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Spotlight on new fabrics and trends of 2023 / 2024

Issue 3





Welcome

We would like to invite you to this quarter's issue of our Trends report 2023- a quick insight into the main direction of Trends for AW 24/25.

Research is as important as design, which is why we like to be aware of the latest developments and issues within the industry. As we consider these, our understanding of what solutions are available to us when designing is enhanced.

Enjoy the read,

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Trends

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SS 23 Colour range: Hot-cold

There is no need to choose between warm or cool-toned colours this season, as there is space for both. The hot-cold trend uses pigment shades in dense hues that have both hot and cold undertones, and using ultra-saturated colours as accents to create a common element can complement a more muted palette.

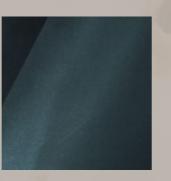
The rich pigment intensity is a reference to the '80s when extravagance and opulence were predominant. This is in contrast to the last 2-3 year's economy which has suffered due to inflation and COVID-19. Therefore this colour palette approach aims to boost people's morale and cheer them up.

Fabric Trends of 2024

Fabric trends fall in line with the essence of **sustainability** (no embellishments or unnecessary details that would impact the environment). This is also influenced by the introduction of more stringent **sustainability laws** regarding fabric origin, processes and **end-of-life disposal.**









There has been an increase in vegetable materials and **bio-fabrics** as well as **cellulosic blends** being explored further than they have been before.

Linked to comfort, a lot of stretches can be noticed in the fabrics that are being produced, as well as softness to the touch. Non-restrictive fabrics and away from the body shapes are contributing to ensuring the kind of lightness and comfort in clothing people haven't experienced before.

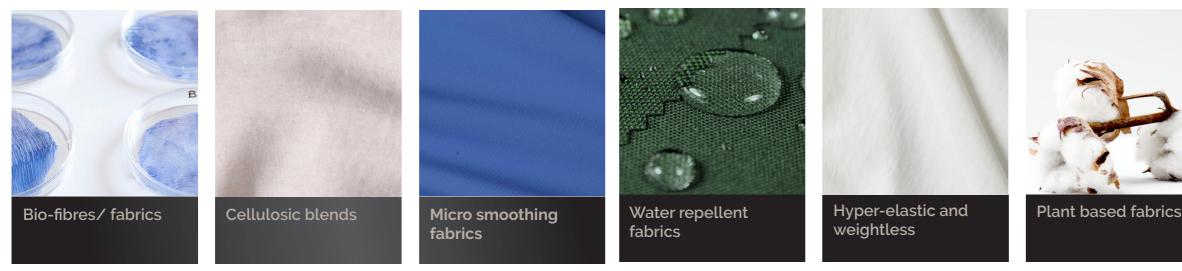
The sportswear industry is exploring the fluidity and softness of fabric with techniques such as **micro** smoothness. Other qualities such as hyper-elastic and weightless combined with water repellency are also being developed for use in this industry.

Even though a fully sustainable solution has not yet been developed, there are ways in which people try to mitigate the impact of petroleum based synthetics by combining them with recycled cottons to decrease the percentage of plastic in clothing.

More and more **plant-based fabrics** are being developed, alongside an exploration of how agricultural waste can be transformed into materials. Fruit deposits, with pineapples and bananas, are already used to create casual knits, and corn and sugar are also being explored regarding creating synthetic bio-sourced textiles.

In terms of natural fibres, **linen** and **hemp** will be seeing the spotlight more and more in the coming years.

A different trend is emerging which is in line with the digitalisation of the world. Inspired by the digital movement, fabrics in SS 24 could have artificial shine added to them, creating a shiny effect that translates to what we see digitally. Some finishes already use **foil ormagnetic** accents to make the fabric more dynamic. To adapt to this trend, mesh and nets are being created by using







