for craftsmanship and legacy. Each bottle, like each treasured object, tells a story: of place, of season, of care, and of the hands that brought it into being.

This is what separates accumulation from curation.

The true collector does not acquire blindly. She studies. She tastes. She learns. She understands the pleasure of anticipation and the value of restraint. She knows that the most meaningful collections do not merely impress others — they reflect an inner standard of excellence.

There is also something deeply intimate about collecting within the context of a shared life. A couple standing together, considering a vintage, discussing its origin, imagining when it might be opened — this too is part of the art. The collection becomes not only a reflection of taste, but a record of experience, celebration, and intention.

In a world that often prizes immediacy, collecting remains an elegant act of patience. It asks us to slow down, to refine our eye, and to choose what is worthy of being kept.

> *"The finest collections are built not only with resources, but with taste, patience, and discernment."*
>
> — TOVAI INTERNATIONAL



The Private Art of Collecting

Where Taste Meets Rarity.

At the highest level, fine wine collecting is more than an acquisition. It is a thoughtful pursuit — a meeting of taste, knowledge, and discernment. The most exceptional collections are built not in haste, but through patience, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for what makes a wine truly remarkable.

Rarity gives a collection its allure, but provenance gives it meaning. A bottle's history — where it was made, how it was stored, and the hands through which it has passed — shapes both its character and its value. Collectors seek wines with a story: iconic vintages, limited releases, and historic estates whose legacies have stood the test of time.

The world's finest wines are often available only in small quantities, through private sales or at prestigious auctions. Access requires more than resources; it requires relationships, knowledge, and an eye for opportunity. For many, the pursuit itself is part of the pleasure — the research, the anticipation, and the rare moment when the right bottle finds its place in a collection.

A remarkable wine collection is a reflection of a life well lived. It brings together beauty, craftsmanship, and heritage in a form that can be experienced, shared, and, over time, passed on. Each bottle represents a season, a place, and a vision — a tangible connection to something larger than ourselves.

In a world that moves quickly, fine wine collecting invites us to slow down. It teaches us to look deeper, to value what is rare, and to choose with intention. It is a private art — one that rewards those who understand that the most meaningful treasures are not simply owned, but appreciated, protected, and cherished for what they represent.

> *"The true collector understands that rarity alone is not enough. What matters is the eye to recognize enduring value."*
>
> — TOVAI INTERNATIONAL



FASHION

Style Beyond the Season

True style is not dictated by the calendar. It is defined by the woman who wears it.

Style has never been about following every trend. It is about knowing what feels right, what looks effortless, and what reflects the woman you are — today, and for the road ahead.

For many accomplished women, fashion is not simply about getting dressed. It is a form of personal expression, a way to communicate confidence, credibility, and individuality in every setting — whether in the boardroom, at a business lunch, or on a weekend getaway.

The most stylish women understand that true style transcends the seasons. Trends may come and go, but elegance, quality, and a sense of self never go out of fashion. They invest in pieces that work across occasions, choosing exceptional fabrics, flattering silhouettes, and timeless details that remain relevant year after year.

A CURATED WARDROBE

A refined wardrobe is built, not bought all at once. It evolves over time, with pieces that can be mixed, layered, and styled in new ways. A well-cut blazer, a perfect white shirt, tailored trousers, a classic dress, and extraordinary accessories create endless possibilities — season after season.

Quality always speaks louder than quantity. The modern woman chooses pieces that fit beautifully, feel luxurious, and hold their place in her wardrobe for years, not just months.

PERSONAL STYLE, NOT TRENDS

Trends can be inspiring, but they should enhance your style, not define it.

The goal is not to look like everyone else, but to wear what reflects your lifestyle, your personality, and your purpose.

INVESTING IN YOURSELF

Dressing well is an investment — not just in how you look, but in how you feel. The right outfit can elevate your confidence, sharpen your presence, and help you move through the world with intention.

Whether it's a beautifully tailored suit, a signature handbag, or the perfect pair of shoes, these are more than fashion items. They are tools that support the woman you are becoming.

STYLE FOR EVERY CHAPTER

From career milestones to travel, from client meetings to elegant dinners, style adapts to every chapter of a well-lived life. It is about versatility, ease, and knowing how to look polished without ever appearing overdone.

A woman with a refined sense of style does not chase the moment. She creates one — wherever she goes.

> *"Style is not about what you buy, but how you bring your unique self to every room."*
>
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The Modern Woman's Wardrobe

Timeless essentials. Elevated style. A more confident you.

