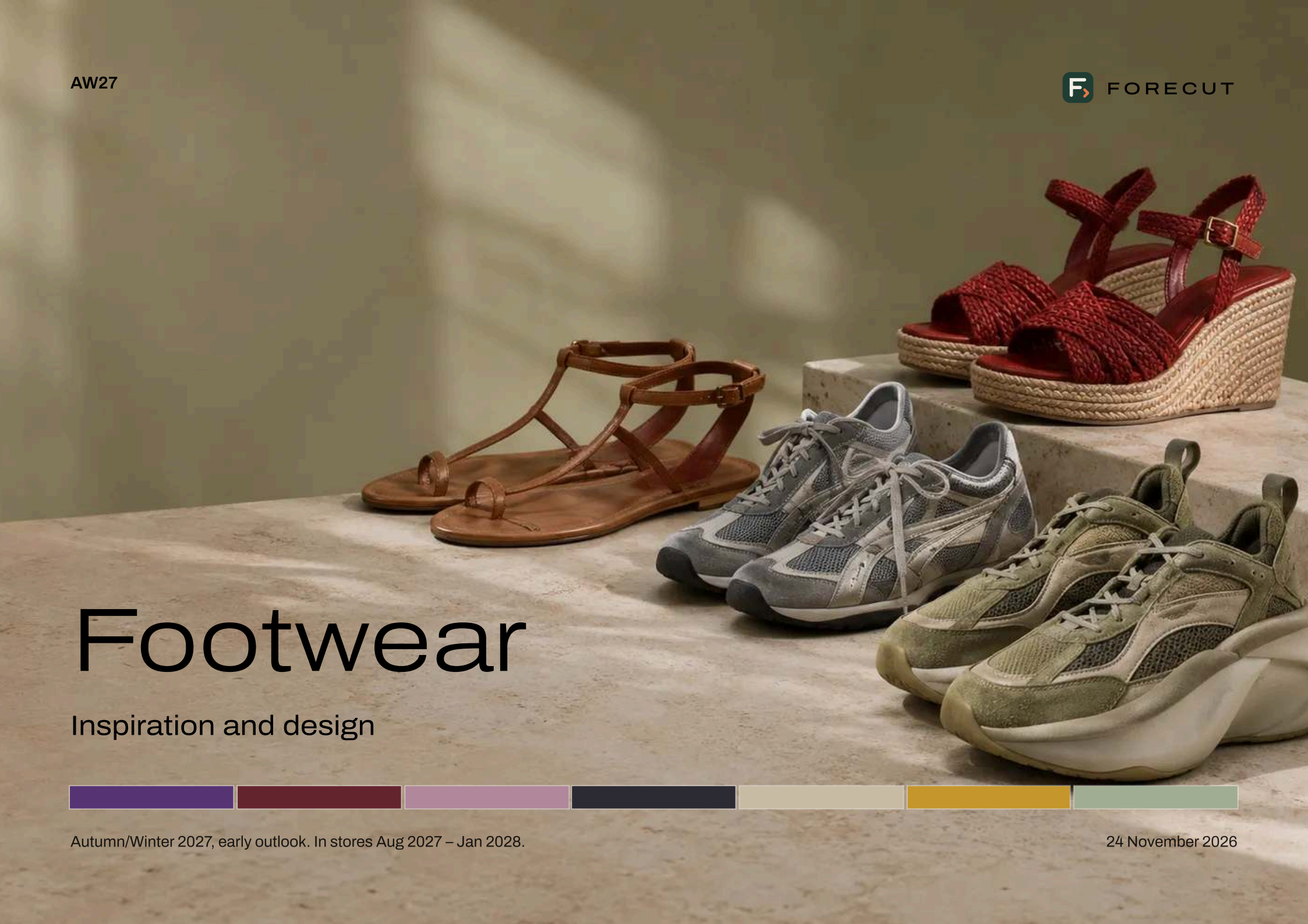
AW27

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Footwear

Inspiration and design

Autumn/Winter 2027, early outlook. In stores Aug 2027 – Jan 2028.

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About this report

Heels, flats, boots, men's shoes and sneakers.

Early outlook. SS27 signals carried into winter: waisted outerwear, handcraft on knits and quiet structure, with deep violet, plum and tannic bordeaux taking the place of black.

How to read the stages

Emerging new, test in small quantities

Rising growing, build into the range

Peaking at its height, sell through

Fading moving out, reduce or rework



Inspiration

Soft boots

Flat riding boots, slim soles and soft leather replace chunky lugs.

Why now

Footwear follows the move to elegance; slimmer soles suit refined trousers and skirts.

Key pieces

Riding boots, Slim soles, Soft leather; soft knee-high riding boots.

18-0523 TCX, #5F5E42 and 12-0104 TCX, #E3E1CF

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Winter handcraft

Craft continues into the cold season: smocking on knit cuffs and hems, tonal embroidery on wool and crochet textures.

Why now

Handcraft from SS27 carries on, adapted to heavier fabrics.

Key pieces

Smocked knits, Tonal embroidery, Crochet; smocked knit details.