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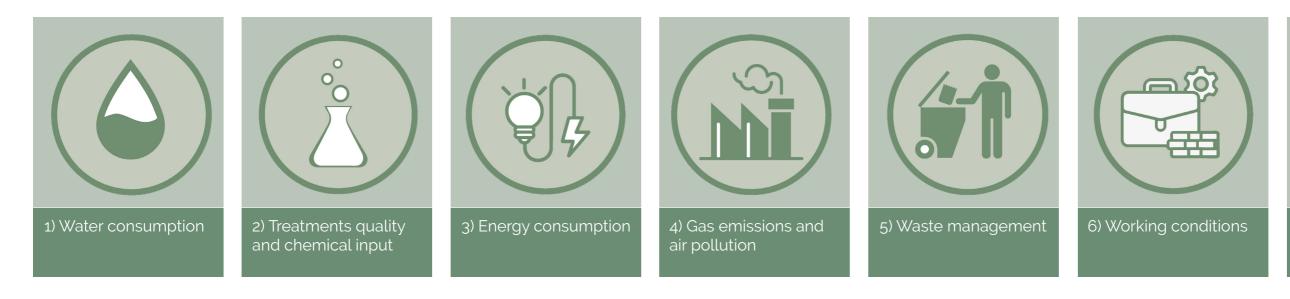
Sustainability Trends

Sustainability has been in the spotlight for the last few years, but stricter regulations are coming in place such as the ISO 14001 standard, and certifications like Bluesign, OEKO-TEX®, STeP or Leather Working Group which help by offering traceability in the supply chain.





Other areas that are being observed are:



Three basic principles have been identified for circularity:

Eliminating waste and pollution
Circulating products and materials
Nature regeneration

Madeira is now turning post-consumer polyester into sustainable embroidery threads and backings. The threads are **OEKO-TEX®** certified to not contain harmful substances.







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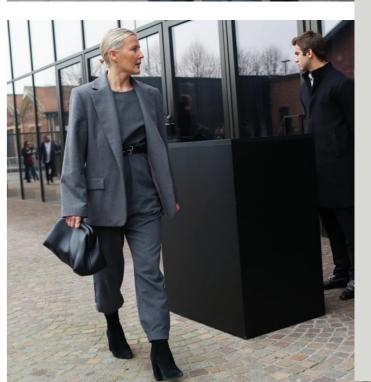
AII Grey Outfits











Hoods and Headwraps





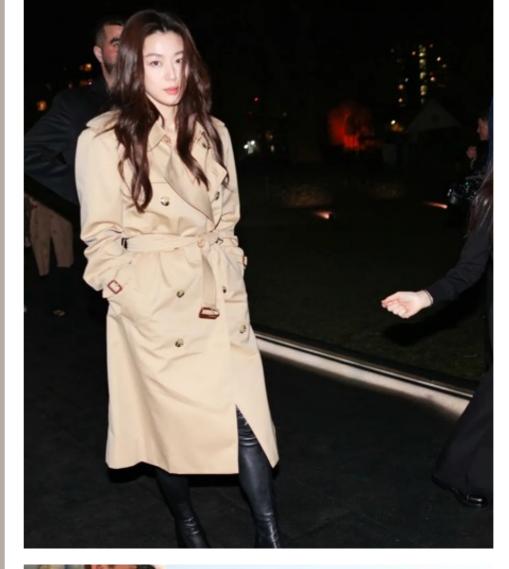






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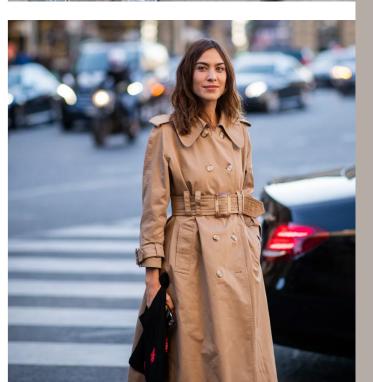
Trench Coat