A modern wardrobe is more than a collection of clothes. It is a curated expression of who you are — your lifestyle, your aspirations, and the way you want to show up in the world. The modern woman chooses pieces that make her feel confident, comfortable, and effortlessly elegant, no matter the occasion.

True style is not about having more. It's about having the right pieces — beautifully made, thoughtfully chosen, and styled in ways that work for your life today and for years to come.



THE WARDROBE ESSENTIALS

1. **THE BLAZER**
   A perfectly tailored blazer elevates everything.
2. **THE WHITE SHIRT**
   Crisp, refined, and always relevant.
3. **TAILORED TROUSERS**
   Flattering, versatile, and effortlessly chic.
4. **THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS**
   A timeless essential for every season.
5. **LUXURY KNITWEAR**
   Soft, sophisticated, and perfect for layering.
6. **THE SIGNATURE COAT**
   A beautiful coat finishes the look and makes a statement.
7. **THE RIGHT ACCESSORIES**
   Quality handbags, elegant shoes, and simple jewelry complete the wardrobe.



QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Investing in fewer, better pieces allows you to create more looks with less effort. Exceptional fabrics, perfect fit, and classic design never go out of style.

DRESSING FOR YOUR LIFE

Your wardrobe should work as hard as you do — from important meetings and business travel to dinners with friends and weekend escapes. Choose pieces that transition seamlessly between settings and make you feel polished in every room.

A PERSONAL APPROACH

The modern woman's wardrobe is not defined by trends, but by intention. It reflects her personality, her values, and her vision for the life she is creating. When you dress with purpose, style becomes a source of confidence — and confidence changes everything.

"A refined wardrobe gives you freedom — the freedom to be yourself, to move with confidence, and to always feel beautifully prepared for what's next."

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THE MODERN WOMAN'S WARDROBE (CONTINUED)

One Wardrobe. Many Possibilities.

Timeless pieces. Endless looks. A wardrobe that works as beautifully as you do.

The modern woman doesn't need a closet full of clothes. She needs a thoughtfully curated wardrobe that can move with her through every part of her life — with ease, confidence, and style.

With a few exceptional pieces and the right approach, you can create a range of elegant looks that feel fresh, sophisticated, and uniquely yours.

It's not about doing more. It's about getting more from what you already have.

BUSINESS READY



A tailored blazer, crisp shirt, and well-cut trousers create a look that is professional, polished, and powerful.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS



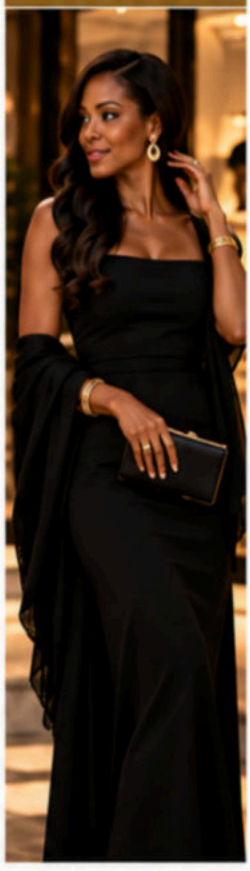
Elevate casual moments with refined basics, elegant accessories, and a confident attitude.

WEEKEND STYLE



Timeless pieces like quality denim, a fine knit, and a classic coat offer effortless style for everyday life.

EVENING ELEGANCE



Transform your look with simple changes — a sleek dress, statement jewelry, and a refined clutch.

HOW TO GET MORE FROM YOUR WARDROBE

1 BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION
Start with timeless pieces in a neutral palette that can be easily mixed and matched.

2 FOCUS ON FIT AND FABRIC
Well-fitted clothing in quality fabrics instantly looks more elegant and lasts longer.

3 USE ACCESSORIES TO REFRESH
A change in shoes, jewelry, a belt, or a bag can create an entirely new look.

4 DRESS FOR YOUR REAL LIFE
Choose pieces that fit your lifestyle — so you always feel comfortable, confident, and ready for what's next.



A WARDROBE THAT EVOLVES WITH YOU

Your wardrobe should reflect where you are today and where you are going tomorrow. It should adapt to your career, your personal life, your travel, and your changing interests — without losing your sense of style.

When you invest in pieces that are versatile, elegant, and true to you, dressing becomes simpler, more enjoyable, and far more meaningful.

"The modern woman creates her own style. She doesn't just follow trends — she defines what looks next."

— TOVAI INTERNATIONAL

FASHION

The Holiday Edit

Style. Travel. Gifts. The Art of Entertaining.

The holiday season is a special kind of magic. It invites us to slow down, reconnect, and celebrate what matters most. It is a time for beautiful moments, meaningful gatherings, and the joy of giving — not out of obligation, but out of a genuine desire to make the season brighter for those around us.

