



# THE A-LIST REPORT

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We reveal this year's additions to our list of discerning gentlemen

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HAIR COURTESY OF **A FEW GOOD MEN** GROOMING **ANGEL GWEE** USING **MAKE UP FOR EVER**

*VICTORIAN NOVELIST* Anthony Trollope once wrote, "And though it is much to be a nobleman, it is more to be a gentleman." We couldn't agree more that being a gentleman takes much more than just status. This holds true for an A-Lister as well. For this year's cohort, we went in search of gentlemen who possess the three tenets of an august man – Style, Substance, Success. We're glad to report that after putting the nominees through multiple interviews and social situations, we've narrowed the list to 14 gentlemen. These individuals are as honourable as they are successful, and are a delight to hang out with. Get ready to meet the newest additions to the A-List.

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Cotton shirt,  
**Melindagloss**;  
denim jeans and  
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**BRAD ROBINSON, 37**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Moderation is for cowards," Robinson believes. The Renaissance man of sorts is primarily the CEO of Ritual Gym, but is also a professional mixed martial artist and a TV host. Robinson first came up with the business model for Ritual Gym while he was getting whipped into shape by a buddy of his. Fueled by drive and passion, the pair went on to actualise their plan and are currently in the milieu of franchising their brand in the United States.



**ANDREW CHAN, 40**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Running a recruitment company is no easy task. With offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Sydney, Chan is constantly shuttling between cities. Yet he finds time to appreciate the most important parts of his life, like his family. Approaching what he refers to as the big "4-0", Chan says he's found new meaning in the old adage 'stop and smell the roses'. He believes it takes a certain level of maturity to fully appreciate the journey life has taken you on.



Calf-leather jacket,  
**Calvin Klein**  
platinum; merino  
jumper, **BOSS**  
Men; denim jeans,  
Andrew's own



**MR Q, 32**  
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

The most significant people in Q's life are his grandfather, who inspired him to dress well; his father, who taught him the meaning of independence by age 15; and his mother, whose eccentricities and wisdom sparked his creativity. So he's grown up in a broken family and even lost a business, but life goes on and he remains tenacious. Now, four years after moving out from London, he's the owner of a menswear boutique called The Prefecture.

Shirt and hat,  
**The Prefecture**  
and Mr Q's own;  
Superocean II 44  
in stainless steel  
case and bracelet,  
**Breitling**



**VISHAL HARNAL, 31**  
VENTURE CAPITALIST

After five to six years of climbing the corporate ladder at a law firm, Harnal found himself becoming increasingly dissatisfied with what he was doing. He then made the brave decision to switch career paths. "I realised a while ago that the 'ideal' next step when it comes to a career move, has more to do with the opinions of others than what I wanted for myself." A year on after changing tracks, Harnal regrets nothing.



Suit and loafers, Vishal's own; cotton polo T-shirt and silk-blend jumper, both **BOSS Men**; Navitimer 01 watch in Stratos Gray stainless steel and calf-leather strap, **Breitling**

Lamb-leather jacket, **Paul Smith**; cotton-blend T-shirt, **BLACKBARRETT by Neil Barrett**; Avenger Blackbird 44 watch in black titanium with military strap, **Breitling**

**YOGEV VARDI, 29**  
CEO & OWNER

Half French, half Moroccan, Vardi comes from Ra'anana, the southern city of central Israel. Growing up in a close-knit family of five means he's always looked up to his dad. "He taught me the real value of money," Vardi shares. "He wasn't wealthy, but he never made us feel like we were lacking." He believes his dad's wisdom and pragmatism are what brought him to where he is today, the CEO of Apex Retail, a householding company of beauty products and more.

**JOE TAN, 33**  
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

Not many people can confidently say that what they do for a living benefits society. Running two social enterprises, Tan can do exactly that. One of these endeavours is Singapore's first volunteer-sourcing mobile app, Hands Up. He explains that this app will aid non-profit organisations in their search for volunteers. Tan's passion for social work stems from his belief that a gentleman should do everything in his power to help a fellow human being.

Cotton denim shirt,  
**Suitsupply**; denim  
jeans, Joe's own;  
Superocean Heritage  
Chronograph watch in  
blue dial with Steel  
Ocean Classic B mesh  
strap, **Breitling**





**JULIAN MIAJA, 28**  
BUSINESS DEVELOPER

Having lived in Singapore, Paris, Buenos Aires and Montreal, Miaja can well claim to be a citizen of the world. He credits his mother for his go-getter attitude. "She constantly threw me in the deep end to figure out life on my own." Thanks to his survivalist upbringing, Miaja has the worldly experience most men his age haven't the faintest idea of. Now settled in Singapore, Miaja busies himself with expanding his family's interior design business.

