

# The Chosen Few

DECISION-MAKING MADE SIMPLE(R)



## NORDIC SCHNAPPS

Matthew Chapman of Fika Swedish Bar, celebrates Swedish Midsummer

**1. OP Anderson Aquavit, £28.20; amathusdrinks.com**

"Unique and distinct flavour of caraway, fennel and aniseed. A Midsummer must for Swedes and aquavit connoisseurs."

**2. Koskenkorva's Salmiakki, £20; amathusdrinks.com**

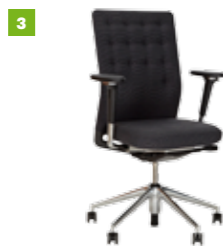
"A strong flavoured vodka based on that peculiarly-Scandinavian commodity: salt-liquorice."

**3. Aalborg Nordguld, £35; amathusdrinks.com**

"First distilled in Denmark in 2007, its flavour derives from amber used in distilling. Notes of pine and citrus."

**4. Lapponia Lakka Cloudberry, £19; scandikitchen.co.uk**

"This cloudberry liqueur from Finland has a very pure taste and can be enjoyed alone or mixed."



## MODERN OFFICE CHAIRS

David Barrett, buyer for furniture at John Lewis, on ergo-thrones

**1. Humanscale Freedom Office Chair, £999** "Obama's office chair. The self-adjusting back has a counterbalance recline. No groping around for levers under the seat."

**2. Herman Miller Aeron Polished Base, £1,200**

"Made using Pellicle: a unique suspension material that conforms to your body and keeps pressure even."

**3. Vitra ID Office Chair, £950** "Features include a weight-dependent tilt that straightens the pelvis and spine."



## MODERN BEACH SANDALS

David Bradshaw, founder of huntergather.com, on holiday footwear

**1. Print Sole Sandals, £80; camper.com** "Well priced, pigskin-lined sandals. Nicely styled and practical, with a splash of millennial modernity."

**2. Ancient Greek Sandals x Carven Cleon Leather Sandals, £225; matches.com**

"Minimalist gladiator-style sandals, crafted from chemical-free leather and featuring an anti-slip heel."

**3. Intrecciato Leather Sandals, £445; bottegaveneta.com** "Sporty and modern, these are a stylish hybrid with contrasting stitching and a silver tone metal accent."

**4. Milano Birko Flor Sandals, £50, birkenstock.co.uk**

"Looking good again and – thanks to Givenchy – right back on trend. A modern take on a classic."



## WOODY SCENTS

Marcus Jaye, founder of fashion blog thechicgeek.co.uk, on wood fragrances

**1. The House Of Creed Acqua Cedre Blanc, £165; selfridges.com** "Inspired by the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, its verdant accords capture the woody scent of the forest."

**2. Intense He Wood by DSquared2, £67; dsquared2.com** "A refreshing take on woods. Aqua elements make this lighter and very wearable."

**3. Czech & Speake Spanish Cedar, £105; czechandspeakefragrances.com** "The rich, sunburnt side of the woods. Found on the sun-drenched beaches of Menorca, this has a retro manly quality."



## JUNGLE SURVIVAL KIT

Ed Stafford, author of *Naked & Marooned* (Virgin Books), on survival tools

**1. Alpacka Denali Llama Pack Raft, £536; alpackaraft.com** "An amazingly versatile, inflatable two-man whitewater-style raft with plenty of space for cargo. Flip it over and you also have an air bed."

**2. Hennessy Hammock Expedition Asym, £130; survivalaids.com** "Great for explorers who want an integrated mozzie net in their hammock system. Add the fly sheet and you have space for up to six people, providing shelter during tropical storms. The webbing straps even protect the trees' bark."

**3. The Speedy Stitcher Sewing Awl, £1.95; seamarknunn.com** "This should be part of any survival kit. Repair rucksacks, pack cloth, tent canvas and even leather boots in seconds."



## GINGHAM-CHECK BLAZERS

Darren Kennedy, founder of helpmystyle.ie, on blazers

**1. Topman Navy Checked Satin Lapel Skinny Fit Blazer, £85; topman.com** "Single-breasted blazers don't have to be plain and boring – why not inject a touch of tartan?"

**2. Louis Copeland Adam Brown & Beige Gingham 3-Piece, £995; louiscopeand.com** "Single button and wide lapels, cut from a superfine Italian wool. A youthful take on the gingham jacket."

**3. Brioni Grey Prince Of Wales Check Wool Suit, £3,475; mrporter.com** "Double-breasted and cut from super-fine 150 wool. Go casual with a pair of Stubbs & Wootton slippers."



## 2014 FIXIE BIKES

James Greig, founder of cyclelove.net, on single-speed chariots

**1. Tokyobike SS, £520** "Seven colour-ways, one perfectly compact, steel-frame city bike. Tough and stylish."

**2. Cinelli Vigorelli, £950** "A cult track frame from Italy that begs to be ridden at speed. Aluminium frame with carbon forks."

**3. Kennedy City Bicycles SS, £495** "Lots of bike for your money, plus you get to choose the saddle and handlebar configuration."

**4. Genesis Flyer, £700** "A steel bike designed to cope with British weather and roads; practical but still good-looking."



## NEW GRAPHIC T-SHIRTS

Leroy Dawkins, editor of *Diary Of A Clotheshorse*, on T-shirts

**1. Paul Smith Bear T-Shirt, £45; paulsmith.co.uk** "Upgrade your weekend look to luxury levels with this bear print. The intricate illustrated design adds a twist to graphic tops."

**2. Hashtag Skull T-shirt, £80; hashtagcollective.co.uk** "The highly detailed skull design contains some of the most iconic landmarks."

**3. Vivienne Westwood Elephant T-shirt, £160; harveynichols.com** "Make an impact from every angle, as the black and white elephant photo print works its way around the T-shirt."