



Clockwise from top left: Mark Timmons from Herriot-Watt University with Rabiya Z; singer Clarita De Quiroz; Dina Karam; Catboy from Dubai 92's breakfast show; Ayesha Depala, Janeen Mansour-Batal, Lashley Pulsipher and Reem Mouazzen; Dipesh Depala snaps Grazia's Helen Carter and Ayesha; the Bodani family

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Welcome to the 2009  
Grazia Style Awards...

ON THE SAME DAY THAT BARACK OBAMA MARKED HIS FIRST 100 DAYS as President of the USA, the third annual Grazia Style Awards paid tribute to the economy's own stimulus package – the UAE fashion industry.

Kicking off with a presentation by *Grazia* editor Louise Foster – whose comparison of Dhs7,000 Balmain studded heels with Zara's Dhs375 version raised a cheer from the 400 assembled guests – the event brought together the full spectrum of the region's shopping scene from highstreet heavyweights Alshaya and Landmark Group to haute couture designers such as Rami Al Ali.

Prize for the most glamorous table went to PR powerhouse Rosemin Manji's collective of couturistas including Reem Mouazzen, Lashley Pulsipher, Janeen Mansour-Batal, Dina Karam, Laura Gatsos, Yasmina Khamri, Liza Jimenez, Nina Trojanovic and Fransein Mensen. In the guys' corner, social diva extraordinaire Derek Khan and legendary PR Carlo dei Tedeschi stood out in their custom-made one-piece designs. Fabulous!

Compered by radio personality Jessica Swann from Dubai Eye and DJ-slash-*Grazia* columnist Tim Derry, the night was the culmination of months of voting by *Grazia* readers who nominated their most stylish shops and designers in 10 categories ranging from Best Shop to spend Dhs500 to Best International Designer. Awards presenters included Stephanie Smedley, aka Geordie Bird from Dubai 92's breakfast show, who brought an entourage of support onto the stage with her, including radio co-host Catboy (presumably it was delusion resulting from lack of sleep that caused him to tell listeners he won the award for Best Hair on air the following morning).

Unsurprisingly, the night ran the gamut of glamour – we loved the moment that Heriot-Watt University's fashion professor Mark Timmins took to the stage wearing a traditional Scottish kilt accompanied by Splash's guest designer Rabia Z in her trademark covered-up chic.

To the thumping riff of Lady GaGa track *Fashion*, winners collected gold-coloured trophies, while runners-up started plotting their campaign ahead of next year's event. When it comes to being most stylish, you see, there's no such thing as fashionably late. ■

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