

Dominic Khoo has a passion for life, evident from his diverse business and personal interests, including avidly collecting watches. Each time he considers a purchase, he examines every detail so only the finest quality ends up in his shopping bags. Just take a peek at his mechanical watch collection of 30 timepieces, including Glashütte Original's Alfred Helwig Tourbillon and Kees Engelbarts' impressively carved Mokume Gane Dragon. "Complications make life simpler – so the more mechanically complicated the watch, the more I like it. Mechanical perpetual calendars, for example, are truly ingenious."

Of his choice of this Prada suit teamed with a white stretchable shirt, Khoo enthuses, "Super 130's wool is an excellent material – I love the buttery feel of merino on my skin, plus it's crumple resistant." A man of many interests – golf, shopping, food, photography, tennis, movies, soccer, travelling and bridge – he lives by a simple set of

dressing rules: "I'm often in polo t-shirts because they adapt well to casual and smart-casual occasions with a simple play of cuts, materials and colours. I like browns, cream and white. Couple them with a belt and trousers or shorts, and you're set for different occasions." He has 20 pairs of shoes, including favourite deck shoes, in shades of fawn, cream and brown, but his entire collection ranges from Ludwig Reiter's Chelsea boots to Ermenegildo Zegna: "They are very comfortable in baby suede, nubuck or calf."

Khoo's only self-confessed fashion faux pas is wearing two watches simultaneously. But who can blame this keen watch enthusiast? "I have recently fallen in love with watches by independent watchmakers like Kees Engelbarts, Volker Vyskocil and Philippe Dufour, who make their watches from scratch by hand. If I wore a hat, I'd take it off to them."

DOMINIC KHOO

Occupation:

Entrepreneur

Age: 27

Fashion Statement:

"Reviving antiquated fashion"



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JULIE LO

Occupation:

In-house legal counsel

Age: Looking the right side of 40

Fashion Statement:

"Classic yet trendy"

Julie Lo uses seasonal fashion purchases as a psychological boost, "I have to think out of the box to match old outfits with the new." Having passed the big 4-0 the vivacious, youthful-looking and intellectual Lo is glad to be "ageing gracefully." She maintains her looks by hitting the gym and relaxing with music. Of outfits, Lo loves Audrey Hepburn's capris and black dresses with classic cuts, appreciating the "trendy, elegant" approach of Prada, as with the "simple yet interesting black boat-neck Prada top" she wears here.

Lo has always been game for what life has to offer. Her wilder varsity days reveal she lived the way she wanted, sporting short hair with big earrings, à la Madonna, stand-

ing out like a fashion maverick among the rest of the sedately dressed students. Nowadays, she switches between elegant pencil skirts and sky-high heels to girly A-line skirts. Relying upon and valuing her 17-year-old daughter's opinions, she says, "Adrienne is studying at a boarding school with a break every five weeks, which is when we go shopping. She has an exceptionally good eye for fashion."

Always busy, Lo needs her wardrobe to be comfortable and easily harmonised for snappy dressing. Of a morning she wakes at 6.30 am and is out of the house in 20 minutes flat. Her busy schedule means she buys clothes in every colour to match any mood, never window shopping. Her fashion sense, though, is far from predictable, "If I don't try, I'll never know if something's good for me." □