

TRAIL BLAZERS

Previously the mainstay of a public school uniform, the grey blazer - in its new incarnation - is at the forefront of style. Precisely tailored, adaptable and the colour for Autumn, this season's grey blazers are definitely too cool for school.

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Yes, blazers do work well with Cardigans. In fact layering separates is one of the key looks for this season - even with a colour as loud as this number from Reiss.

Blazer, Dhs6,200, Les Hommes
at Saks Fifth Avenue
Cardigan, **Dhs95, Reiss**



Working in the corporate world may offer limited options in terms of expressing your style, so keep things casual and opt for a one-button blazer. Add some flair with your tie – tartan has been used all over the catwalks this season.

Blazer, Dhs4,855, Marc Jacobs

Tie, **Dhs420, D&G at Saks Fifth Avenue**

Shirt, **Dhs800, Giorgio Armani**

Trousers, **Dhs1,290, Paul and Joe**

Shoes, **Dhs1,095, Reiss**



Believe it or not, a blazer can be rock 'n' roll. Pair with skinny jeans, a simple tee and high tops for a look that wouldn't look out of place on stage in a music festival.

Blazer, Dhs5,625, D&G at Saks Fifth Avenue

T-shirt, **Dhs550, Emporio Armani**

Jeans, **Dhs1,700, Emporio Armani**

Belt, **Dhs2,270, Mulberry at Boutique 1**

Guitar chain, **Dhs65, Topman**

Trainers, **Dhs2,130, Marc Jacobs**

Defined shoulders on a blazer strikes an instant formal note and suede elbow patches – combined with knitted separates – create a retro, East coast professor look, which is bang on trend.

Blazer, Dhs995, Massimo Dutti

Red sleeveless cardigan, **Dhs350**, Reiss
Trousers, **Dhs2,700**, Bottega Veneta
Shoes, **Dhs3,620**, Dolce and Gabanna at Saks Fifth Avenue
Shirt, **Dhs1,170**, Paul & Joe
Tie, **Dhs325**, Atelier F&B at Saks Fifth Avenue
Bag, **Dhs2,750**, Emporio Armani
Watch, **Dhs3,500**, Giorgio Armani
Glasses, Stylist's Own



If there's a match made in heaven, it's pink and grey. Pink – otherwise known as one of the hottest neutrals for men at the moment – complements any shade of grey, from light to charcoal.

Blazer, Dhs7,600, Yves Saint Laurent

Jeans, **Dhs1,300**, Paul & Joe
Shirt, **Dhs575**, Harry and Sons at Boutique 1
Shoes, **Dhs205**, Topman
Bag, **Dhs6,165**, Prada at Saks Fifth Avenue



THE PERFECT FIT

- Since blazers are more casual than a suit, pay attention to whether it's slim or relaxed and consider how it will fit in with the rest of your wardrobe. Loose layering obviously requires more room hence a relaxed jacket and a crisper, formal jacket will go better with slimmer tailoring.
- A good blazer should hug your shoulders, not slide off them.
- Though bellboy-style cropped blazers are fashionable at the moment, this isn't always going to be the case. If you're after longevity, avoid transient trends such as these and stick to something classic.
- Sleeves should leave space for about a quarter inch of shirt cuff to show - irrelevant of whether you're wearing a shirt or not.
- When looking at vents, remember: a single centre vent for a slim profile and double vents for a bigger profile.
- Two main styles to consider are single-breasted or double-breasted. Single-breasted blazers have a lot of versatility and look good on almost all men, whereas double-breasted can add emphasis to any weight you may be carrying.
- The number of buttons on a blazer can affect the overall look greatly. For example, one button will make you look taller, whereas three buttons will make you look shorter.



Classic but cool, baggy tuxedo trousers and a grey jacket make a great combo and, as black-tie events become more and more casual, are a nice alternative to the all-black penguin suits of old.

Blazer, Dhs4,185, Christian Lacroix at Saks Fifth Avenue

Shirt, **Dhs1,300**, Marc by Marc Jacobs
Trousers, **Dhs1,280**, Unconditional at Boutique 1
Shoes, **Dhs1,980**, Paul & Joe
Bangle, **Dhs3,400**, Bottega Venetta.

You really can go as casual as you like with a grey blazer, just keep it fitted and open. Perfect for adding an extra layer post-beach fun.

Blazer, Dhs8,800, Giorgio Armani

T-shirt, **Dhs1,220**, Dolce and Gabanna at Saks Fifth Avenue
 Jeans, **Dhs2,275**, Marc Jacobs
 Sandals, **Dhs2,535**, Dolce and Gabanna at Saks Fifth Avenue
 Bag, **Dhs1,530**, Marc Jacobs
 Belt, **Dhs1,300**, Prada at Saks Fifth Avenue



Liven up things with a blazer's best friend: a pocket square. And keep the look current by wearing the trousers that are cropped above the ankle – the new length de rigueur.

Blazer, Dhs2,495, Reiss

Pocket Square, **Dhs350**, Giorgio Armani
 Cardigan, **Dhs1,350**, Emporio Armani
 Trousers, **Dhs4,185**, Christian Lacroix at Saks Fifth Avenue
 Shoes, **Dhs2,400**, Yves Saint Laurent
 Watch, **Dhs1,900**, Tateossian at Tanagara

MAINTENANCE

If you're dropping a substantial amount of cash on a designer blazer, you'll want to make sure that it lasts as long as possible. If properly taken care of, a good quality blazer can last a lifetime.

Keep the shape of the blazer by making sure you hang it up immediately after wearing - use good quality, padded, wooden hangers. This will ensure any crumpling is kept to a minimum and the padding will prevent lines being worn into the shoulders. Try to only dry clean your blazer every five or six times you wear it. Otherwise, just brush it off before you hang it back in the closet. And if you do add or lose a few pounds, thankfully in the UAE we have a host of good-quality tailors to make any small adjustments.

Offset the stuffiness of a suit by keeping everything else informal: open shirt, casual loafers and no socks.

Blazer, Dhs17,660, Cosare Athline at Boutique 1

Shirt, **Dhs2,145**, Marc Jacobs

Trousers, **Dhs2,195**, Reiss

Clutch, **Dhs1,785**, St. DuPont at Tanagara

Watch, **Dhs995**, Massimo Dutti

Shoes, **Dhs1,800**, Emporio Armani

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