



LUDWIG REITER



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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Designing a new collection and presenting it in an inspirational catalogue is always an exhilarating journey.

At Ludwig Reiter, we revel in sharing our latest creations and the stories we encountered along our way. In collaboration with my husband, Jamie McGregor Smith, our research led us from the grandeur of Vienna to the charm of the UK, and onto Germany, delving from Scottish craftsmanship to urban architecture.

In Vienna, we engaged with a distinguished professor of Architecture; discussing the significance of strong foundations and the essence of interdisciplinary expertise. In London, we were enchanted by a musician who continuously draws fresh inspiration from classical Viennese melodies.

As we wandered the Scottish borders and meandered through England's 'Green and Pleasant Land,' we uncovered ancient bonds between man and beast and gleaned insights on how the fabric of nature influences exceptional design.

Embracing the notion that borders should not confine knowledge, we have seamlessly integrated these traditional elements into our most contemporary designs. We refined these sensibilities with the expertise of Germany's legendary distillery and wove a path that harmonises the timeless with the modern.

Embark on a journey through our new collection and discover the seamless blend of tradition and modernity, comfort and innovation that we've cherished curating for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Reiter-Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anna" being the most prominent.

Yours Anna Reiter-Smith

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SUSTAINING KEY PATTERNS

“I felt a moment of what can only be described as epiphany: I was suddenly at one with the music, as if my whole body had become its instrument. It was sensual and empowering, but also humbling. It amounted to an act of total surrender on my part, and perhaps on the part of my audience, too.” – Cyril Ibrahim

Seated at the grand piano of the Austrian Cultural Forum London, Ibrahim’s fingers gracefully danced across its keys, his shoes a blur across brass pedals – intertwining simplicity and complexity in to a tapestry of sound. Music has long been a faithful companion at Ludwig Reiter, a company synonymous with exceptional craftsmanship and elemental designs since its establishment in 1885. Upholding a philosophy of intricate handcraft and fundamental design, our creations remain true to their original artistic score.



HUNTING BOOT
Hydro-suede, Umbra, Tuscan Last
R 74-VWU.TGS-2-KS





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A CITY PAVED IN HISTORY

In a former time, London's city streets bore untamed spirit and the gentleman navigated this 'circus' with fortitude, and importantly, a pair of good handmade boots. Long before the advent of the modern 'half shoe,' this pairing was a symbol of elegance and craftsmanship. Across the cobblestone pathways, within the industrious hum of factory halls, and through the haze of boardrooms, boots stood as a paragon of respect and admiration.

Our Gröbminger vintage Pullup, with an all weather Goodyear-welted sole, is a homage to this ensemble – a dance of practicality and sophistication, where form embraces function in a timeless ballet.



GRÖBMINGER
Vintage Pullup, Black, Tuscan Last
R.69-RPS.TGS-2Z-GJ



TIMELESS COMPOSITIONS

Anglo-Dutch concerto pianist and graduate of London's esteemed Royal College of Music, Cyrill Ibrahim embarks on a noble mission: to infuse a new generation with the joy and reverence for classical music's timeless masterpieces. At Ludwig Reiter, we share a parallel devotion – preserving our artisanal heritage while breathing new life into our storied creations.

Our Chukka Boot, conceived in an age of refined leisure when passions transformed into art forms, stand as a testament to this legacy. With its robust leather heel cap, it is designed to withstand the fervor of even the most ardent pursuits, ensuring elegance and endurance remain impeccably intact.



CHUKKA BOOT

Hydro-suede/Horseback, Maroon, Tuscan Last
R.60-VWM-CRM.TGS-2-KC



STUDIO BAG

Bark-tanned leather, Maroon
N.T330-UBM



FINDING YOUR STRIDE

Franziska Esterházy is always on the move, preferably in these penny loafers or Mary Vetsera ankle boots. Ideal for the modern princess, they are not made of impractical glass, but of shimmering bordeaux red leather, which is at least as radiant. In her roll as mother, wife, businesswoman and princess, 'Sissi' to her friends, knows how to navigate these paths in effortless style. Whether worn with an elegant skirt or a tailored suit, the vintage combination of socks and loafers is in keeping with our cultural zeitgeist. The look radiates self-confidence and self-assurance and meets the demands of modern women today.



PENNY LOAFER
Calf Spazzolato, Bordeaux, College Last
S.41-RCW.DC-2Z-ES



MARY VETSERÄ
Calf Spazzolato, Bordeaux, Viennese Last
S.88-RCW.DWF-2-DS



TIME IS GOLDEN

In the fast-paced world of the modern woman, time is a precious luxury. Setting aside moments to explore new horizons and find fresh inspirations is essential. These moments often come for Franziska Esterházy as she accompanies her husband on research trips for his fragrance brand, Estoras. Inspired by the adventures of Prince Antal Esterházy and his original travel diaries, Estoras “seeks to capture the spirit of adventure for those who chase impossible horizons today”.

For those who value timeless elegance and practicality in a versatile outfit, look no further than our high-laced Fanny boot and Philadelphia handbag. Crafted with the finest leather and enduring construction, the Fanny boot features an all-weather sole and an inside zipper for easy access.

