

# Legends in Leather

Seeing what you are made of

Clockwise from upper right, the houses of Bottega Veneta, Fred, Fendi and Zegna show off their leather accoutrements with quality, pride and legendary artistry.

➤ “GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE,” says the house of Ermenegildo Zegna. Great motorcycling minds agree with this statement, given that both share an insular connoisseurship of fine leather garments and accessories. In its latest eyewear collection, Zegna, in collaboration with De Rigo Vision and Viva International, offers one of the most extensive selections of leather wraps, shields, aviators and cross-bridge modifications available on the market. The racy style SZ3072V is available in both polarized and non-polarized versions, with perforated black or brown leather temples, as well as a fiery Italian red.

Fendi Men follows suit with the Selleria aviator collection—limited in production and hand-sewn in the same vein that made the house famous for its legendary craftsmanship. The 396ML is available in black, brown and steel grey with coordinating leather temples. All models bear the hallmark silver Fendi Roma plaque, authenticated circa 1925. The collection is made in Italy; produced and distributed worldwide by Marchon Eyewear.

Fred Lunettes, faithful to the vision of avant-garde jeweler Fred Samuel, steps in with the exotic Hawai collection, available in six shapes, in gold, platinum or ruthenium detail. The temples of the F-2 shape are inlaid with Mississippi alligator in a choice of black, red or blue. Other models feature chagreen, zebu horn and ebony accents. All eyewear is handmade in France by the Logo Group.

Bottega Veneta calls to mind the great Charles Lindberg and Gen. Douglas MacArthur aviators of the past, then infuses their trademark intrecciato woven leather details from the bridge down to the detachable safety chain. This ultimate retro BV61 features polarized lenses, framed by antique gold, bronze or silver finishing. The collection is handmade in Italy by the Safilo Group. —SALVATORE SAMPINO

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