

SO FINE

This brand's sustainable approach to fine jewellery combines the best of Indian craftsmanship and contemporary design



Asic jewellery designer Ritika Ravi who she designs for, and put comes the answer: Anyone who's comfortable in their own skin, who enjoys fine jewellery and craftsmanship, and loves wearing it daily. She makes it clear that the jewellery she designs should not be kept in the locker. Ritika's Ivar Jewellery was born in India and launched in the Maldives.

Inspired by the designer's experiences and the Maldives island's laidback lifestyle, Ivar's jewellery combines the best of traditional Indian craftsmanship and contemporary designs.

The unique portrayal of age-old Indian techniques in modern and Western styles results in Ivar's exclusive and immortal jewels. The collections, 'The 1018', 'Tirubodkur', and 'Guzni', bring forth a modern twist to traditional Indian jewellery practices, creating a path for the brand's international appeal and accessibility.

The name Ivar is derived from Ritika's family name, more specifically her father's name, Ravi. Meaningful, fun and sophisticated, the brand name signifies the designer's commitment to family and their core values: Creativity, quality, and business ethics.

"I grew up surrounded by nature, dance, music and art, so I think my designs are shaped by those experiences. My passion for jewellery started when I was nine and resulted in me doing my BA in Fashion Jewellery from London College of Fashion. My jewellery is all about laid-back sophistication and is inspired by my Indian roots. Essentially, it is a combination of Indian craftsmanship and a contemporary aesthetic," says Ritika.

ON HIS OWN TERMS

This Paris-based model and actor believes in constant reinvention

As social media influence grows, so has our need to be influenced. And according to 25-year-old Paris-based model Aqil Khan (who also doubles as a commercial director for an import and export food company in Europe), having an authentic approach to connectivity is a key



component to becoming influential on social media. The aspiring actor also believes that the craft of acting is like most arts – a beautiful and elusive thing, and the process is different for everyone. "Hard work and perseverance pay off. I'm a big fan of Shah Rukh Khan and, like him, I'd like to achieve great heights. In today's day and age, there's no room for complacency – it's all about the hustle," he says.

There are multiple methods of learning how to act, and how to build character. But in its simplest form, acting is about weaving a story together. For Aqil Khan, acting is about inhabiting a character, and presenting a narrative. "The goal is for that character and the narrative to be truthful, authentic and entertaining for an audience – almost like how it works for a social media influencer. But, it can take years and years to master. There is no set formula, and while some people are naturals, most people need to learn to hone their craft to have a sustainable career," he goes on to elaborate.