

THE GLOBAL GUIDE TO EATING, DRINKING, BUYING AND EYEING



RETAIL-ITALOPHILIA

As evidenced in our September edition, *August Man* clearly isn't afraid to journey thousands of kilometres to Italy for the perfect made-to-measure **Ermenegildo Zegna** suit. For all other Singaporeans, however, it's a far less arduous task: Zegna has opened a new upscale boutique at Capitol Tower (above) in the heart of the financial district, adding to its existing two pieces of prime retail real estate at Paragon and Takashimaya. Bathed in noble dark woods and the type of soft lighting women yearn for, the Capitol Tower boutique boasts a stately *Su Misura* private room for customised fittings as well as all the finest apparel from its *Couture* and *Sartoria* lines, including leather goods and accessories. Italophiles journeying to the Land of the Rising Luxe, Japan, can get their **Bulgari** on at either of the elegant Italian jeweller's two new boutiques opening this November in Ginza or Ometesando (right). With a combined retail space of nearly 7000 square metres, it's like luxury catnip for high-style carnivores.



THE INSIDER: SHANGHAI

Italian style savant **Jonathan Hasson** is one half of **Luxury Concierge China** (www.luxuryconciergechina.com), the hip Shanghai-based company that provides bespoke experiences for the judicious traveller in China. He lays down the inside word for the ultimate 24-hour Shanghai showdown.

EAT: "The **Whampoa Club** will surprise the most discerning Chinese palate and give true foodies a new reason to indulge. Enjoy the *dégustation* menu and view of the bustling river." Tel: (86) 216 321 3737 (www.on-the-bund.com)

STYLE: "Head straight to **US Polo Association Bespoke Tailors** for a wardrobe update." Tel: (86) 215 466 6058

GUILE: "Climb the world's longest arched bridge, **Lupu**, for a spectacular view of Shanghai." Tel: (86) 800 620 0888

DRINK: "Have an *apéritif* followed by dinner at **Yongfoo Elite**, which is located in a beautiful villa in the French Concession. Enjoy a cocktail in the quiet garden." Tel: (86) 215 466 2727 (www.yongfooelite.com)

PARTY: "We can book you a table at the hip, members-only **Volar** [Tel: (86) 215 157 0180] or you can check out **Dragon Club** [Tel: (86) 215 404 4592] for some after-hours action.