



SCABAL

A PASSION FOR CLOTH

THE LUXURY COLLECTIONS

FOREWORD

Since our company was founded, Special Editions have been at the very heart of Scabal's DNA. In this area, even more than in our regular collections we try to push the boundaries of creativity, luxury and technology. Be it by mixing diamond fragments with raw wool fibres, spinning ultrafine plates of platinum and gold into decorative yarns, or travelling to Australia to develop, with local farmers, the best possible wool, or giving the most prestigious of raw materials – Vicuna – a new destination by transforming it into an exceptional suiting fabric.

In all this, our aim is not to partake in a race towards the ever bigger, finer or most expensive but rather to always strive to enhance the feeling of satisfaction that we create for the ultimate judge of our performance – you our valued customers.

During the years, we have taken inspiration from sources ranging from nature to art. Natural gems like Lapis Lazuli and Diamonds have inspired us to create namesake collections that reflect through their coloration and brilliance the intrinsic attributes that these fantastic natural resources have always been renowned for.

The world of art has been an important catalyst for some of our boldest creations. The 1971 collaboration between Salvador Dali and Scabal has not only produced 12 fantastic exclusive paintings but also many special fabric editions that have taken inspiration not only from the master's creations but also from his many thoughts and comments on fashion and style.

Of course, we need to mention the Noble programme. Since its inception, it has now grown into 4 different editions. All of them, based on the same outstanding wool that we were able to develop in direct collaboration with our Australian friends. There again, we wanted not just to focus on fineness, but also on fibre length and strength to give this final cloth durability – but also on crimp – that provides the elasticity and recoverability. Spun at a friendly Italian specialist spinner and woven in our mill in the UK, the supply chain is controlled and transparent from sheep to shop. The end product has proven to be truly exceptional and one of a kind.

Many of our special projects can take over two years between inception and release to market and present a very important effort in research and development. But the reward of seeing our customers eager to discover our latest special editions and the enthusiastic feedback we receive, make it all worthwhile.

Beyond innovation and creativity, even for our most prestigious and sometimes somewhat eccentric collections the intrinsic quality and sustainability of the end product remains a focal point. Even our finest cloth will always be easy to tailor and solid and resilient to wear. It goes without saying that we ensure that all along the process the strictest standards of animal welfare, working conditions and respect of the environment are applied.

We hope that you will find as much satisfaction and pleasure in our special editions fabrics as we have had conceiving and making them.

GREGOR THISEN
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN



THE SCABAL MILL

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Innovation and the continued pursuit of perfection have always been at the forefront of Scabal's mission since the brand was established in 1938. A key ingredient of this focus is the ability to be able to continually research and develop new levels of fabric weaving expertise.

In order to make this process easier, in 1973 Scabal made the acquisition of a leading fabric mill in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, an area of England that is historically recognised for its production of the finest wool fabric. Over the past 50 years Scabal's technical innovations have flourished, originally with the creation of new qualities: the first Super 120's and Super 200's were created here and then with the introduction of precious materials into the weaving process to create the luxury special edition collections that the brand is renowned for today.

With its large archive, technical expertise, local craftsmen and the best in modern machinery the Scabal mill continues to evolve its knowledge and skills to remain at the pinnacle of fine fabric production.





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DIAMONDS ARE A MANS BEST FRIEND

Diamonds have been a source of fascination for centuries. They are the hardest and the most brilliant amongst all gems, their luminosity and beauty are desired the world over. Yet despite their popularity they retain their exclusivity through a complex system of quality grading – similar to the ways wools can be assessed.

This similarity was what first attracted the design team behind the Diamond Chip collection to start experimenting to see if it was possible to integrate these most beautiful of gems into a cloth of equal quality.


After many years research these expert craftsmen found a way to process the diamond fragments into the cloth. As soon as the wool has been cleaned and combed, these fragments are then spread across the wool before it is spun. The result is a shiny thread that can be woven to create an exceptional fabric that not only feels soft and comfortable but has an elegant drape with the tiny diamonds adding a refined brilliance.

The cloth itself is a beautiful Super 150's wool with 20% silk which adds to the softness and gleaming nature of the fabric.

Available in both Suiting and Jacketing collections, Diamond Chip is the ideal choice for a gentleman who demands the best from his wardrobe.



DIAMOND CHIP

A close-up photograph of a dark blue fabric with gold inlays. The fabric is folded, showing a pattern of gold dots and lines. The text "24 CARAT GOLD" and "MADE IN ENGLAND" is visible on the fabric.

TREASURE BOX

OUR FAVOURITE TREASURE

In 1999, Scabal began to experiment combining precious metals with extra fine wool. The first success story was the Golden Treasure collection which produced a woven 22-carat gold cloth. Over the years, our expert team have continued to evolve this concept with collections incorporating Platinum and the introduction of ever more elaborate designs.

