





## Shoes and socks

For the shoes, we also selected the Suit Supply house branded shoes. Made in Italy, these are Blake stitched. Though we prefer a Goodyear or hand welted shoe for its superior construction, comfort and ease of rebuilding, a Blake shoe has its place in a gentleman's wardrobe. It is often lighter, as the welt is dispensed with. The uppers are stitched directly to the sole, making the construction lighter, and often wears comfortable with a minimal break in.



Shoes are double monk model, suitably stylish, and matched with socks which hints slightly at the motif on the pocket square. Note we intentionally selected that the colours only compliment and not match the other parts of the ensemble. And the HYT H1 Titanium looking resplendent with the ensemble, nestled on a ribbon style chair in bright red.

The shoe model is Double Monk, a style first introduced by **John Lobb** in a style called William, after William Lobb. The style is decidedly stylish, and suitable to dress up or to dress down, being equally comfortable with a city suit for business or a casual ensemble like this. We selected this shoe in Italian calf in a textured finish. The upper is supple with a soft hand feel, but is stoutly constructed with a Vibram (rubber) sole.

Cotton socks round off the ensemble.

## The watch: [HYT H1](#)

And the watch...this is one of the early watches introduced by the young upstart company HYT. We selected the H1 as it is an easy going, relaxed, somewhat playful watch, but remains serious in its construction and special method to display time. We covered details of a similar [HYT H1 piece](#) here.



HYT H1 in Titanium.

Using their patented liquid technology, it combines the high tech display method with traditional watchmaking. The movement is made for them by Jean-François Mojon and is quite nicely laid out, and finely executed. The two large bellows like device act as the pump and reservoir for the fluid used to display the hours.





The HYT H1 movement. Exquisitely finished in the traditional watchmaking sense, yet it drives an innovative, liquid based display system unique to the brand.

### Concluding thoughts

An ensemble like this is meant for the summer, and as its summer all year long in Singapore, is suitable for as a casual outfit. All the pieces are selected not only to portray a relaxed, *sprezzatura* style, but also to cope with the hot weather. This is seen in selection of linen with a light open weave, and the cotton seersucker trousers. This is also emphasized in the half lined jacket to allow the air to circulate. And perhaps even the straw boater to shield the sun. The watch, the HYT H1 meets the style demands, fitting in well with the attitude conveyed by the outfit, and yet boasts of significant horological feats like the unique mechanical liquid display and the traditionally designed and finished movement.