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FUTURE VISIONS: SOFT AND HARD

WEAR WAS ON THE SEARCH FOR NEW, UNUSUAL ACCESSORY DESIGNERS AND FOUND JEWELLERY, SHOES, AND BAGS MADE FROM PRECIOUS METALS ALL THE WAY TO SILICON AND ARTIFICIAL SUBSTANCES.

ONE THING THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON:
EXCITING MATERIALS DEFINE THE TREND.

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TZURI GUETA

In the last few years a fresh wind has been blowing through the world of jewellery. Who says that the 'Signora Agé', or her 30-year-old daughter cannot present herself at a sophisticated event with an bracelet made out of pure silicon? For example, with one designed by the Israeli Tzuri Gueta, a recently rising star of the genre 'alternative jewellery'. Gueta, who designs rings, bracelets, and necklaces but also pochettes and hats, belongs to those that have brought the panorama of 'Artistic-Jewellery' into the limelight. As a designer coming from the textile world (he worked together with Armani and Christian Dior, among others) the 39-year-old creator designed his first accessories and Bijoux collection last season. What sets him apart? Use of silicon and connection with textiles, such as silk. Elements that allow his creations to feel astoundingly soft. The forms are predominantly inspired by the deep sea: sponges, corals, mussels, pearls. All in a rich variety of color variations and designed from single pieces, the mesmerizing pieces are distributed through museums and art galleries.

WENDY STEVENS

Wendy Stevens is an American handbag designer who has risen from the ashes. She lost everything when a fire demolished her production facility in 2004. After that she has been fascinated with a durable material – stainless steel. She has created her desirable bag collection with this metal by hand, and her bags are welcomed at Henri Bendel and some cutting-edge galleries. The wholesale prices range from 105 to 380 USD. → www.wendystevens.com

GIL CARVALHO

British designer Gil Carvalho also uses rare material for his artistic shoes. His sculptural 'Conceptual Collection' is made of a lightweight alloy with silver leather sole. The hand-laced upper is composed of a single elastic cord thread, creating a weave that moulds perfectly to the foot. The prices start from 3,700 USD, sold by appointment only. → www.gilcarvalho.com