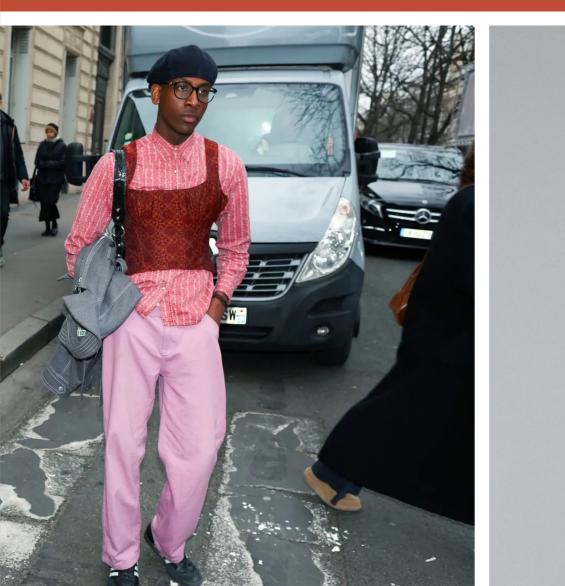








AI Gender Corsets



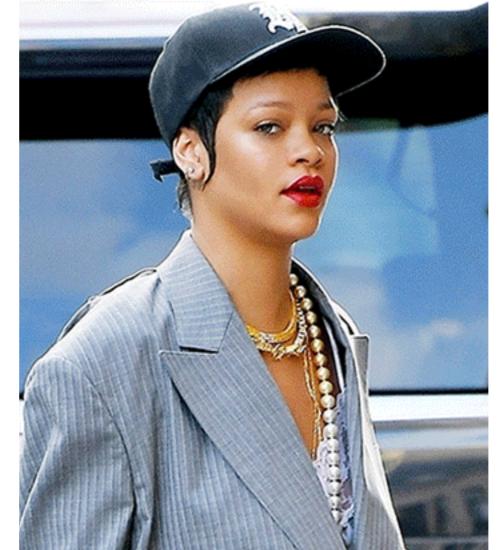




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Baseball Caps









01. Tapered Trousers



02. Slit Flares

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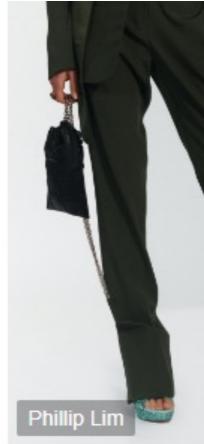
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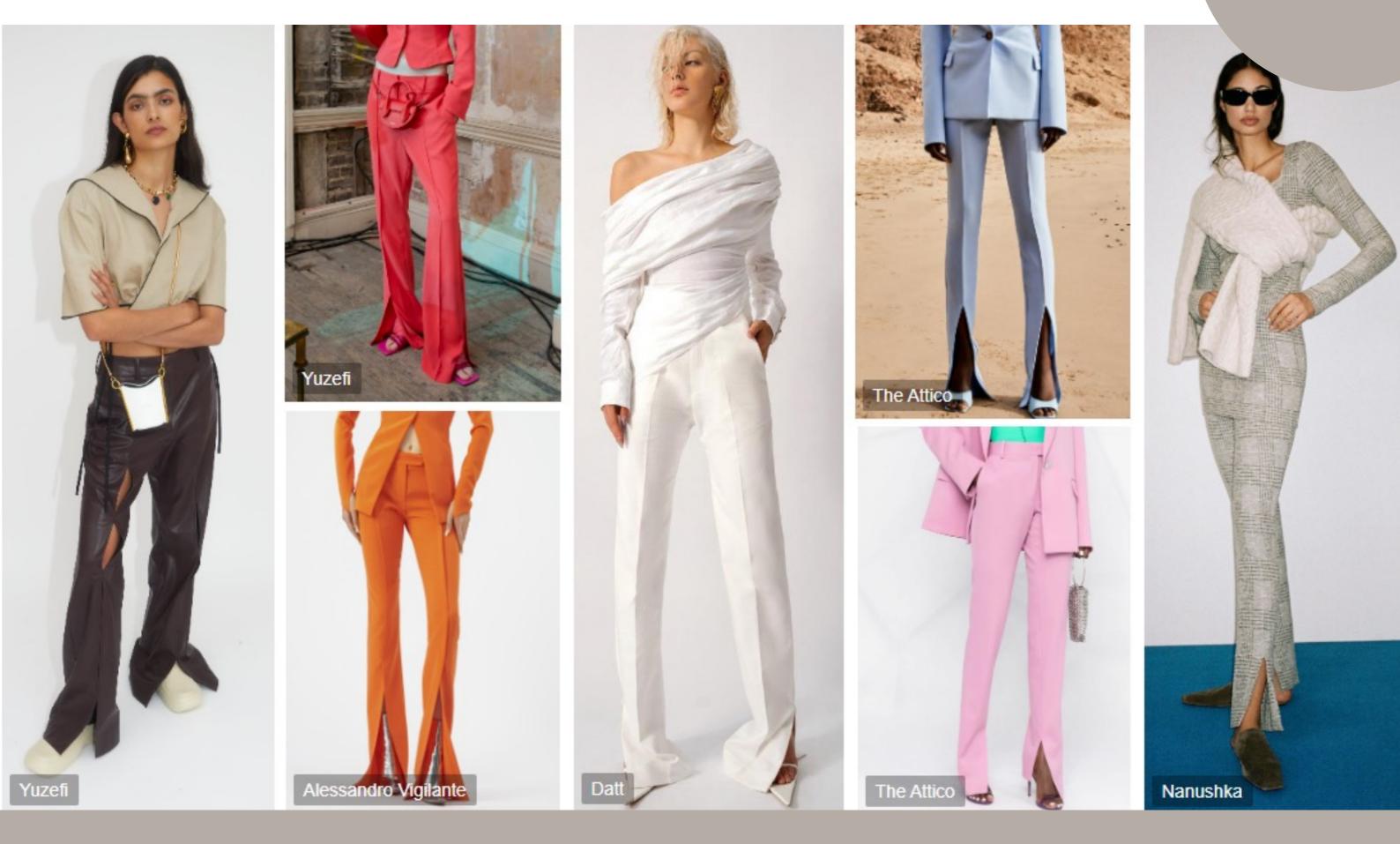




