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## GUARDIANI SPORT: CONTEMPORARY LEGEND

Fall/Winter 2014-15 Guardiani Sport redesigns footwear for the contemporary woman taking inspiration from the atmospheric film, "Orlando," starring Tilda Swinton. In this excerpt from the novel by Virginia Woolf, the beautiful Elizabethan heroine blends a bold touch of modernity with strong elements of both feminine and masculine details.

This proposal is rich in its selection of materials and workmanship, which reinterprets a legend with tribal and urban touches to create a modern folklore. Details like golden metal plaques and hanging pendants become modern armour. Laminated scratched calfskin leather and embroidered gold brocades recall the precious fabrics in a wardrobe of another era.

A contemporary slant is the strong point in luxury street wear for the woman who holds the key to the cosmopolitan legend, where character mixes with present reality. Vital and energetic in spirit, she wears her sneakers designed in various materials that have a certain elegance and edge. Sophisticated and dependable craftsmanship forms the plot of a novel that portrays a collection where no detail is left to chance. Each is a sign and a unique element that depicts the woman who, step by step, expresses her femininity with courage and distinction.

The **WEN** sneaker, already successfully introduced last season, is made using exclusive materials, accessories, and embroidery.

Golden Baroque embroidery adorns the side in versions made in velvet and in rubberized calfskin leather. Colours range from deep black and midnight blue to burgundy paired with black satin laces. The laminated animal pattern calfskin leather version is original too, which is combined with black pony, satin laces and a Swarovski rock crystal logo; while another in anthracite grey calfskin leather stamped with raised dots is paired with camouflage fabric.

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Metal details adorn **TOKI TOWER**, a sneaker with a gold metal plaque engraved with the Guardiani logo, which covers the lace panel. A 40 mm high rubber sole is paired with an upper in various materials and colours: calfskin leather; suede with a micro perforated design; and laminated calfskin leather with an unusual "cracked" effect in gold and bronze, which is characterized by actual cracks in the leather.

In their own category, unique versions are covered with micro flathead studs, in gold and black or in silver and black, combined with satin laces and a sole in bronze and metallic smoky grey.

The high-top sneaker with an internal platform, **EMPIRE**, is distinguished by its triple-material upper, which is stamped in stingray, crocodile, and snakeskin in colours of denim blue, charcoal grey and smoky black.

Special materials and details are also presented in patent leather versions that have a "pull-up effect," with a golden plaque that covers the lace panel and an encased sole that is dyed a brilliant gold.

Even a snow boot version is offered, with an encased golden sole and micro pyramid studs in a gunmetal colour. Between the encased golden sole and the metal loops it is lined with shearling. Its dual-material upper, in suede and calfskin leather, is in mustard and midnight blue colours. Even the styles in calfskin leather are characterized by precious details: side decorations in stones and crystals; a tapestry of Swarovski rock crystals and micro studs on a maxi tongue that is partially concealed by the laces; and finally, a golden chain fringe that is applied to the back of the heel. A sophisticated medieval-modern look for an energetic and decisive woman.