True style during the holidays goes beyond what you wear. It is a way of moving through the season with grace, thoughtfulness, and intention — in your wardrobe, your travel plans, your gifts, and the way you welcome others into your home. It is choosing pieces that feel festive yet timeless, creating experiences that bring people closer, and finding beauty in both the big occasions and the quiet, everyday moments.

This season, let your style be a reflection of the life you are creating — one filled with warmth, connection, and the art of intentional living.

"The most beautiful holiday moments are not always the grandest. They are the ones created with care."

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HOLIDAY DRESSING WITH PURPOSE

The best holiday looks feel effortless, polished, and true to you. Choose rich textures, elegant silhouettes, and refined details that make you feel confident and comfortable. Whether it's a cocktail gathering, a festive dinner, or a cozy evening at home, invest in pieces that bring out your personal style and can be worn beyond the season. True elegance is never about excess — it's about choosing well.

THE ART OF GATHERING

A memorable holiday is often defined by the people you bring together. Thoughtful details — from a beautifully set table to a well-curated playlist — create an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome. It's not about perfection, but about presence. A warm home, a delicious meal, and meaningful conversation are always in style. The most unforgettable gatherings are the ones where people feel seen, appreciated, and at ease.

THE HOLIDAY EDIT (CONTINUED)

Thanksgiving Gratitude. The Art of Entertaining.

Meaningful gatherings make the season even more special.

Thanksgiving is a time to pause, reconnect, and celebrate what matters most. Whether you are traveling to be with loved ones, hosting at home, or gathering with friends, it's an opportunity to slow down, share meaningful moments, and express deep gratitude — for the people, places, and experiences that enrich our lives.

This season, focus on creating thoughtful experiences that feel warm, personal, and intentional. From where you go, to how you welcome others, to what you give and share, let every detail reflect gratitude, connection, and your unique style.







THANKSGIVING TRAVEL WELL

The Thanksgiving season is the perfect time to explore cherished places — from a favorite city to a cozy countryside escape. Choose elevated travel essentials that make every journey comfortable, polished, and effortless, so you arrive ready to enjoy what matters most: meaningful time together.



THOUGHTFUL HOSTESS GIFTS

A meaningful gift is a beautiful way to say thank you. Choose thoughtful hostess gifts that feel personal and purposeful — from artisanal treats to elegant home pieces that will be enjoyed long after the holiday is over. It's a simple gesture that shows your appreciation and makes a lasting impression.

THE ART OF ENTERTAINING

A beautiful Thanksgiving gathering doesn't require extravagance — it requires thoughtful planning, heartfelt details, and a welcoming atmosphere. From an elegant table setting to a curated menu of seasonal flavors, entertaining is an opportunity to create memorable moments, celebrate gratitude, and strengthen the connections that make this season so meaningful.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

— TOVAI INTERNATIONAL

BEAUTY & TECHNOLOGY

AI Is Entering the Dressing Room

Beauty, Technology and What's Real

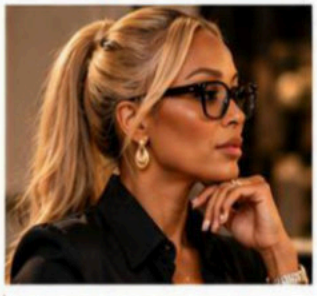
Artificial intelligence is changing the way women discover fashion, explore beauty products, and make personal style decisions. From virtual try-ons to personalized recommendations, AI is creating more convenient, more tailored, and more inspiring experiences — both online and in stores.

But as technology becomes more sophisticated, one thing remains clear: AI should enhance a woman's individuality, not replace her judgment. The most meaningful beauty and style experiences still begin with a human touch — personal taste, cultural influence, and professional expertise.



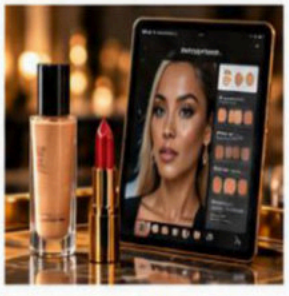
"Technology can suggest the possibilities, but a woman brings the vision to life."

— TOVAI INTERNATIONAL



VIRTUAL TRY-ONS

AI allows you to see how clothing, makeup and accessories look on you before you buy, saving time and helping you make more confident choices.



PERSONALIZED BEAUTY

AI analyzes your skin type, preferences and lifestyle to recommend products and routines designed for your unique needs.



A MORE ELEVATED EXPERIENCE

From curated style recommendations to personalized shopping, AI is making fashion and beauty more accessible, more inspiring, and more aligned with your lifestyle.

