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Casual and free-spirited Spanish label

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YOUNG, casual and free-spirited. That's MNG. It's a Spanish label that's fast gaining popularity here thanks to its trendy styles and palatable pricing.

You can get a black square-neck top that's so Audrey Hepburn for RM59 while a Gucci-like leather jacket costs RM663.

MNG's latest line features lots of colours from pastels to acid brights in fabrics from stretchy lycra to comfy cotton.

Straight-cut trousers come in the usual ankle-length or the latest knee-length last seen on Madonna.

These can be worn with cropped jackets to work or slim-fit shirts, and for clubbing, get the backless halters.

Knitwear, too, come with a twist. The label's knit-shell tops are given the peek-a-boo treatment with a slanting cut-out on the bodice. No cleavage? Try the version with an asymmetrical neckline. Diagonally dashing.

For an evening out, check out the satin selection comprising halter-neck tops with scarf accents and slim satin skirts.

To make a grand entrance, the shimmering ball skirt would be just the one, and wear this with a sheer shell top with a crumpled effect.

The special ranch collection would bring out the cowgirl in you. With a hanky-cut hemline, the spaghetti-strapped suede-like tops and skirts look best with boots and American-Indian sling bag.

Chic city clubbers would find the tube tops and bootleg hipsters most appealing. Top this ensemble with a leather jacket in natural, red or olive green.

In celebration of MNG's new store at MidValley Mall, Kuala Lumpur, recently, the brand has pledged to donate RM50,000 to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

MNG had identified April as its charity month where 20 per cent of its nett sales profits will go to the foundation.

In conjunction with the store opening, a gala dinner and fashion show was held, officiated by International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

She witnessed the presentation of the RM50,000 pledge to the president of the Malaysian AIDS council and chairwoman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir, by executive director of Jerasia Capital Bhd (the company managing MNG in Malaysia), Mohd Haniff Aziz.

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