Whether walking in the footsteps of past explorers or navigating time in an ever-changing world, Ludwig Reiter is dedicated to crafting accessories that accompany your story.



PHILADELPHIA
Country Calf, Cognac
N.T601-GPC



FANNY
Hydro-suede, Maroon, Tuscan Last
S 884-VWM.DTR-ES

DEEP THINKING ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Ivica Brnic, Professor of Architecture at TU Wien, has devoted his academic research to the study of modernist sacred spaces. We accompanied Brnic on a visit to Vienna's Second Council Church in Lainz, Vienna. Designed by the renowned Tyrolean architect Josef Lackner, this Brutalist sanctuary epitomizes the futuristic, democratic European architecture of its time.

For an architect who spends long days transitioning from site visits, client meetings and lectures, the Oscar last on our timeless Touring model provides the comfort and space to breathe – and think deep thoughts.



TOURING
Hydro-suede, Umbra, Oscar Last
S.228-VWU.OH-HS



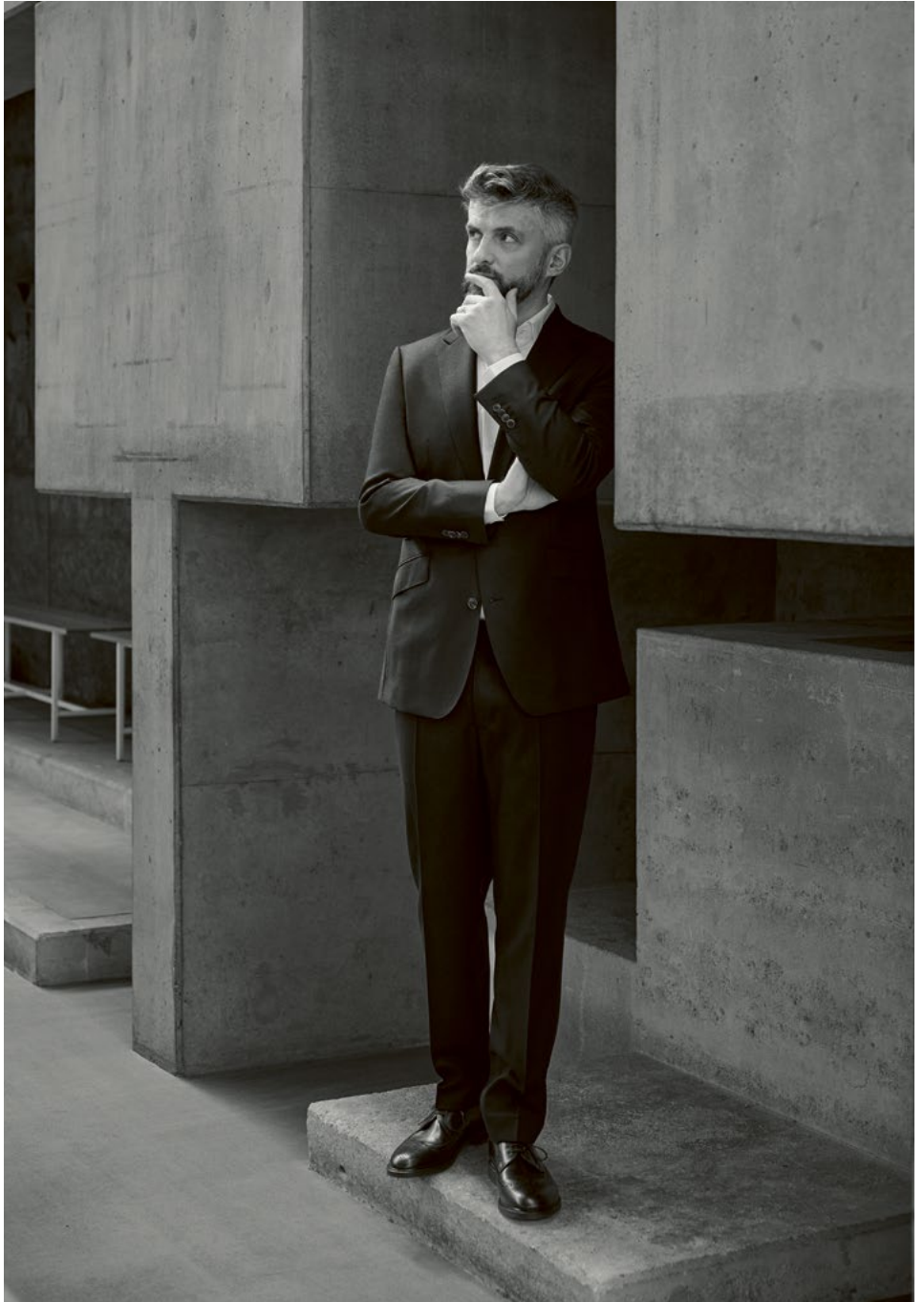


TRANQUIL SOLES

The Budapest is the Viennese version of the English full brogue, and like the Viennese its elegant, adaptable yet a little restrained. We've adapted this last characteristic to allow for a little more amplitude, with the addition of our new spacious Oscar last. It's wider profile accommodates for active feet and an additional insole, whilst retaining the Budapest's timeless silhouette. Let your feet walk with peace of mind.