AI Is Entering the Dressing Room

Continuation

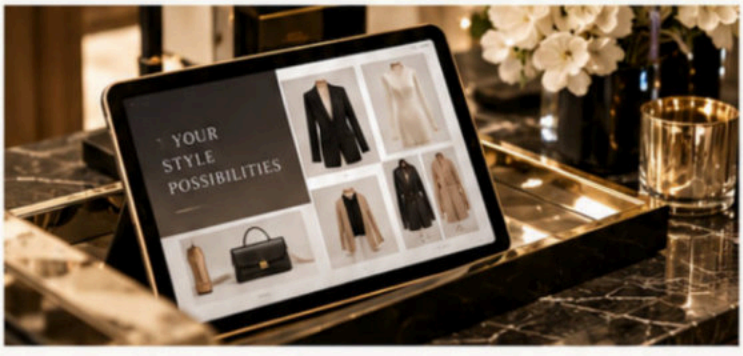
The most useful fashion technology does not replace judgment. It gives a woman more information with which to exercise it. A virtual fitting room may suggest a silhouette; a recommendation engine may assemble a wardrobe; a digital assistant may locate the elusive shade or size. Yet none of these tools understands a life as fully as the person living it.

For designers and retailers, the opportunity is to make discovery more relevant and service more thoughtful. For consumers, the opportunity is to experiment without surrendering personal taste. Questions of fit, privacy, inclusivity and accuracy still matter. A convincing screen image is not the same as a garment that moves beautifully in the real world.

The future of style will be shaped by technology, but defined by discernment.

TOVAI perspective: Intelligence should make personal style more personal, not more uniform.





> *Technology can open the door. Discernment decides what comes in.*

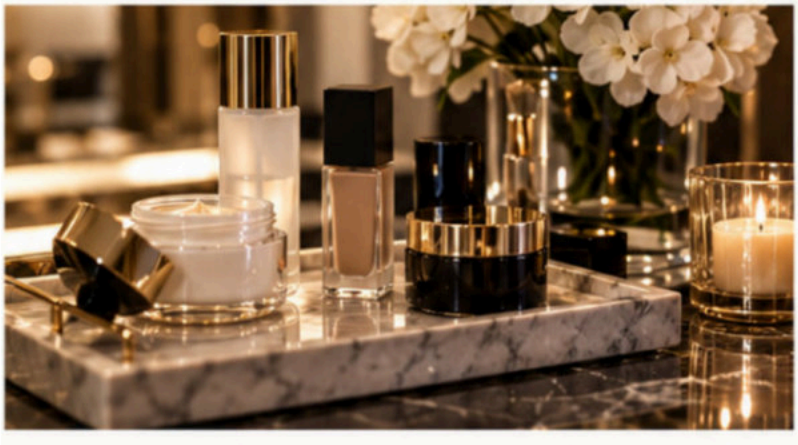
The Evolution of Modern Beauty

Beyond a Single Ideal

Beauty is becoming less about meeting one prescribed standard and more about deciding what feels authentic. The modern conversation includes skin health, texture, individual features, cultural expression and the freedom to evolve. The woman who changes her hair, refines her makeup or embraces a different aesthetic is not necessarily trying to become someone else. She may simply be expressing who she is now.

The strongest beauty brands recognize this shift. They offer education rather than anxiety, choice rather than a single ideal, and products that respect different ages, tones and routines. The result is a more interesting definition of beauty: one rooted in knowledge and self-possession.





> *Modern beauty is not imitation. It is self-definition.*

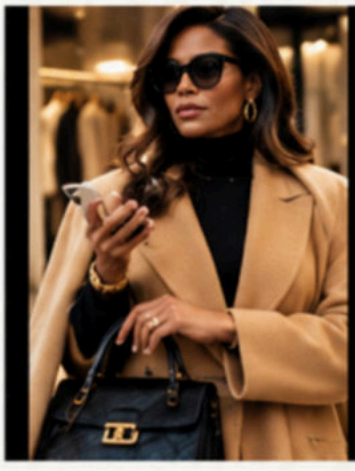
A More *Personal* Approach

How AI Is Making Style More Individual, Inclusive and Intentional



Artificial intelligence is changing not only what we wear, but how we discover, choose and express our personal style. Today's technology can analyze your lifestyle, body shape, color preferences and even your calendar to suggest looks that fit your life — not just the latest trend.

This is not about replacing your taste. It's about giving you more options, more confidence and a more personal experience.