19-1863 TCX, #8C1C2A and 12-1813 TCX, #F5D0D4

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Waisted outerwear

The defined waist moves into winter outerwear: belted and double-belted coats, wrap fronts and cinched jackets.

Why now

SS27 brought the waist back; outerwear is the natural next step for autumn.

Key pieces

Belted coats, Double belts, Wrap fronts; double-belted waists.

18-1244 TCX, #7D4326 and 12-1006 TCX, #F1DCCB

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Quiet structure

Clean lines: pleated wool trousers, funnel necks, concealed closures and straight shapes without decoration.

Why now

A calmer reaction to heavy embellishment, and pieces that last more than one season.

Key pieces

Pleats, Funnel necks, Clean fronts; high-waisted pleated trousers.

18-4214 TCX, #55606A and 12-4306 TCX, #DFE3E6

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.

Moodboard



Barefoot sole-less sandals



Raffia wedge sandals



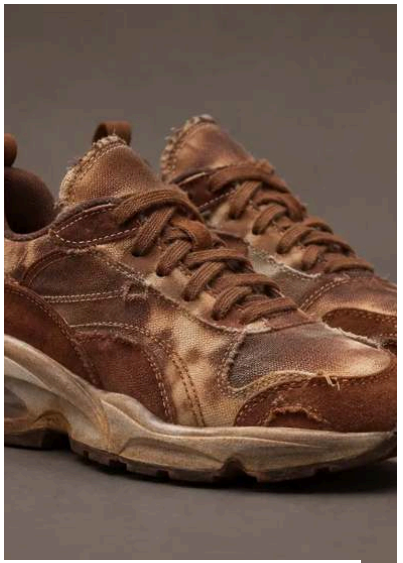
Reworked racing sneakers



Sculpted rocker-sole trainers



Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs



Sun-bleached distressed sneakers



Tonal suede low-profile sneakers

Colour

The AW27 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Deep violet
19-3638 TCX
#563474

Tannic bordeaux
19-1724 TCX
#64242E

Dusty mauve
16-2107 TCX
#B0879B

Tinted black
19-3713 TCX
#2C2A33

Mushroom
13-1105 TCX
#C7BBA4

Waxy ochre
16-0953 TCX
#C4962C

Sage
15-6414 TCX
#A1AD92

Colour by theme



Soft boots: 18-0523 TCX with 12-0104 TCX, for soft knee-high riding boots.



Winter handcraft: 19-1863 TCX with 12-1813 TCX, for smocked knit details.



Waisted outerwear: 18-1244 TCX with 12-1006 TCX, for double-belted waists.

Key pieces



Barefoot sole-less sandals

Footwear, Heels & Flats, silhouette

Strap-only sandals that leave the sole of the foot bare, for a barefoot look on the beach and runway; Chanel Cruise 2026/27 in Sydney, 5 Nov 2026.

Rising



Raffia wedge sandals

Footwear, Heels & Flats, material

Woven raffia wedges and heels in metallic gold, chocolate, cinnamon and natural; Monday Swimwear x Billini launched 16 raffia styles in Oct 2026 for the southern summer.

Rising



Reworked racing sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, upper

Upcycled sneakers reworked with motorsport stripes and patches, as at Uó Upcycling's racing-themed show, São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising



Sculpted rocker-sole trainers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, sole

Trainers on a curved, hand-sculpted rocker midsole, some with a split toe; Nike Rift Rocker by Melitta Baumeister (5 Nov 2026) and Hoka x Marni Clifton (out 12–13 Nov 2026).

Rising



Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, upper

Mary Janes, Boston clogs and Arizona sandals reworked with gold studs, leather ruffles and shearling in black, lilac, sandstone and chutney; Birkenstock 1774 Pont des Arts (Nov 2026).

Rising



Sun-bleached distressed sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, finish

Trainers made in deliberately distressed, sun-bleached fabrics on a cushioned retro sole; Puma x JiyongKim Cell Geo, Seoul (Korea Herald, 15 Nov 2026).

Rising



Tonal suede low-profile sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, material

Slim, low-profile sneakers in a single tone of leather or suede; Jil Sander x Puma reworked the Speedcat in all-black, all-white and white suede (on sale Oct 2026).

Rising



Apron-toe derbies

Footwear, Men's Shoes, toe

Derbies with stitched apron toes.

Rising

Key pieces



Belgian loafers

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Soft, slipper-like loafers.

Rising



Black oxfords

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Classic black lace-ups.

Rising



Block-heel slingbacks

Footwear, Heels & Flats, strap

Slingbacks on mid block heels.

Rising



Bow-trim flats

Footwear, Heels & Flats, trim

Flats finished with a small bow.

Rising



Buckled ankle boots

Footwear, Boots, hardware

Ankle boots with a buckled strap.

Rising



Cap-toe kitten slingbacks

Footwear, Heels & Flats, toe

Contrast cap toes on kitten slingbacks.

Rising



Check-trimmed loafers

Footwear, Men's Shoes, trim

Tartan trims on loafers.

Rising



Chelsea ankle boots

Footwear, Boots, shaft

Elastic-sided ankle boots.

Rising

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