Today, the Treasure box collection continues to inspire customers globally, this Super 150's fine merino wool has 24-carat gold woven into the cloth. The gold inlays are enhanced by the midnight blue, charcoal and black base colours of the wool. This is a selection of elegant and surprisingly understated suit fabrics; the gold is used to enhance the designs and does not overpower the look of the fabric. From a distance the gold appears as a subtle design but on closer inspection or when it catches the light there is no doubt that this is something special.



LAPIS LAZULI

BEYOND THE BLUE

Lapis Lazuli is an ancient precious stone that can trace its roots back to Babylonian royalty. Its natural colour was so vivid that it forms the basis of the word for blue in many languages today.

The artists of antiquity coveted its pigment and named it ultramarine, meaning beyond the sea, as it was bright beyond compare and during the European Renaissance it was so prized that it became more valuable than gold. Today it's pure pigment still carries this price tag.

Using a similar process to the one developed for the Diamond Chip collections, fragments of the Lapis Lazuli stones are hand positioned across the wool before the spinning process. During years of research and testing at our own textile mill, it became clear that the subtle lustrous shine of the stones was best achieved when this process was executed manually with one of the Scabal Master Weavers hand brushing the stones across the wool.

This is an elite collection, all in shades of blue that take their notes from the spectrum of ultramarine for which the Lapis stone is renowned. Soft designs which are enhanced by the gleam of the cloth have been introduced, shadow stripes, a subtle check with a purple highlight and some elegant micro designs all feature in the collection.

This Lapis Lazuli collection builds upon the supreme lineage of this noble stone allowing gentlemen to benefit from the inherent and unparalleled aesthetic appeal of this beautiful mineral.



SUMMIT

THE ULTIMATE MASTERPIECE

Scabal searched the world for the finest possible wool, found it in Australia and used it to create a fabric worthy of the name Summit. The result is so fine to the touch that Scabal's own technicians immediately classified it as "very rare wool".

Summit is woven from an extremely ultra-ultra fine fibre. The wool is consistent along its length and deserves nothing but the finest treatment. To maintain its natural qualities the wool is kept pure and not blended with any other luxury fibres. The result is a cloth which has natural comfort, incomparable lustre, surprising strength due to the fibres wave-like crimps and a soft touch that rivals cashmere.

To preserve the natural qualities of Summit, the wool has been meticulously processed using traditional artisan methods in Scabal's own mill. From cleaning through spinning to a medium count of two nineties (2/90) and weaving to final finishing no effort has been spared to create this exceptional cloth.

THE PINNACLE OF FINENESS

Heralding a new dawn in luxury suiting cloth, Scabal's Sunrise collection allows men of taste and distinction to shine in luxurious suits. Its delicate finish is balanced with a sophisticated shine and an exceptionally soft touch – created from a harmonious 50/50 blend of Super 200's wool and the very purest silk.

The deft spinning and weaving of Sunrise's delicate fibres requires time, patience and remarkable technical skill – thankfully West Yorkshire is home to the world's finest worsted producers. The result is a first-class fabric beloved of tailors and wearers alike thanks to its light weight and smooth touch.

As well as the beiges and light greys, the range comes in a bold colour palette and twenty eight beautifully decorated designs that cut an elegant dash from dawn until dusk.



SUNRISE



THE MOST LUXURIOUS FABRIC IN THE WORLD

Vicuña: a fabric worthy of the Incan gods. It is said that for the Sun King himself, thousands of local tribesmen in ancient Peru would link hands, surround the finest specimens of vicuña and herd them into humane traps to shear their golden fleeces as offerings. This same sensitive practice – from the ceremonial chacu – is still used today.

Why so covetable? It's all in the incredibly fine hairs of the vicuña's coat – finer even than cashmere – which is covered in tiny interlocking scales which trap air, making for an ultra-lightweight yet insulating fabric, luxurious to the touch.

Such a fine material was an obvious choice for scarves and accessories, but to become a cloth suitable for tailoring took tireless commitment and innovation. That only one in every hundred of the fibres available can be combed in the special way Scabal requires before they can be woven, is testament to its exclusive and rare nature.

Vicuña Suiting

Our finest suiting collection consists of 11 articles made from 97% vicuña and 3% silk. Vicuña wool is notoriously sensitive to colour treatment, and our process is among a select few who have successfully dyed the natural material from its golden colour, making it more versatile.

Available is a selection of designs, each with their own unique and subtle distinctions. In plains, a luxuriously black mélangé hints at Vicuña's more common lighter shade, while the selection of herringbones perfectly encapsulates the understated artistry required at every stage of production.

Vicuña Jacketing

Scabal's exquisite Vicuña jacket collection includes six luxurious designs crafted for the first time from 100% vicuña: three bold checks and three classic herringbones. Where the first vicuña jacketing fabrics were offered in a simple colour palette, this latest collection is finished in shades of blue, burgundy and the caramel hues of natural vicuña.

Pure Vicuña Overcoats

Crafted from 100% Vicuña and with a choice of either 420g or 520g weight this collection is both beautiful and practical. Designed to create the finest in outerwear pieces this small capsule offers three traditional shades in each weight, natural camel, blue and black.