A Closet That Works for You

AI-powered style platforms can help you:

- Identify the pieces you actually wear.
- Discover new combinations.
- Build a wardrobe that fits your lifestyle.
- Reduce impulse purchases.



STYLE WITHOUT LIMITS

AI is also helping to make fashion more inclusive. With better size recommendations, broader representation and personalized design options, more women can see themselves in the fashion conversation.

SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

By helping you shop more intentionally, AI can reduce waste and encourage investment in high-quality pieces that last longer — a win for your style and the planet.

"Style is no longer just about what's new. It's about what's right for you."

— TOVAI INTERNATIONAL



THE NEW BEAUTY INTELLIGENCE

Personal Style Meets Possibility

How artificial intelligence is helping women shop smarter, dress with confidence, and define their own signature style.

For many women, getting dressed has always been more than a routine. It's a reflection of who they are, how they feel, and the life they are creating. Today, artificial intelligence is adding a powerful new layer to that experience.

AI-powered styling tools can now analyze your preferences, body shape, lifestyle and even your calendar to make personalized recommendations. The result is a wardrobe that works harder for you — with less stress and more confidence.

From virtual try-ons to curated capsule wardrobes, AI is making it easier to discover pieces that fit your style, your schedule and your goals. It can suggest new combinations, help you invest in timeless pieces and even alert you when an item goes on sale.

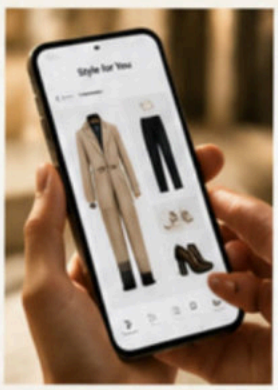
The most important piece of technology, however, is still you. AI can offer the options, but you bring the taste, the judgment and the personal touch that turns clothing into a true expression of who you are.

5 WAYS AI SUPPORTS YOUR STYLE

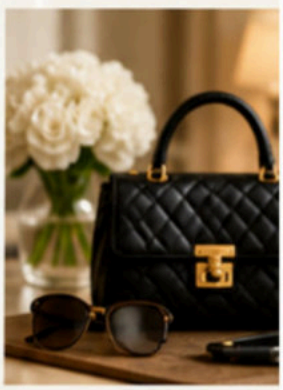
1. Personalized recommendations based on your lifestyle
2. Virtual try-ons before you buy
3. Wardrobe planning and outfit ideas
4. Alerts on sales and restocks
5. More sustainable shopping with smarter choices



A SMARTER WARDROBE
AI helps you build a collection that fits your style and your life.



VIRTUAL TRY-ONS
See how it looks, before it arrives.



TIMELESS INVESTMENTS
AI can help you choose pieces you will love for years.



A More *Personal* Approach

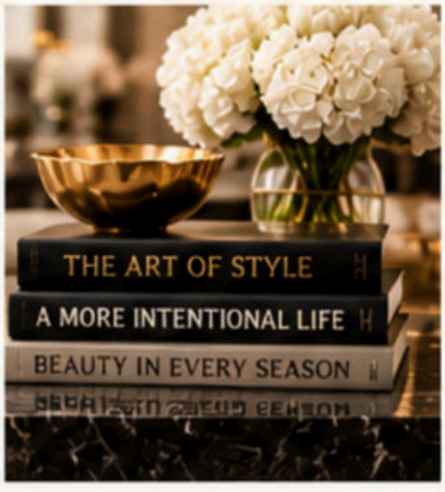
Why Personal Style Is About You — Not a Trend

Personal style is not about following what everyone else is wearing. It's about understanding who you are, what makes you feel confident, and creating a look that reflects your life and your values.

Today, more women are moving away from temporary trends and toward a more personal approach — one that feels authentic, intentional and beautifully their.

Style Becomes More Meaningful With Time

As we evolve, our style evolves too. It becomes less about impressing others and more about expressing ourselves with confidence and ease.



A Few Ways to Make Style Personal

- Choose pieces that make you feel good.
- Build a wardrobe that fits your lifestyle.
- Invest in quality over quantity.
- Allow room for individuality.



Personal Style Meets *Possibility*

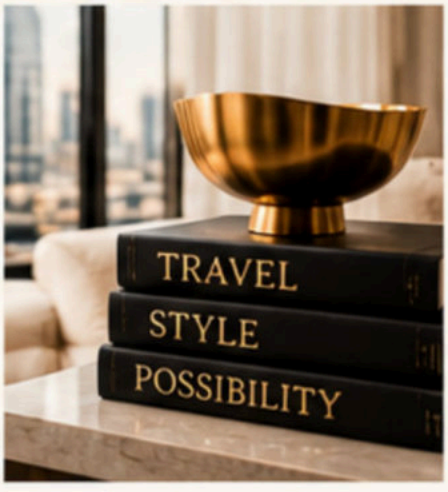
How What You Wear Can Open New Doors

What you wear can do more than help you look good — it can help you feel prepared, confident and ready for what's next.

