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gabardine trousers (£1,060, pictured left), which are cut so that there's only one seam on each leg. The style, which comes in pale stone, mid-grey and pistachio, evokes the high-waisted, voluminous trousers worn by David Bowie during his Serious Moonlight Tour in the 1980s. Also notable are the nuances in Zegna's lapels, created with a closed gorge, as seen on a single-breasted cotton/linen jacket (£2,400) and multicolour blanketpattern linen-crepe suit (£2,750). 37-38 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7518 2700; zegna.co.uk).

The Homme Plissé Issey Miyake

range, made with the house's signature pleating technique, has a smart yet sporty technical appeal. The wrinkleresistant micro-pleats give structure to the fabric, creating sculptural lines. I particularly like the forest-green tailored blouson (£520), while the red hooded jacket (£320), cobalt-blue cardigan (£440) and sleek turmericyellow overshirt (£725, pictured right) are great for layering. The collection also includes tracksuit-style bottoms (from £270) and tailored pleated pants (from £290).

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"Conservative does not mean boring," says Stefano Bigi, as he shows me the sumptuous new fabrics devised for his Bigi Cravatte ties. Archive stripe silk-twill ties (£120, pictured left), which are a standard 7.5-8cm in width, come in new colour combinations such as rich chocolate with zingy blue, bottle green and brick. There are also wool herringbone ties (£110) striped with maroon, charcoal, moss and amber.

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