

YOU
CAN
BANK
ON

PANTSUIT

WRITTEN AND
STYLED BY
MIGNON A. GOULD
PHOTOS BY **JILL
RICHARDS**
HAIR AND MAKEUP
BY **JENNEY BENSON**
SHOT AT NATIONAL
BANK OF ARIZONA
IN PHOENIX

4 Valley
women
model
pieces
that are
worth the
investment

As a senior vice president of public affairs with the **Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, **Jessica Pacheco**, 33, of Phoenix, is in a position to influence, and what better way than with a power suit.

She describes her professional style as a mix of boardroom and business casual, typically selecting skirt suits and focusing on quality rather than quantity.

"I look for comfort and style when selecting suits," she says.

"Sometimes I tend to be too neutral."

We selected a tailored suit with a fine gray plaid and accented it with accessories that add sophisticated flair by way of color and design.

"I really like the splash of color that the bag provided," she says.

"The investment: Hugo Boss blazer in gray plaid, \$750, and coordinating Hugo Boss pants, \$375, both at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Zanella Kiara shirt, \$236, Contissima black and gray paisley tie, \$38, and black and clear rhinestone pin, \$46, all at **Nordstrom**, and Jack Georges handbag, \$185, and Tivoli faux red-gem ring, \$15, both at **Dillard's**.

HANDBAG

Jacki Mieler, 30, a Phoenix resident and director of media relations and communications at the **Arizona Office of Tourism** is in a position where image matters: an element so small in comparison with an entire outfit, such as a handbag, can make or break a look.

When selecting a handbag, Mieler opts for function over fashion.

"I look for something that will hold all of my stuff in a stylish way, but I also want to be sure that the bag isn't so big that three-quarters of it is empty and I spend 30 minutes looking for my keys," she says.

Typically, a bag should be selected in proportion to the size of the carrier, but this opulent handbag will not only carry all the essential gadgets for the on-the-go communications professional — such as a BlackBerry, calendar and notebook — but can also serve as the focal point of an outfit, done here with a metallic trench.

The investment: Burberry Beaton Shopper patent-leather handbag, \$1,995, at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Silver trench coat, \$129 at **Bebe**, Free People knit dress, \$118 at **Frances**, and Carolee metallic silver long pearl necklace, \$50, and Carolee metallic silver short pearl necklace, \$45, Carolee metallic silver pearl earrings, \$28, Carolee metallic silver pearl bracelet, \$45, and Tivoli faux black-gem ring, \$15, all at **Dillard's**.

JACKET

Phoenix resident **Kim Sayre**, 38, is an attorney and partner at the **Swenson, Storer, Andrews, Frazelle & Riviere** law firm.

As an attorney, it is crucial that she exude confidence and professionalism.

"Being comfortable in your clothes, for me, is the first step in being confident," she says.

For the office she wears separates, and for court, a suit.

Here we paired a Chanel-inspired jacket with wide-leg, cuffed trousers, which offers the comfortable flexibility of separates with the polished look of a suit.

"I thought that the look was stylish while still being professional and age-appropriate... yet not too trendy that they would go out of style too quickly," she says.

The investment: Lacey Kahane jacket, \$300 at **Frances**.

The outfit: Jackson wool black pinstripe trouser, \$128 at **Banana Republic**, Ellen Tracy ruffled shell, \$148, Adrienne Vittadini handbag, \$298, Ellen Tracy freshwater-pearl necklace, \$48, Ellen Tracy freshwater-pearl bracelet, \$45, and Tivoli faux gold-gem ring, \$25, all at **Dillard's**, and Via Spiga T-strap heels, \$198, and 14 mm pearl earrings, \$70, both at **Nordstrom**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

Maria Lourdes Delgado, 30, of Phoenix, is the travel industry sales manager with the **Greater Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

She wears pieces that correlate with her high-profile, fast-paced work environment. When selecting skirts, she looks for comfort and a good fit for her body type.

To accentuate her hourglass figure, we coordinated a high-waisted, belted pencil skirt with a fitted print shirt. Bold-colored accessories add a contemporary but structured look.

"I love the look, especially with the green touch on the black and white outfit," she says. "I think you can play and try new looks and never go wrong with a black skirt."

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

The outfit: Finley shirt, \$168, and Tivoli faux green-gem ring, \$25, both at **Dillard's**, Kate Spade handbag, \$795, and black and pearl three-strand necklace, \$150, both at **Nordstrom**, and green bangle, \$28, and green tortoise hoop earrings, \$24, both at **Banana Republic**.

The investment: Classiques Entier pencil skirt, \$128 at **Nordstrom**.

HIGH-WAISTED PENCIL SKIRT