

Men at work

Suits, sport jackets, sweaters

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Think we're in a recession? New York and Paris menswear designers apparently don't think so. Many cancelled their runway shows last year because of uncertain economic times and the Persian Gulf War.

This season, it's all systems go. Some designers, such as Calvin Klein and Michael Kors, have started new lines of menswear. Overall, there have been more runway shows this season than in any other in recent memory.

The look? Many happy returns from last fall.

The emphasis is on casual, comfortable, loosely tailored clothing in softer blended fabrics and textures ... all in earth tones (sand, taupe, oak, moss, natural, slate, granite).

"The look is rugged, heavy-weight and layered, with plaids, leather and denim bonding Hudson's Fall '92 menswear trends," says Chris Morrisroe of Hudson's.

"Ragweed, field jackets, flannel and denim shirts, bomber jackets and softer, looser fitting denims are on Hudson's fashion forefront."

In terms of style, American designers have taken the halloved shape of the traditional



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The accent's on leather for him. The leather slacks and leather-trimmed sweater in earthen shadings from Saxony are priced from \$225. At Kosins Clothes and Kosins Big & Tall, Southfield.

men's suit and pumped it up, creating the most fundamental change in suits in 20 years.

Shoulders are broader, lapels wider and chests fuller, with a drape that permits luxury of movement.

Inner construction has been minimized, taking advantage of lighter fabrics and microfibers. Pants have fuller seats and thighs, smaller waists and a lower rise.

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Big & Tall in Southfield offers a collection of tailored clothing, suits, sport coordinates and slacks available in an array of tall colors and fabrics (such as solids, plaids, stripes and twists).

"Leather remains an important element to a man's fall wardrobe ... as a point of interest of all areas of sportswear," said Nanto Chris-

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