TRENDSETTERS SAVVY AND IN-THE-KNOW, THESE THREE LOCAL TASTEMAKERS KNOW WHAT'S

HOT AND TRENDING RIGHT NOW, BUT, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S CLASSIC AND RELIABLY RELEVANT. HERE, THEIR PREDICTIONS (AND PREDILECTIONS) ON WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CAST THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR OWN PERSONAL STYLE THIS SPRING AND BEYOND.

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Elysze Held has a motto: Wear only what you love. The revered Miami stylist and New York Fashion Week staple not only follows that philosophy; she breathes it. "I think real personal fashion style has little to do with what is considered fashionable in any given season or even week," she says. She certainly practices what she preaches. The petite blond, whose signature Bergdorf bob and ubiquitous dark shades have become her calling card, is a pillar in fashion circles, regularly styling for iconic brand Levi Strauss and a slew of celebrity clients she's too demure to mention. Splitting time between New York and Miami, Held's personal style incorporates the best of both coasts: tone-on-tone black sculptural garments matched with regal necklaces of all provenances that are always noticed at the galas she frequents, and fluid, easy outfits from high-end brands as well as Florida labels such as Santika and Ramona LaRue for less formal occasions. At home, the aesthetic is just as adventurous, with classic appointments juxtaposed with avant-garde accents from Miami artists Carlos Betancourt and Purvis Young. Taking note of Held's effortless style, The Ritz-Carlton, Bal Harbour recently tapped her as its very own in-house stylist. As such, she offers one-on-one consulting to guests seeking a fashionable visit to our city. "It's an honor to do what I do," she adds. "I'm thrilled that I get to speak fashion every single day." And Miami is delighted to listen. styleoutofthecity.com