A well-curated wardrobe supports your goals, your lifestyle and the opportunities you want to pursue. When your style feels intentional, you move through the world with greater ease and purpose.

Style Creates Opportunity

When you look and feel your best, you show up differently. You speak with confidence, make stronger connections, and create space for new experiences — in business, in travel and in life.



Style Can Take You Further

- It helps you make a strong first impression.
- It builds confidence in new environments.
- It supports your personal and professional goals.
- It gives you the freedom to explore more of life.



TRAVEL WELL

The Art of Discovery

Travel is more than a destination—it's a return to yourself. From extraordinary places to meaningful encounters, discover how to travel with intention, curiosity, and a deeper sense of purpose.



PLACES THAT INSPIRE

Destinations with a deeper meaning



CULTURE & CONNECTION

People, art and experiences that stay with you.



THE LUXURY OF TIME

Why slower travel creates a richer life.



A MORE INTENTIONAL LIFE

Choosing What Truly Matters in a Distracted World

Intentional living is not about doing more—it's about choosing better. It's about simplifying, focusing, and creating a life that reflects your values, supports your well-being, and makes room for what truly matters.



SIMPLIFY WITH PURPOSE

Let go of what no longer serves you and create space for what brings value, peace and joy.



ALIGN YOUR ENERGY

Focus on what gives you joy, protect your peace, and surround yourself with the people and experiences that uplift you.



DESIGN A LIFE YOU LOVE

Small, intentional changes create a greater impact. Choose habits, environments and opportunities that support the woman you are becoming.

A LIFE LIVED INTENTIONALLY

Creating Meaning in the Everyday



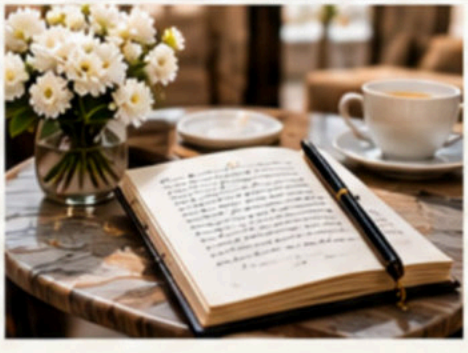
An intentional life is built through the choices we make each day. It's not about having more, but about living with greater clarity, purpose and joy.

From the way we start our mornings to the people we share our time with, everyday moments shape a life we love.



CURATE YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Surround yourself with places, people and experiences that inspire and uplift you.



CHOOSE WITH INTENTION

Say yes to what aligns with your values and no to what drains your energy.



FIND JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Meaning is often found in the moments in between destinations.

WHAT ENDURES

The Timeless Elements of a Meaningful Life

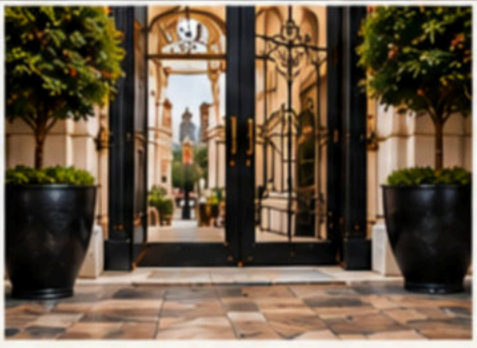


Trends fade, but what truly matters endures. A meaningful life is built on values, relationships and experiences that stand the test of time. It's not about chasing what's next, but about honoring what's real.



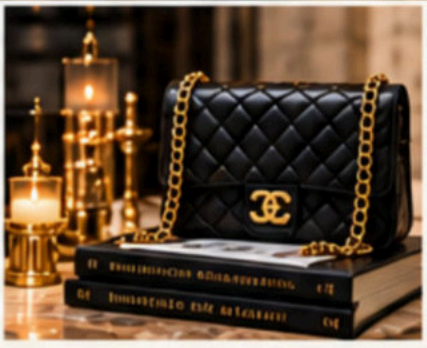
VALUES

Build a stronger foundation by staying true to what matters most.



RELATIONSHIPS

Nurture the people who bring depth, encouragement and perspective to your journey.



LEGACY

Leave a meaningful impact through the lives you touch, the opportunities you create and the example you set.

LIFESTYLE & REFLECTION

What We *Carry Forward*

Beauty, Purpose, and the Women We Choose to See.

