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Imran Amed, internet journalist
Imran Amed, 35, started writing The Business of Fashion from his sofa as an online outlet for his analysis and opinions on the fashion business. Since then, it has grown into a daily resource for fashion professionals, who value its detailed focus on the industry. Recent highlights include an interview with Karl Lagerfeld (professing his love of Facebook), Marigay McKee of Harrods on the future of luxury consumerism, and Marc Jacobs CEO Robert Duffy’s tips for a perfect Twitter post. Amed is starting a series of collaborations with his subjects. First up? The Calgary bag, named after his Canadian birthplace and co-designed with Bill Amberg. Businessoffashion.com

Meera Sleight, textile designer
Graduating with a distinction from St Martin’s is often a precursor to greater things, and print designer Meera Sleight, 31, has lived up to expectations. Her diverse CV includes neon leopard prints for Lanvin, gold-leaf motifs for Donna Karan, snake designs for Chloé and regular projects for Richard Nicoll, Aquascutum and Acne, all from her studio in Hackney. She balances this with her role developing innovative textiles for Liberty.

Elizaveta Gnatchenko, jewellery designer
St Martin’s graduate Gnatchenko, 24, is treading new territory with her “body armour” breastplates crafted from rubberised Perspex, crystals and gold chains. These large-scale creations are just one element of the jewellery that is inspired by the Soviet art of her native Moscow. We love her “knitted” gold-plated bracelets punctuated with drops of onyx and amethyst; petite but powerful everyday pieces.