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SUMMER IN THE TROPICS: ACCESSORIES ARE ISLAND INSPIRED AT PREMIERE CLASSE

Whether indulging in classic prep wardrobe of vacationers in Capri and the Greek Islands, or referencing the ingenious creativity and savage landscape of the Caribbean, travel is the theme for the upcoming spring 06 season. However, there were still plenty of collections timed for fall deliveries, resulting in a confusing melee of trends.

HANDBAGS

Bags are becoming more practical-- which is not to say, less fashionable. They are simply becoming more attuned to a woman's needs. Adjustable, detachable, convertible and compartmentalized options are more in step with how a woman wears a bag: everyday. Rather than change bags, it's much easier to rearrange and have bags that adapt. Oversized silhouettes and the continued success of outside pockets also speak to this trend. Bags come with long shoulder straps or handles (sometimes both) in soft, waxy leathers. Striped or lasered leathers especially in animal and ethnic patterns look fresh. Warm flesh tones, reminiscent of the perfect suntan, were prevalent. Metal hardware plays a key role, but now in subtler burnished variations. Braided and woven leathers and whipstitching adds interest to handles. Woven and printed fabrics have various inspirations from feminine floral prints to eclectic multi-colour textured wovens.



*Black leather shoulderbags with outside pockets and striped leather accents, Ann-Ann
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*Tote with detachable printed accessories,
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