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VICUNA SUITINGS. THE MOST LUXURIOUS FABRIC IN THE WORLD.

Vicuña: a fabric worthy of the Incan gods. It is said that for the Sun King himself, thousands of local tribesmen in ancient Peru would link hands, surround the finest specimens of vicuña and herd them into humane traps to shear their golden fleeces as offerings. This same sensitive practice – from the ceremonial chacu – is still used today.

But why so covetable? It's all in the incredibly fine hairs of the vicuña's coat – finer even than cashmere – which is covered in tiny interlocking scales which trap air, making for an ultra-lightweight yet insulating fabric, luxurious to the touch.

Such a fine material was an obvious choice for scarves and accessories (the crown prince of jazz, Nat King Cole, favoured a vicuña fur coat), but to become a cloth suitable for tailoring took tireless commitment and innovation. That only one in every hundred of the fibres available can be combed in the special way Scabal requires before they can be woven is testament to its exclusive – and rare – nature.

This season, Scabal is proud to present its jewel-in-the-crown collection of 11 pieces made from 97 per cent vicuña and three per cent silk. For the first time a rich bright blue hue is available – the vicuña's golden fleece makes for difficult dyeing but a natural method is used – among the mix of plains, and there are herringbone designs, even a pinstripe, for those seeking an added touch of artistry to their suits.

Thanks to Scabal's endeavour and creativity, this rarefied fabric is no longer the reserve of deities, but the very finest addition to a sartorially-savvy gentleman's wardrobe.

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Founded in 1938, Scabal is the world's foremost producer of luxury fabrics, supplying elite tailors and fashion houses. Scabal also crafts its own label suits, jackets and shirts in made-to-measure and prêt-à-porter, while Scabal stores that carry the apparel and accessories can be found across Europe and Asia.
Today Scabal is still family-owned and its heritage mill in England has been weaving since 1899. The brand is also unique in offering full European production in both cloth and clothing, using only the best raw materials sourced directly from suppliers, so from sheep to shop, field to fold, and camel to coat, Scabal can ensure quality.