SS28

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Season themes

Full forecast report

Spring/Summer 2028, long-range outlook. In stores Feb – Jul 2028.

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Long-range outlook. Structured clarity and easy movement: fewer, better pieces with performance comfort for commuting, in strong blues, greyish mauve and straw.

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

Overview

Build around Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts, Taffeta jogger evening trousers and Articulated sleeves.

Long-range outlook. Structured clarity and easy movement: fewer, better pieces with performance comfort for commuting, in strong blues, greyish mauve and straw.

Build into the range

Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts, Taffeta jogger evening trousers, Articulated sleeves, Clean column dresses and Clean minimal T-shirts are rising and keep growing into AW28.

Test in small quantities

Articulated-knee trousers, Bonded, raw-cut seams, Concealed-button blazers, Denim with technical details and Elastic-back tailored waists are new ideas to try.

Sell through

Barefoot sole-less sandals, Reworked racing sneakers, Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs and Sun-bleached distressed sneakers are at their height. Do not add depth.

Reduce or rework

Cup-bodice gold column gowns, Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns, Ballet-sneaker hybrids and Clean leather bombers are moving out.



Inspiration

Performance ease

Designs that feel intuitive and move easily: articulated sleeves and knees, stretch and breathable fabrics for sport and commuting.

Why now

Early SS28 previews point to performance design that removes restriction.

Key pieces

Articulation, Stretch, Breathable; articulated sleeves.

18-1340 TCX, #A6492A and 12-1110 TCX, #F6D7C6

Source: FashionUnited, "SS28 Preview: The modern flow of performance design". Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Structured clarity

Consumers move away from constant novelty toward fewer, better pieces: clean column shapes, clear lines and minimal trims.

Why now

Early SS28 trade intelligence describes a demand for "better" fashion rather than more fashion.

Key pieces

Column shapes, Clean fronts, Minimal trims; clean column dresses.

19-4916 TCX, #1F5E63 and 12-4604 TCX, #CFE6E4

Source: FashionUnited, "Spring Summer 2028 Trend Intelligence: The Rise of Structured Clarity". Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Sport meets smart

Cushioned sport soles under refined flats, loafers and derbies: elegant shoes with sneaker comfort.

Why now

SS27 moved from sneakers to elegance; SS28 keeps the look but brings back comfort.

Key pieces

Sport soles, Hybrid shoes, Comfort heels; sport-sole smart flats.

19-0201 TCX, #3A3F45 and 13-4108 TCX, #D8DDE2

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



Inspiration

Natural tech

Natural fibres finished to perform: quick-dry linen, UV-resistant cotton and easy-care jersey.

Why now

Customers want natural fibres without the creasing and care trouble.

Key pieces

Quick-dry, Easy-care, Natural fibres; performance-jersey shirt dresses.

18-0920 TCX, #6D5D44 and 11-0105 TCX, #EFE6D3

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

Moodboard





Taffeta jogger evening trousers



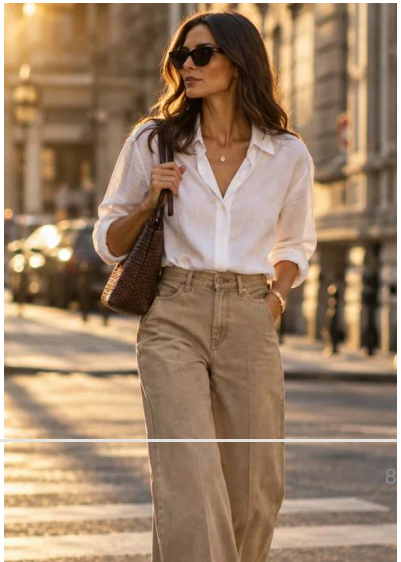
Articulated sleeves



Clean column dresses







How it developed

Piece	AW26	SS27	AW27	SS28	AW28
Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Taffeta jogger evening trousers			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Articulated sleeves			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Clean column dresses			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Clean minimal T-shirts				Rising	Peaking
Clean straight-leg trousers			Rising	Rising	Peaking
Clean wide-leg trouser jeans		Emerging	Rising	Rising	Peaking
Collarless tailored jackets		Emerging	Rising	Rising	Peaking
Column knit dresses	Rising	Rising	Rising	Rising	Peaking
Comfort block heels			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Concealed-placket shirts			Emerging	Rising	Peaking
Cuffed jean hems	Emerging	Emerging	Rising	Rising	Rising

