



Oh, Baracuta

Longtime U.K. men's label **Baracuta**, famous for its G9 Harrington Jacket, worn by Steve McQueen and other celebrities, is launching footwear. The collection maintains the brand's classic, preppy aesthetic, but with a twist. Styles include a penny loafer with tartan lining (at left), biker boots and a chukka. Under worldwide license with Base London, which also does Gibson London men's shoes, Baracuta footwear will start in select premium retailers, said Mark Husted, sales and business development manager. The clothing line is carried in Revolve and Glory Sales in Los Angeles, and at J.Crew and Blue in

Green in New York. Shoe price points average \$99 for vulcanized styles, \$225 for casual and dress styles, and \$275 to \$325 for boots.

Going Dutch

O'Quirey is expanding beyond the Netherlands with its men's and women's shoes, outdoor boots and accessories. The Dutch brand, distributed by Lilburn, Ga.-based Broxbury, comprises mostly Goodyear-welted styles made in Portugal and Italy. Men's looks include wingtip laceups, monk-strap slip-ons and saddle shoes, as well as a moccasin, boat shoe and three-eyelet boot (at right). Retail prices range from \$500 to \$800, and distribution is targeted to boutiques and specialty stores such as Sebastian's Closet in Atlanta.



Gál Pal

Hungarian brand **Ildikó Gál** will unveil its first shoe collection for fall '10. Named for the line's creative director, the men's brand will offer bespoke and ready-to-wear collections to high-end department stores and specialty shops. Both feature a wide variety of lace-up and loafer styles in different skins, from calf and alligator suede to stingray (at right). The ready-to-wear is made in Italy, while the bespoke is crafted in Hungary. Key retail accounts for bespoke will be provided with a state-of-the-art scanner that measures the foot from all angles to create a custom last. Bespoke shoes take six weeks for delivery. Prices for ready-to-wear range from \$395 to \$695, while bespoke will start at \$2,990 and go up to \$5,990, depending on the skin.



Extreme Measures

Custom shoemaker **Ron Donovan** is adding a men's wholesale collection for fall. The ex-college basketball player took up footwear after futile searches for size 15 1/2 shoes. Now he specializes in "extreme sizing." The ready-to-wear line is made in Italy with hand-finished details. The collection of mostly traditional styles — including oxfords, boots and slip-ons (at right) — come in a variety of colors and constructions. Retailing for \$750 to \$1,200, the shoes are aimed at top-tier department stores and high-end men's retailers.