By ***Tony Thompson***, Founder & Publisher

As we close this issue, we are reminded that TOVAI is more than a magazine — it is a celebration of women and the extraordinary lives they create. We carry forward a vision of beauty that is deeper than appearance, a kind of beauty that lives in character, curiosity, compassion, and the courage to choose a more intentional life.

In these pages, we have traveled to remarkable places, explored meaningful rituals, embraced wellness, and shared stories of women who lead with purpose. They come from different cultures, backgrounds, and walks of life, yet they are united by a common thread: a desire to live fully and make a positive impact.

TOVAI celebrates elegant diversity. We see beauty in every shade, every journey, and every chapter. We honor women who are redefining success on their own terms — entrepreneurs, creatives, caregivers, change-makers, and everyday women doing extraordinary things.

As we move forward, we remain committed to editorial excellence — thoughtful stories, stunning visual storytelling, and a global perspective that inspires, uplifts, and connects. Thank you for being part of this journey. The best is yet to come.



> *We are not simply showing women beautiful lives. We are inspiring them to build meaningful ones.*

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

To every woman who reads TOVAI — thank you. Your curiosity, your dreams, and your support fuel this work. We carry forward a future with more inspiring stories, more diverse voices, more global perspectives, and a continued commitment to creating a space where elegant women see themselves, feel celebrated, and are inspired to live with greater purpose.



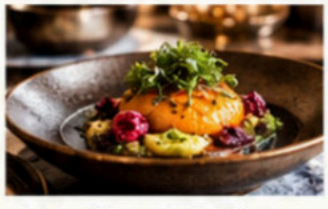
More of the World

Extraordinary destinations that broaden our perspective and deepen our appreciation for the beauty of our world.



More Meaningful Stories

Women who lead, create, give back, and make a difference — in big ways and in everyday moments.



More Thoughtful Living

Rituals, wellness, cuisine, and insights that help us live with greater intention, balance, and joy.



More Women to Celebrate

A continued commitment to elegant diversity and a broader, more inclusive view of what a beautiful life can look like.

CULTURE | MUSIC | LEGACY



Nnenna *Freelon*

Music, Culture and a Legacy of Excellence

A celebrated jazz vocalist, cultural icon and arts advocate, Nnenna Freelon has spent more than three decades using her voice to bridge generations, cultures and communities through the power of music.

Known for her rich, expressive tone and sophisticated artistry, Freelon's work transcends performance. She is a champion for the arts, a mentor to emerging talent and a passionate advocate for music education and cultural preservation.

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THE ARTS | CULTURE | IMPACT



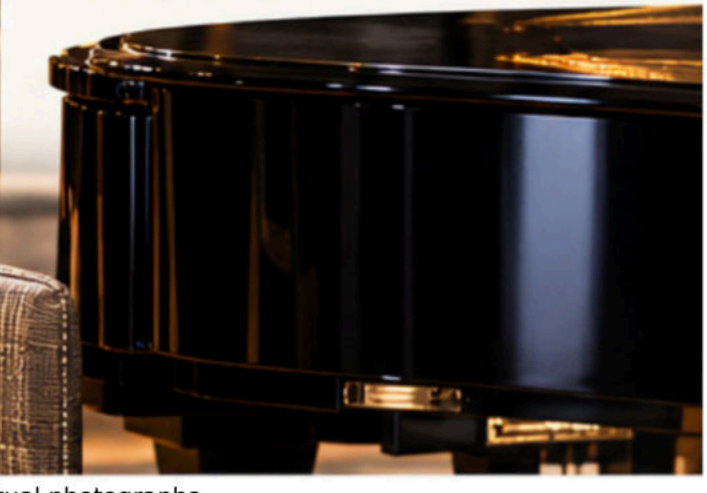
A Voice for Generations

Freelon's acclaimed recordings, including *Tales of Wonder*, *Blueprint of a Lady* and *Time Traveler*, have earned national recognition and a devoted global audience. Yet, it is her commitment to community, education and the next generation of artists that defines her lasting impact.



A Lasting Legacy

From international stages to local classrooms, Nnenna Freelon continues to inspire through artistry, leadership and a deep belief in the transformative power of the arts.



