

Milan, July 2020 – Au Départ’s new Carreau is an ace of a bag. Geometric in nature and bold in its design, the new rhomboid-shaped minaudière is equal parts evening clutch and objet d’art. Designed structurally to stand on its diamond-shaped end gracefully leaning at an angle, this conversation piece sleek with engraved lines has an Art Deco feel. Carried as a clutch, this limited-edition and numbered bag – only one hundred will be produced - reveals a small chain to be carried on the shoulder and features an interior lined in Nappa leather. The Carreau minaudière boasts Andrea Incontri as the creative vision and arrives just in time for newly transformed awards-season dressing.

Another exciting addition in the Carreau family is the Hexagon Mini Trunk bag. Its unique shape and 2D appearance recall the era of the rounded top steamer trunk, an advantageous design hack that safeguarded trunks from being crushed at the bottom of a stack. A more traditional take on the trunk is offered in the rectangular Mini Trunk bag. Updated for today, both make a cool tough-chic statement with hammered stud details on leather as well as monogrammed cotton coated-canvas and reflex jacquard.

Carreau’s impact has influenced a group of day bags and features new hardware based on the Euclidean geometrical shape. The silver turn-clasp hardware in a 3D parallelepiped, aka rhomboid, is the focus of two leather styles. The first the Carreau Chain and Carreau Chain Petit, a folder over flap closure shoulder bag in smooth leather and signature Au Départ coated canvas that has a convertible to cross-body silver chain strap with leather shoulder pad. The medium size is perfect for a weekend outing and the petit for when just the essentials – phone, keys, cards – are needed, making this bag an ideal companion at night. Carreau Chain comes in three colors; white, black, cognac and in the signature Au Départ monogram

Carreau also debuts as the Carreau Lady and Carreau Lady Petit, bags with timeless, versatile style to add to this growing family of handbags. This top handle beauty features the same turn-lock hardware as the Carreau Chain. The dainty Carreau Lady Petit quickly transforms from day to night, and both sizes come in four leather colors.

With the Carreau family, Au Départ continues to shape up its handbag offerings.