

The Sartorialist



Gorrivan in front of his collection of Hermès ties, tailored suits, and Gucci loafers.

Philip Gorrivan isn't just a talented interior designer and a natty dresser—he's also a champion Gucci loafer collector. *by Sue Hostetter*

INTERIOR DESIGNER and man-about-town Philip Gorrivan is known as much for his impeccable style as for his ability to take a home from humdrum to dazzling. His firm, Philip Gorrivan Design, recognized for its refined yet idiosyncratic interiors, is clearly cut from the same cloth, as it were, as his attire.

Gorrivan and his wife, Lisa, share an elegant 1880s townhouse in the East 70s with their two young children. Fortunately, he also lives in close proximity to his favorite shops—David Cenci, Loro Piana, and Beretta, to name a few—whose apparel allows him to cut a dashing figure as he showcases his work at such high-profile annual events as the Hamptons Designer Showhouse and the recent DIFFA gala presented by *Elle Décor*.

GOTHAM: What's the most extravagant item in your closet?

PHILIP GORRIVAN: Probably the cashmere houndstooth shooting jacket from Hermès that my wife gave me. It's actually too nice to wear in the field!

G: And the most drastic measure you've taken to acquire something?

PG: I had a red velvet jacket with large black frogs custom made by my friends at Quadrille Fabrics & Wallpapers for a Save Venice event. I had to beg them to make a men's jacket, as they only do ladies'—and they marked it a size 16!

G: Who's your style icon, and whose closet would you like to raid?

PG: For a style icon, definitely Cary Grant. I'd raid Leonardo DiCaprio's closet—especially after seeing the stylish tuxedo he wore at this year's Oscars.

G: Have you worn everything in your closet?

PG: Yes. Anything I haven't worn in a year or so goes to Goodwill. Though there are a few items I keep—I'm wishing for my younger, skinnier days!

G: What was your biggest-ever personal fashion faux pas?

PG: Definitely the Romeo Gigli horizontal-striped shirt that I wore only once—I looked like a bumblebee.

G: What do you collect, and how many do you own?

PG: I collect many things, but Gucci loafers are probably the winner—I must have at least 50 pairs.

G: How does what you do as an interior designer manifest itself in what you wear?

PG: In both interior design and fashion, I like to incorporate the unexpected. Our firm's motto is "Tailored and modern, but always nodding to the past," which I think applies to my personal style as well. [G]

Suit by **Dsquared2**. Shirt by **Yves Saint Laurent**. Tie by **Ralph Lauren Purple Label**. Belt by **Hermès**. Loafers by **Gucci**. Cuff links, Paris flea-market finds.