

The Last Word | My İstanbul



Davide Gatto

Fashion designer

One of the most important names setting trends around the world, Davide Gatto has produced designs for major world brands such as Moschino, Versace, Alberta Ferretti and Gianfranco Ferré. Paying close attention to the finest of detail, and comparing accessory design to keeping an up-to-date diary, Gatto is a great fan of our city, and has included İstanbul-themed motifs in his designs ever since relocating here to work with Desa. The 2011 Desa Spring/Summer shoe and purse collection mark his debut for İstanbul fashionistas.

Eternal Contrasts

I had the fortune to grow up surrounded by beauty. I discovered early a passion for illustration as a primitive and understandable kind of poetry, and growing up in Milan in the 80s and 90s, it was natural for me use fashion and illustration as a easy way to communicate with people through personal style. And style is our own calligraphy. The result of my design is meant to be a real accessories wardrobe for a strong, sexy and simply sophisticated woman. I started my design job at Zara, creating leather accessories for brands as Versace, Gianfranco Ferré, Calvin Klein and living in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. I decided to live in İstanbul to breathe closer the contrasts of this city, which are actually the same contrasts of modern life. Past and future, design and roughness, culture and naïveté.



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DON'T LEAVE İSTANBUL WITHOUT...

1 **Midnight Express** is a multi-brand lifestyle store where you can find urban designs with conceptual elegance. You can find special items from housewares to bijoux. The store has locations in Bebek and Nisantaşı.

2 **Alaturca House** has the best selection of antique fabrics, carpets and furniture, a unique place to explore and restore the senses.

3 **Atelier 55** carries Charlotte Olympia, Linda Farrow, Bora Aksu and much more...

4 **Assouline Bookstore** recently opened in Bebek, a nice place to sit back and go through tabletop books of fashion, architecture, travel and more.

5 **Munferit's** collection is founded on simplicity with well-defined lines, giving a sense of movement that integrates modern and fast urban lifestyles suitable for both home and office. T: 0212 274 1904.

6 **Yerebatan Sarnıcı** (Underground Cistern) is the largest of a host of ancient cisterns lying beneath İstanbul. It shows off the

magical atmosphere of the city, where the most impressive beauty has been hidden.

7 **House Cafe Ortaköy** is good for its location, ambience, evening drinks and Sunday Brunches.

8 **Müze de Changa** is an Autoban-designed restaurant overlooking the Bosphorus at the Sabancı Museum in Emirgân.

9 **Derin's** collection is founded on simplicity with well-defined lines, giving a sense of movement that integrates modern and fast

10 **Cağaloğlu Hamamı** for a truly intense and relaxing experience, a stretching massage and a stop at the traditional barber inside.



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