Once, it was only Incan royalty who had the privilege of wearing such finery. Thanks to Scabal, it can now be part of the modern-day gentleman's wardrobe, too.





NOBLE WOOL CLUB



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The best wool comes from Australian Merinos, 90% of whom can still be found on family owned, and operated farms. It was upon visiting such an operation that Scabal's Executive Chairman, Gregor Thissen, began to write the next chapter in the Scabal story.

A wise man once said there is nothing more important than family and at Scabal we truly believe this. That's why Gregor Thissen, a third-generation cloth merchant understood how hard business was becoming for family-Owned Australian Merino farms, and he felt a change was needed.

Shortly afterward Mr. Thissen started the Scabal Noble Wool Club, an ecologically sustainable, and economically fair farming initiative;

"Here at Scabal we have always pushed the boundaries of what is possible with wool. We have also sourced our raw materials directly from the producers, but it was in visiting one of these remarkable ultrafine wool farms in Australia in 2013, that I first realized that this part of the industry needed both protection, and preservation.


With the Scabal Noble Wool Club we want to draw attention to the skills of ultrafine wool growers. Together we can ensure the future of an industry that produces the most remarkable raw materials on the planet.

Producing the best wool on Earth is a more complicated process than merely measuring fibres. The soil, the air and overall environment that the sheep inhabits along with the essential food and water the sheep consume daily all have an impact on the quality of the final product. Therefore, it's vitally important that this natural foundation must be carefully preserved for the future generations of this planet. This is what the Scabal Noble Wool Club is all about”

To be selected growers must first satisfy a very discerning and rigorous range of selection criteria. Fundamentally the farms must breed pure Saxon Merino sheep, based on heritage bloodlines. This is the first time the management of bloodlines has been done in this way and in recognition of the low yield but higher quality that this breed produces, Scabal has chosen to compensate growers above the current market trends.

This ensures the future of the breed on Australian farms as well as safeguarding the businesses of the families running the farms. It is hoped that the children growing up on these farms today will continue this legacy and become our partners tomorrow.





NOBLE FLEECE

PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

At the very forefront of Scabal's tireless pursuit of perfection is the Noble Fleece; the culmination of almost five centuries of weaving excellence. Its quality extends beyond its pioneering micronage construction, to its farm-to-fabric social responsibility. Woven into every strand is human achievement, deep passion and a profound partnership with Australia's very best Merino producers. Every garment created is an investment into the very fabric of our future.


This cutting-edge collection contains 24 articles, the most complete of all Scabal's special collections. Each piece stands not as a fashion statement but as a timeless piece; a commitment to quality. Expert spinners are used to ensure the raw materials create the finest yarn – the Noble Fleece is spun into an incredibly fine two-ply. Others in such a fine construction would be in danger of breaking, but this first-class wool is both surprisingly strong and easy to tailor; the resulting suit has a robustness other Super 200s cannot match.

A SARTORIAL MASTERPIECE

A perfectly cut blazer is more than simply a jacket. It stands testament to not only the wearer's distinctive personality and style, but also to the craftsmanship and dedication lavished upon it by the loving hands of the tailor, with each stitch a brush-stroke of a sartorial masterpiece.

These responsibly grown fibres represent the ultimate in modern luxury, with an exquisite ultra-soft feel, supremely attractive drape and comfortably warming weight of 320g.

This magnificent collection is offered in a palette of rich colours and each has been painstakingly woven in a refined hopsack-based ground weave, which uses an eye-catching triangular motif for a pleasingly textured handle and elegant finish.



NOBLE JACKET



NOBLE STAR

A STAR IS BORN

The Noble star is a fabric of precision – a rarefied balance of touch, softness, richness and strength.

Hand crafted entirely from Super 200's wool it makes for superior suits at a comfortable 320g weight

The class and character of Noble Star comes from its construction: very fine yarn is twisted together, in warp and weft and then twisted again to form a bigger bolder fleece.

The result is a perfectly poised look with a dose of decidedly British elegance. For more statement pieces, the collection offers a range of 3 fancy striped shades, 2 herringbone and 2 pick and pick semi-plains. The classic grey, blue and black allow for a more understated choice.

A SARTORIAL MASTERPIECE

Noble Phantom is special even amongst Scabal's famous Special Editions. It consists of 25 dignified designs, woven to an astonishing 200g in the style of traditional tropical fabrics. This makes it an ideal cloth for summer, and much lighter than the season's average of 220–240g. The weight has the added advantage of increasing the workability of the cloth, and gives an elegant drape that highlights the subtle contours of tailored garments.

The specialist fibres created for the Noble Wool Club are known for their high resilience to the rigours of weaving, and this is one of the main attributes that made Noble Phantom possible.

Saxon merino wool also has a good level of 'crimp', which are tiny bends in the fibre that govern the ability of the cloth to spring back into place after wearing. It is this that gives the cloth its soft handle and drape.