Carried on from AW27

Collarless cropped jackets
Peaking in AW27, fading now

Lightweight technical trench
Emerging in AW27, rising now

Articulated sleeves
Emerging in AW27, rising now

Welt-pocket cocoon coats
Rising in AW27, peaking now

Hidden-placket overcoats
Rising in AW27, rising now

Photographic and art prints
Peaking in AW27, fading now

What happens in AW28

Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Taffeta jogger evening trousers
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Articulated sleeves
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Clean column dresses
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Clean minimal T-shirts
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Clean straight-leg trousers
Rising now, peaking in AW28

Colour

The SS28 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.

Royal blue
18-3949 TCX
#3850A0

Sonar turquoise
16-5123 TCX
#279D9F

Greyish mauve
15-3507 TCX
#BDABBE

Bleached linen
11-0701 TCX
#EDE6DB

Straw
14-0935 TCX
#DABE81

Magnetic violet
19-3847 TCX
#44377D

Peach
13-1125 TCX
#F5B895

Colour by theme



Performance ease: 18-1340 TCX with 12-1110 TCX, for articulated sleeves.



Structured clarity: 19-4916 TCX with 12-4604 TCX, for clean column dresses.



Sport meets smart: 19-0201 TCX with 13-4108 TCX, for sport-sole smart flats.

Range strategy

Build depth

- Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts
- Taffeta jogger evening trousers
- Articulated sleeves
- Clean column dresses
- Clean minimal T-shirts
- Clean straight-leg trousers
- Clean wide-leg trouser jeans
- Collarless tailored jackets
- Column knit dresses

Test small

- Articulated-knee trousers
- Bonded, raw-cut seams
- Concealed-button blazers
- Denim with technical details
- Elastic-back tailored waists
- Hidden magnetic closures
- Hidden-rivet minimal jeans
- Hidden-zip blouses
- Performance polo tops

Sell through

- Barefoot sole-less sandals
- Reworked racing sneakers
- Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs
- Sun-bleached distressed sneakers
- Tonal suede low-profile sneakers
- Broderie anglaise dresses
- Chelsea ankle boots
- Cropped boxy shirts
- Dark rinse, clean finish

Exit or rework

- Cup-bodice gold column gowns
- Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns
- Ballet-sneaker hybrids
- Clean leather bombers
- Collarless cropped jackets
- Flat-front straight trousers
- Flatform sneakers
- Mary Jane sneakers
- Photographic and art prints

Actions and timing

Actions for the range

- Add stretch to core tailoring fabrics.
- Introduce articulated elbows on outerwear.
- Test breathability claims before marketing them.
- Edit ranges down and deepen buys on proven fits.
- Upgrade fabrics on core styles.
- Tell a "made to last" story.
- Develop one sport sole and use it across three uppers.
- Market comfort features with clear claims.

Season timing

Shown on the runway	Sep–Oct (year before)
In stores, northern hemisphere	Feb – Jul 2028
Southern hemisphere	Same trends sold Sep–Feb, a season later, in local spring/summer
Tropical and seasonless markets	Core of the year: lightweight trends sell 9–12 months

Range checklist

- Give rising pieces the most options and depth.
- Buy emerging pieces in one or two colours first, then repeat what sells.
- Keep peaking pieces in core colours only; do not add new styles.
- Rework fading pieces with a rising detail, or clear them early.

Pricing and cost

Indicative retail bands in ₹ for the Indian market. A planning guide, not a quote.

Performance ease

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Technical stretch shirt	₹1,199–2,199	₹2,800–5,500	₹9,000+
Articulated-sleeve jacket	₹2,999–4,999	₹6,000–12,000	₹20,000+
Stretch tailored trousers	₹1,499–2,699	₹3,200–6,500	₹11,000+

Cost level: medium. Technical fabrics and bonded seams need special machines; articulation adds pattern pieces.

Structured clarity

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Clean column dress	₹1,499–2,799	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+
Minimal T-shirt	₹499–999	₹1,200–2,500	₹4,500+
Straight-leg trousers	₹1,299–2,499	₹3,000–6,000	₹10,000+

Cost level: low. Fewer trims, but fabric and fit must be excellent because there is nothing to hide behind.