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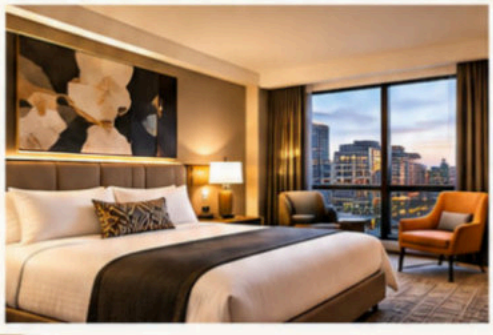
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A Raleigh Original, Reimagined

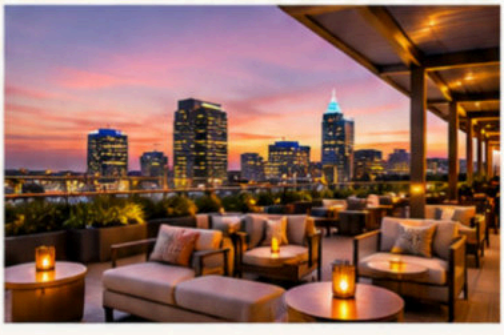
A Raleigh landmark returns with a bold new chapter. Hotel Indigo Raleigh Downtown — the city's iconic round tower on Hillsborough Street — blends its storied mid-century character with a modern, artful design experience.

Originally built in 1969, the hotel has been thoughtfully transformed through a $36 million renovation and reopened in October 2026, marking a new era for one of Raleigh's most recognizable addresses.

With 204 guest rooms, over 4,000 square feet of flexible event space and the High Ground Lounge, a rooftop destination with panoramic skyline views, Hotel Indigo Raleigh: Downtown again stands as a vibrant gathering place for travelers, locals and the creative community alike.







AT A GLANCE

ORIGINAL BUILD: 1969

REOPENED: October 2026 after a $36 million transformation

GUEST ROOMS: 204

HIGHLIGHT: High Ground Lounge with panoramic skyline views

EVENT SPACE: Over 4,000 sq ft of flexible space

ADDRESS: 320 Hillsborough Street Raleigh, NC

A cherished Raleigh landmark reborn — where history, design and hospitality meet in the heart of the city.

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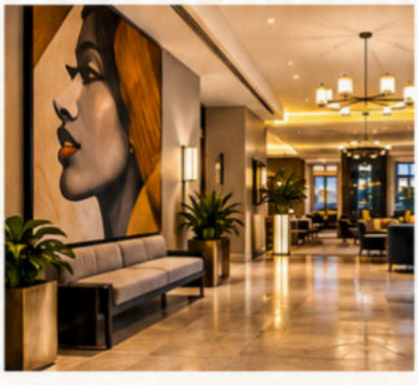
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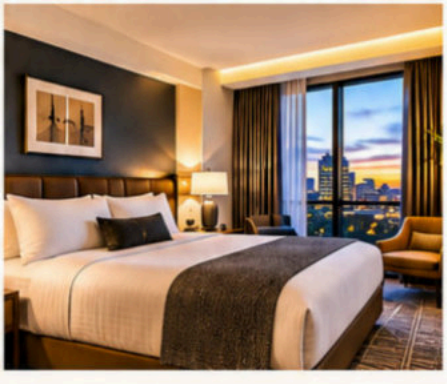
Where Local History Inspires — A Modern Stay



More than a place to stay, Hotel Indigo Raleigh Downtown is a celebration of the city's character — where Raleigh's history, creativity and modern energy come together in a vibrant, design-forward experience.

The reimagined hotel features thoughtfully curated interiors that reflect the city's rich cultural heritage, from locally inspired artwork to sophisticated, modern comforts. Guests can unwind in the High Ground Lounge, host memorable events or explore the best of Raleigh — all from an iconic downtown address.





THE TOVAI TRAVEL NOTE

For travelers who value design, culture and a true sense of place, Hotel Indigo Raleigh Downtown offers an unforgettable stay in the heart of the Triangle.

DISCOVER HOTEL INDIGO

- 204 Guest Rooms
- High Ground Lounge
- Over 4,000 Sq Ft of Event Space
- 320 Hillsborough Street Raleigh, NC





REFLECTION

A Closing Reflection from Our Founder & Publisher

As I look back over this issue, I am reminded of why I created TOVAI International. It has always been about more than beauty, fashion or luxury. It is about people—the stories, the journeys, and the possibilities that exist when we choose to live with intention.

Throughout these pages, we celebrate women who lead, who create, who uplift and who inspire. We honor the art of living beautifully, not as a surface idea, but as a deeper way of being—with purpose, discipline, and grace.

I am especially grateful to our readers, contributors, partners and growing TOVAI community. Your support affirms that there is a place for a publication that values substance as much as style, and people as much as products.

As we move forward, my hope is that TOVAI International continues to be a source of inspiration—a reminder that every woman has the opportunity to build a life she loves, leave a meaningful impact, and open doors for those who will follow.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. The best is yet to come.

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