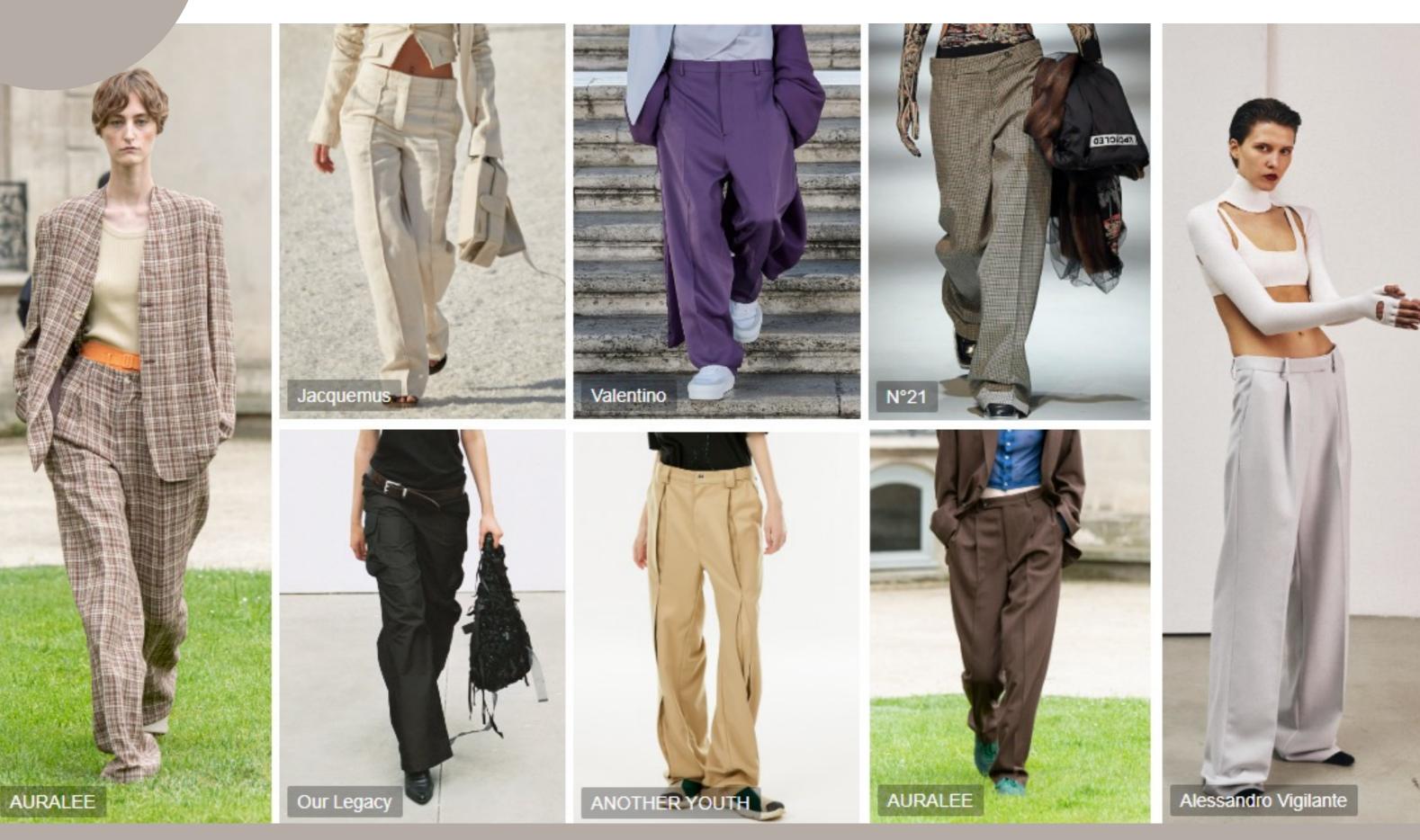
















02. Cocoon Sleeves



01. Deconstruc-

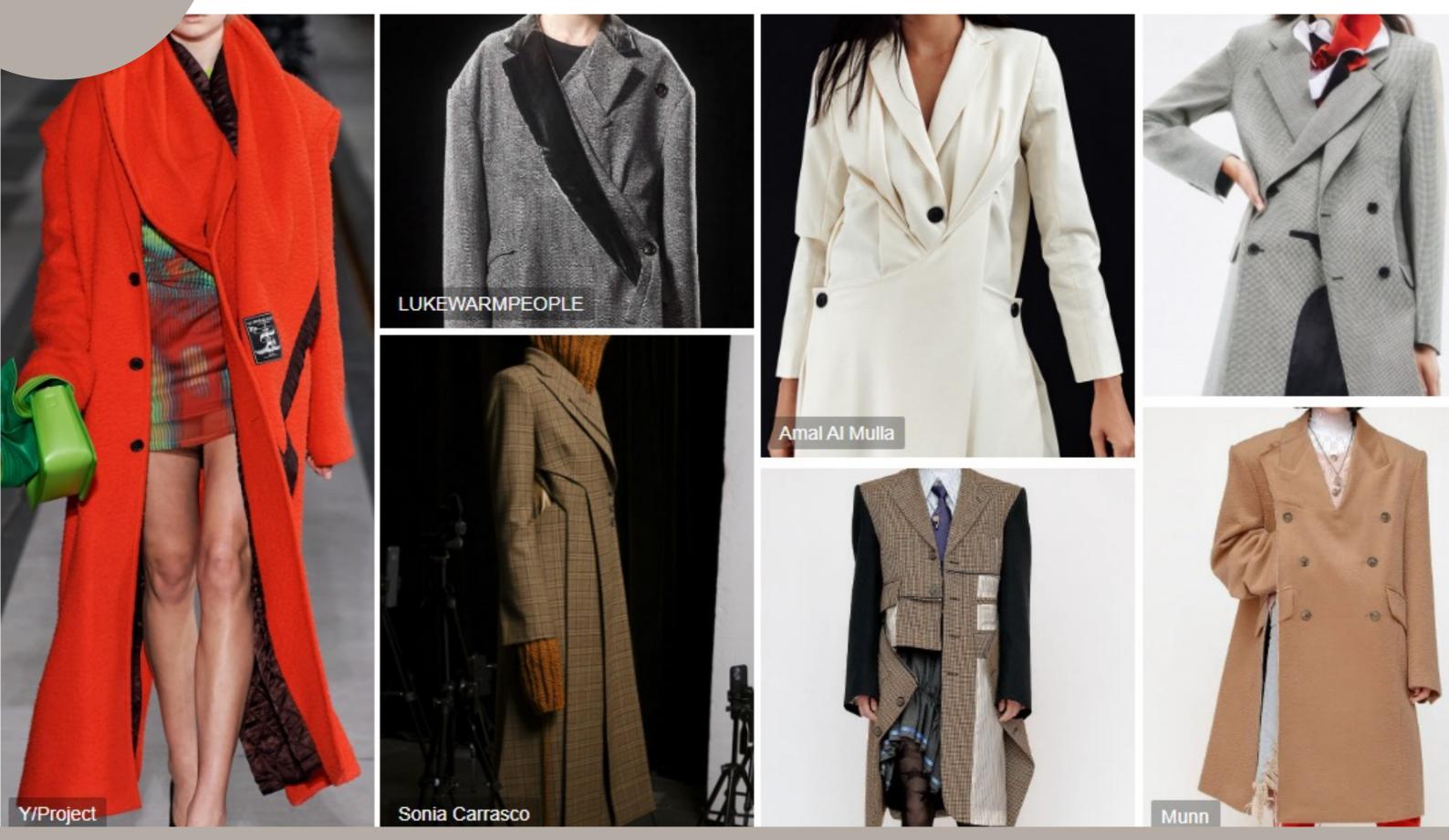




04&05. Down Jacket

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