BUDAPESTER
Boxcalf Leather, Black, Oscar Last
R.16-BCS.OH-2Z-JS





A BOND SEWN BY NATURE

In the heart of the English Cotswolds, a profound bond forms between a rider and her horse. This connection, nurtured by nature, is a blend of respect and mutual understanding, resonating with the tranquility and beauty of the natural world.

Interior designer Chloe Vestey understands firsthand how exceptional design finds its inspiration in nature. Having grown up in harmony with horses and competing together in competitions, she experienced how nature's confidence and strength can be passed on to us.

At Ludwig Reiter, we celebrate such connections. This season's Maronibrater boot features a Tweed upper, crafted from the highest quality wool from the Scottish borders and bark-tanned leather. Each pair is meticulously handmade to offer unparalleled comfort and endurance. Just like the bond between horse and rider is forged in nature, our boots create a seamless link between wearer and environment, ensuring every step is taken with grace and confidence.



MARONIBRATER
Tweed / Bark-tanned leather,
Umbra / Black, Kitzmantel Last
S.892-S-TWU

KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT BORDERS

A 'Colporteur' was perhaps Europe's earliest traveling book seller, transporting manuscripts by horsepower from our towns fledgling presses to the increasingly literate and curious rural populations. Overtime this helped transport Europe from the Middle-ages to the Early Modern Period.

Shouldering knowledge and responsibility is familiar to Ludwig Reiter, where traditional craft and sustainable practice is paramount. Our Colportage shoulder bag combines the finest Sports Nappa and Saddle leathers in a minimalistic construction, creating a uniquely elegant model and a testament to those enterprising 'Reiters' who moved knowledge across our borders.



COLPORTAGE
Sport Nappa Calf, Saddle Leather, Black
N.T692-NCS



GOOD TASTE REQUIRES TRAINING

Clinging to the Main river valley in Germany's charming Freudenberg is the renowned distillery Ziegler. A company after our own heart, their combination of traditional craftsmanship, selection of the finest ingredients and a continuous improvement of technique and knowledge, makes them the brandy darlings of restaurants and gourmets worldwide.

The long journey from harvest to bottle is unique in the culinary world, like a marathon, its distillate's require patience and character to complete the course. This season we have spent some extra time acquiring the finest sports-calf leather for our Marathon trainer, naturing refined qualities in our athletics.



MARATHON
Limited Edition Sportcalf, Chestnut
T.523-BFK



61 2024/2024
2 ml
27.07.2024
Zugschub 61

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62 2024/2024
1 ml
18.07.2024
Zugschub

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5 2024/2024
1 ml
18.07.2024
Zugschub

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ADDING A DASH OF COLOUR



Among oak barrels and copper kettles, we met Ziegler CEO (and longtime friend of Ludwig Reiter shoes) Andreas Rock, who gathers the colours of our iconic Trainer like the fruits of an orchard. Since joining the company in 2021, Rock has brought new color to the Ziegler brand by leading the relaunch of the distillery, overseeing the addition of a new whisky & gin brand Freud and “Scusi” – we hear you ask – a German aperitif!

“Our society is changing: it is becoming even more colorful, even more open and less and less bitter. So yes: it’s time to capture exactly this spirit!” - Andreas Rock



TRAINER
Suede, Safari / Quarz
T_512-VLJ-VTQ_C

WEAVING A MODERN PATH

The distillery is a magical place where ingredients and passion are woven together to create something uniquely entertaining to the senses. This season, we have woven a novel path for our Marathon trainer, combining an advanced water repellent sued with an iconic English Tweed - sourced by another traditional Viennese company, the tailor and fabric supplier: Jungmann & Neffe.



MARATHON

Tweed / Suede, Moss Green / Tobacco

T 523-TWI-VST.C

With its roots in the Scottish borders, Tweed is one of the most desirable woolen textiles in the world, and like Ludwig Reiter, it has a rich heritage going back over 100 years. We are excited for you to enjoy the fruits of this partnership and appreciate the tradition of crafted goods and ideas traveling between our borders.

A MAN'S BEST FRIEND

They can not compete with a canine companion, but a reliable pair of boots is an essential member of your shoe family. Eco builder Graham Smith, finds inspiration from the wildlife and landscape of his Wiltshire home in order to craft sustainable and timeless designs that blend seamlessly with their natural surroundings.

The iconic Maronibrater, our elegant winter boot, epitomises a harmonious blend of style and functionality using sustainable natural materials. Our new addition sports an Tweed shaft, adding a warm and durable woolen detail that celebrates the British pastime of walking with ones furry friend. These boots effortlessly transition from countryside strolls to urban explorations, embodying the essence of British elegance and practicality, making them an essential accessory for the mindful wanderer.



MARONIBRATER
Tweed / Bark Tanned leather,
Moss Green / Mocca, Kitzmantel Last
S.592-D-TWI





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