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POCKET GUIDE

THE RAKE uncovers the trove of self-expressive gems found in the pockets of the world's most stylish men. This issue, we peruse the possessions of the head of equities at Fidelity Worldwide: the ever-polished John M. Lo.

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1 John favours this set of black-rimmed cufflinks, shaped like monkeys with flared tails for eyes, he procured them from Edward Chin in a small shop in Kowloon, Hong Kong, back before the jeweller opened up shop in the region's International Finance Centre.

2 This purple silk pocket square with white trim from Turnbull & Asser adds a dash of colour to John's sleek ensemble. It's a colour he obviously has a penchant for.

3 The Tom Ford tie, paired with a pocket, complements the sleek lines of John's suit, which was tailored by A-Man Hing Cheung in Hong Kong. John recalls how this tailor provides very old-world service and, despite being in the business for over 20 years, still looks like he can't afford a decent suit himself. But all this masks the fact that he has an acute eye for cut and which materials hang best on an individual.

4 John found this purple stingray leather nautical folder at Oldale in Mayfair, London. The skins are hand-cut by its Hong Kong-born founder, Oscar Oldale, before they are crafted with a traditional Florentine technique and vegetable oil tanned, yielding a strong yet flexible, slim accessory.



5 John customised his original Rolex Submariner extensively at Sanford & Sons — the addition of PVD coating and adjustments made to the dial and hands took four months to complete. He wears this with his personalised dress shirt from A-Man Hing Cheung that features a modified cuff on the left sleeve that allows the time to be easily displayed. This timepiece was purchased in advance for his son, who will receive it, along with his name, Sebastian, engraved on the caseback, on his 10th birthday. John also owns a Rolex GMT-Master Pro-Restler in DLC (diamond-like carbon coating). It's intended for his daughter, Trabella.

6 Afford with purple-tinted lenses, John carries these buffalo-horn-rimmed sunglasses from the German company Design National.



It was perhaps his years spent in an English boarding school that imbued John Lo with the strict discipline, calm confidence and the gait of a man in control of his own universe; but more than that, they have instilled upon him a habit of constantly donning a suit even in today's ever-changing world, where one may find an open collar or dressed-down chinos in a boardroom. We agree with him when he tells us that he believes a well-cut suit portrays not only a level of professionalism, but, more importantly, a greater level of respect for the clients and businesspeople around him. And it comes as no surprise that over time, he has found the perfect mix of personalised nuances that make his look his own — a mindset that will no doubt be passed on to his children, along with his customised Rolex timepieces. 

