SNEAKERS

BROWSE THE SHOE SECTION OF ANY HIGH-END RETAIL STORE OR WEBSITE AND YOU QUICKLY REALIZE THAT THE WORLDS OF SNEAKERS AND HIGH FASHION HAVE OFFICIALLY COLLIDED. WHETHER IT'S DESIGNER AND ATHLETIC BRANDS PARTNERING TOGETHER, OR THE FORMER RELEASING THEIR OWN LINE OF PRODUCTS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERY DISCERNING LUXURY CUSTOMER. HERE'S DTK MEN'S TOP FIVE LUXURY SNEAKERS LIST.

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OFF-WHITE

Low Vulcanized Sneakers

Label CEO Virgil Abloh first gained worldwide recognition with sneakerheads following the launch of "The Ten," a series of remixed classic Nike silhouettes. Since then, he's also become the Artistic Director of Louis Vuitton, and dropped a number of solo projects such as the Low Vulcanized Sneakers. Looking a little like upscale Vans, the low tops feature wrap-around black and white striping and a large contrast Off-White logo, finished off by a signature red zip-tie.



BALENCIAGASpeed sneakers

These made-in-Italy Speed Sneakers are so popular, rapper Cardi B even shouts them out in her hit song "I Like It." Immediately recognizable thanks to its knit sock-like construction, they're super-lightweight and wrap around the wearer's foot. The black and white model is the most iconic, but buyers can choose from a multitude of other colourways.



JORDAN BRAND X DIOR Air Jordans

Dior already has a portfolio of inhouse creps, but the brand recently announced a highly anticipated collaboration with Nike on a limitededition Air Jordan I High OG. Celebrating both the 35th anniversary of Air Jordan and the debut of the first Dior men's collection in the United States, this version features supple calf leather, an embossed "Air Dior" Jumpman Wings logo and the Dior Oblique print on the Swoosh.



VERSACE2 Chain Reaction Sneakers

Although the Versace Chain Reaction 'dad sneakers' weren't originally created with the American hip-hop artist 2 Chainz in mind, the two collaborated on the model together — aptly named 2 Chain Reaction — last winter. All variants reference the fashion company's history via a Greca pattern imprinted into the chain-link-shaped outsole and a Medusa head on the heel counter.



LOUIS VUITTON *Rum Away Pulse Sneakers*

The latest entry into Louis Vuitton's athleisure footwear catalogue returns to a more conservative design following the release of the futuristic Archlight in 2018. Continuing to embrace the chunky 'dad shoe' trend, the Run Away Pulse sits atop an elevated midsole and utilizes plenty of high quality leather, textured mesh and LV Monogramming.