Suit, Julian's own;  
cotton-blend shirt,  
**Gieves & Hawkes**;  
silk pocket square,  
**Suitsupply**; Navitimer  
Annual Calendar watch  
in stainless steel  
with military strap,  
**Breitling**

**SHANE COELHO, 26**  
SENIOR CONSULTANT

Coelho's flair for business manifested itself when he and his best friend created a coach service for their university schoolmates looking to travel to London for a night on the town. What started out as an ingenious way to make some pocket money bloomed into a passion for business. One of the youngest financial advisors in Singapore, Coelho has already made waves by smashing industry and national records for business development.



Linen-blend suit, wool tie and silk pocket square, all **Suitsupply**; cotton shirt, **BOSS Men**; Breitling for Bentley Unitime B05 watch in stainless steel with crocodile-leather strap, **Breitling**

**JOERI SCHILDERS, 39**  
INNOVATION CONSULTANT

He's originally from the Netherlands, but Schilders speaks fluent Mandarin, having studied the language years ago. "Friends laughed at the time, asking me if it was because I wanted to open a Chinese restaurant." Not quite, but it did take him to China and now Singapore more than 16 years ago, working as an innovation consultant. "You can learn anything you set your mind to. I've screwed up many times but I'm constantly trying to improve myself."

Viscose-blend souvenir jacket, **H&M**; cotton T-shirt, **BOSS Men**; trousers, Joeri's own; Chronomat 44 Blacksteel watch in black steel with military rubber strap, **Breitling**

**JOHN PAUL CHEN, 31**  
ENTREPRENEUR

Chen has this magical ability to make you feel at ease. You never have to worry about ruffling those cool feathers of the director of Saltycustoms, "an expert T-shirt agency that never overpromises or underdelivers". When we ask him what makes a gentleman, Chen says, "He has taste and class. By taste, I mean the environment and people you choose to be with. And by class, I don't mean money."

Denim jeans, John's own; Cockpit B50 Air Force Blue watch in titanium. **Breitling**



**SIVA SHANKER, 37**  
REGIONAL EVENTS MANAGER

Shanker subscribes to the words of ex-long-distance runner Steve Prefontaine: "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." It's a constant reminder to make full use of his gift of the gab, his ability to tell stories. As the guy who oversees countless events across Nike, he likes making a difference. "Sports to me is the last bastille on earth," he says. "Sports encourages the uninspired to change their lives. It's the only thing humanity has now."

Cotton parka, **Biro**;  
cotton T-shirt,  
**BLACKBARRETT** by  
**Neil Barrett**; Colt  
41 Automatic watch  
in stainless steel,  
**Breitling**

Wool-blend suit, cotton shirt, wool tie and silk-blend pocket square; all **Suitsupply**; socks and shoes, both Marcus' own; Navitimer Cosmonaute watch in black steel with calf-leather strap, **Breitling**



**MARCUS ANG, 36**  
CONSULTANT EYE SURGEON

Altruism barely exists, but we're glad kindness still does. An ophthalmologist at the National Eye Centre, Ang is also part of Global Clinic – doctors who provide free healthcare to those who can't afford or have no access to it. "We travel to places like Cambodia, run makeshift hospitals and educate the doctors there. We identify and partner local doctors so we can track a patient's progress." A busy man with time for pro bono work? There's only one word for this man: respect.

**STEPHEN KU, 41**

CLUB OWNER

You may have seen him in a scene in *On the Job*, a made-in-the-Philippines film that won an award at Cannes. He's also just done filming another indie film – *Magtanggol*. But Ku isn't a full-time actor. He's far too busy with his businesses, from hotels to tattoos. Far from being the proverbial Jack of all trades and master of none, Ku wants to be the master of everything. So what next for this overachiever? "World domination," he says coolly. "Just kidding."

Viscose-blend bomber, **Calvin Klein** platinum; cotton-blend T-shirt, **Playhound by Greyhound**; denim jeans, Stephen's own; Exospace B55 watch in black titanium with TwinPro strap, **Breitling**

**JONATHAN SHEN, 27**  
BUSINESS DEVELOPER

Shen may be young but he doesn't kid about when he talks business. The success of the nightclubs opened by his company, Massive Collective, is testament to his knack for business. As someone who loves good food, Shen has also been dabbling in the various areas of the food and beverage industry. If you've been enjoying The Golden Duck's salted egg potato crisps, you have this young man to thank.

Wool blazer and silk-blend pocket square, both **Suitsupply**; shirt, Jonathan's own; Transocean Unitime watch in stainless steel with Steel Ocean Classic bracelet, **Breitling**