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Hugo Boss teams with Shohei Ohtani on casual capsule

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The MLB season recently kicked off, bringing new life to America's pastime. Image credit: Hugo Boss

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German fashion house Hugo Boss is tapping a major sports star for a collaborative clothing drop.

The label is working with Japanese baseball player Shohei Ohtani, an all-time athletic talent in the middle of an already accomplished career, on a new capsule. Released under the core Boss brand over the weekend, the collection includes "smart-casual" and "off-field essentials" within the menswear category.

"I've always known how important it is to be yourself, to stay true to your instincts," said Mr. Ohtani, in a statement

"That got me this far in the game and in life, and I've always been proud to partner with a brand whose own ethos is completely aligned with mine," he said. "This new collection combines my passion for baseball with world-class Boss tailoring, innovative design, and the renowned quality we all know and admire from the brand."

Home run

Releasing just days after Major League Baseball's opening game of the 2024 season, the Boss X Shohei Ohtani collection spans 13 items.

Shirts, blazers, trousers, polos and jackets round out the capsule of "performance-driven designs," each inspired by varsity codes and the heritage of the sport. All of the wearables come in shades of blue and white, potentially a nod to Mr. Ohtani's new team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, a storied franchise in the MLB.

Mr. Ohtani stars in a promotional film released alongside the assemblage

To correspond with the drop, the Boss brand released an advertisement showing the 29-year-old baseball star modeling various pieces from the capsule. The label is also running the campaign across its social media channels.

Available now on the maison's website, the collection ranges in price from \$158 for the Boss X Shohei Ohtani Cotton Polo Shirt, to \$2,395 for the Boss X Shohei Ohtani Woll-Blend Baseball Jacket.

Hugo Boss has been active in the sporting world as of late, signing two tennis stars as brand ambassadors (see story) and debuting a wide-ranging collaboration with the National Football League.

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