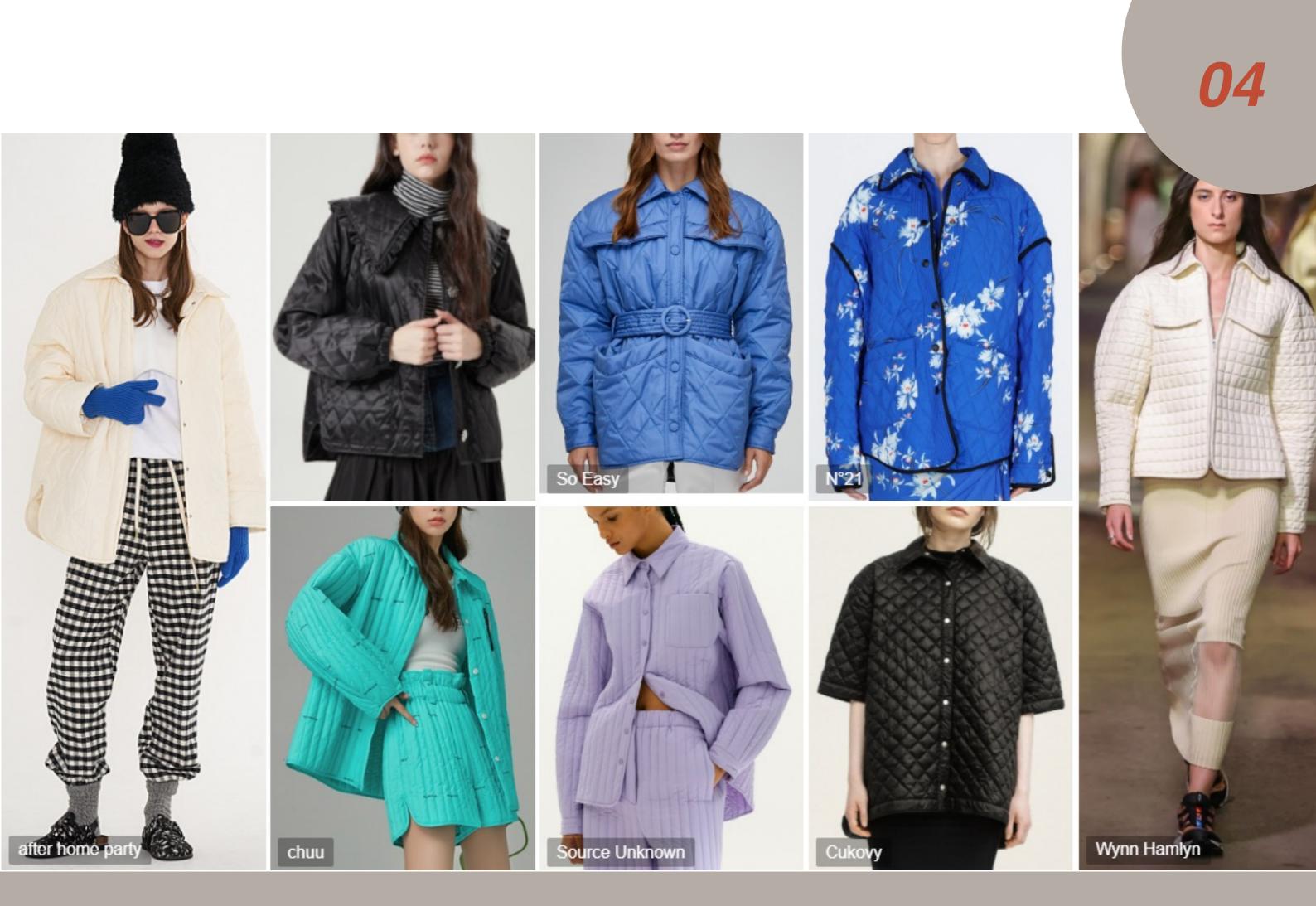














Catwalk Trends







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Dior 1950's silhouettes



Chanel Layers and lace

Versace Hourglass silhouettes and power dressing



Louis Vuitton Skinny waist belts



Victoria Beckham Mix and match textures



Chloe Monochrome dressing



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