Pricing and cost

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Sport meets smart

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Sport-sole smart flats	₹1,799–2,999	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+
Hybrid sport-sole derbies	₹2,299–3,499	₹4,500–8,500	₹15,000+
Comfort block heels	₹1,699–2,899	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+

Cost level: medium. Sport soles need new moulds; reuse sole units across several uppers to spread tooling cost.

Natural tech

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Performance-jersey shirt dress	₹1,499–2,799	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+
Easy-care linen shirt	₹1,199–2,199	₹2,800–5,500	₹9,000+
Seersucker trousers	₹1,299–2,399	₹3,000–6,000	₹10,000+

Cost level: medium. Performance finishes add processing cost; certified fibres cost more but support the story.

Margin checklist

Before you cost

- Fix the retail band first, then work back to the cost you can afford.
- Agree minimums for any new trim or hardware early.
- Ask for a price on two versions: full detail and a simpler one.

Where cost hides

- Hand work such as beading, fringe and embroidery.
- Extra panels, pockets and linings.
- Custom hardware, washes and finishes.
- Duty and freight on imported trims.

Keep the look, cut the cost

- Place the detail where it is seen: neckline, cuff, hem.
- Use stock trims in season colours.
- Put the costly version in a small premium run.

Work out your margin at forecut.in/pricefold.html.

Markets

Asia

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

From temperate four-season East Asia to tropical Southeast Asia and India, and the hot, dry Gulf. One collection rarely fits every market: weight, sleeve length and coverage change by country.

Best fit from this report

Performance-jersey shirt dresses, Column knit dresses, Seersucker and gingham shirting, Concealed-placket shirts

Key selling moments

- China: Lunar New Year, 618 and Double 11 (11.11) shopping festivals
- Japan & South Korea: Spring and autumn wardrobe changes, year-end gifting, Chuseok
- India: Diwali and festive (Sep–Nov), wedding seasons (Nov–Feb, Apr–May), summer

Europe

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

Temperate four-season climate: cold, wet winters in the north, hot dry summers around the Mediterranean.

Best fit from this report

Lightweight technical trench, Welt-pocket cocoon coats, Hidden-placket overcoats, Column knit dresses

Key selling moments

- France, Italy & UK: January and July sales, Christmas, summer holidays
- Nordics: Midsummer, Christmas
- Southern Europe: Summer travel season, Easter

North America

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

From cold Canadian winters to hot, humid southern US summers and Mexico's warm highlands and coasts.

Best fit from this report

Collarless cropped jackets, Lightweight technical trench, Seersucker and linen jackets, Performance-jersey shirt dresses

Key selling moments

- United States: Back to school, Thanksgiving and Black Friday, holiday, spring break
- Canada: Holiday, Boxing Day
- Mexico: Día de Muertos, holiday season, Buen Fin sales

Markets

South America

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

Tropical in the north and Brazil's coast; temperate and four-season in Argentina, Chile and southern Brazil. Seasons are opposite to Europe.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Photographic and art prints, Seersucker sundresses, Seersucker and gingham shirting

Key selling moments

- Brazil: Carnival (Feb/Mar), Christmas and New Year summer
- Argentina & Chile: Christmas summer, winter holidays (July)
- Colombia & Andean: Year-end holidays, festivals

Africa

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

Mostly hot: tropical West and Central Africa, highland East Africa, Mediterranean north, and a temperate, southern-hemisphere South Africa.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Photographic and art prints, Performance-jersey shirt dresses, Seersucker and gingham shirting

Key selling moments

- Nigeria & West Africa: Detty December, weddings, Eid
- South Africa: Festive summer (Dec), Black Friday
- North Africa: Ramadan and Eid, summer weddings

Oceania

Regional directions for SS28 follow as coverage arrives.

Climate

Southern-hemisphere seasons: summer Dec–Feb, winter Jun–Aug. Mostly temperate, tropical in the north of Australia.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Photographic and art prints, Stretch performance denim, Denim with technical details

Key selling moments

- Australia: Christmas summer, Black Friday, end-of-financial-year sales (June)
- New Zealand: Christmas summer, winter (June–August)



India in depth

India

Indian buyers read SS28 through festive and wedding demand, summer weights and handloom. Forecut publishes separate India season reports with craft clusters, colours that sell there and price bands.

See forecut.in/india.html for the India forecasts.

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