



Luxury

MY LUXURIES: MICHAEL BRUNO

Founder and chairman of 1stdibs.com the online antiques marketplace.



A collector by nature, with a firm grounding in real estate, New York-based Michael Bruno launched 1stdibs.com in 2001. 1stdibs are the principal sponsors of the [LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair](#), 24th-29th September in London's Berkeley Square.





"I treasure Signora and Signor Pauli, the husband and wife team who own Sant' Ambroeus restaurant in Southampton, in the Hamptons. It's a true slice of Europe at the beach. We have lunch standing up at the counter and, often on the same day, we eat outside in the garden for dinner."





"I bought my dream car online in 2000 before starting 1stdibs to see what it felt like to make a big online purchase. It's a 1963 220SE Mercedes convertible and it has never let me down."



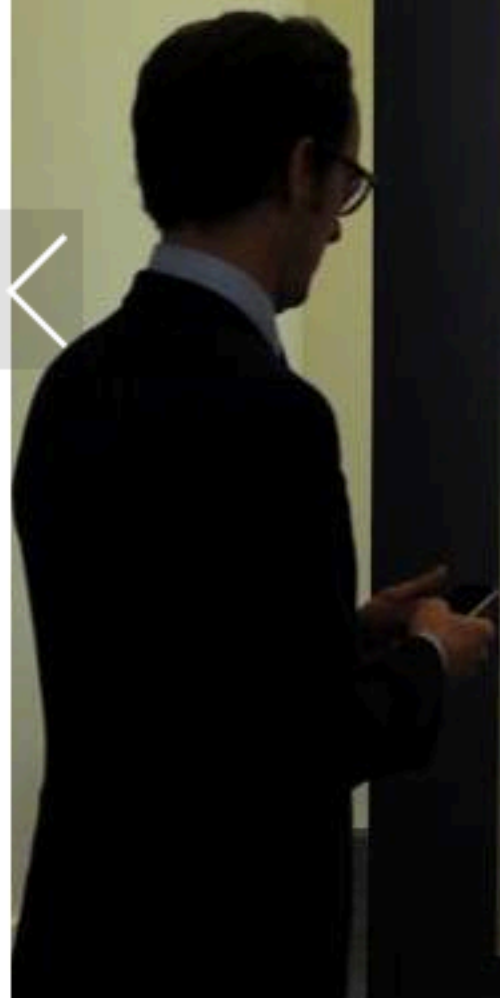
"I wear Brunello Cucinelli suits, they're the perfect fit right off the rack. And I almost always wear white shirts from Tom Ford. The cut is just right and I can roll the sleeves up over my elbows."

Picture: One-and-a-half-breasted Donegal mohair suit with peak lapels with Italian-fit denim button down shirt



"John Russell Pope designed my home in Tuxedo Park. It's a Georgian mansion on a lake, and it was a brilliant endeavour. Architect of many major American landmarks, like the Jefferson Memorial, he made classical architecture live in a very modern way."

Picture: The Jefferson Memorial by Abbie Traylor Smith



"If money were no object, I'd invest in Gerhard Richter's artworks – otherwise I'll take my sister Sally's work."

Picture: Domplatz, Mainland by Gerhard Richter sold for \$37,125,000. AFP/Getty



"My Alden penny loafers go seamlessly from the beach to the club – in production since the 1950's, I love it when something is so good that it never changes. Made from real cordovan leather, they're the only shoes my puppies can't destroy!"



"I'm overdue a great trip. The last true journey I took was to Egypt to see the great monuments, that was a truly moving experience."

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