



In Milan, Fendi and Prada dress strong women, Armani invades airport

Models present creations for Prada fashion house during the Women's Spring/Summer 2019 fashion shows in Milan. — AFP photos



Fendi presented a jungle-themed collection aimed at the inner Lara Croft, Prada shone with its own impression of strong women and Emporio Armani invaded an airport on the second day of Milan Fashion Week on Thursday. The show at the Prada foundation began with techno beats and the models soon paraded in clothes showing off stylized cracks, cuts and openings. "I wanted to play with all the classic cliches of women's clothes, the tennis skirts, short coats, hair bands, chiffon blouses... and tear them at the elbow, on the back to show the contrast of the strong woman that Prada has always sought to inspire and represent," Miuccia Prada told AFP.

As ever, Prada's expression was political and feminist, "against the conservatism that is rampant in the world," said Miuccia. Influencers and celebrities were in abundance at the Fendi show, from Italy's Chiara Ferragni, who has 15 million Instagram followers, to the uniquely-styled US hip-hop star Niki Minaj. But they could not overshadow the creative duo of Karl Lagerfeld and Silvia Venturini Fendi, themselves watched over by Fendi's chairman and CEO Serge Brunschwig.

Fendi's jungle-themed Spring/Summer 2019 women's collection was worn by a host of urban warrioresses, mixing pragmatism and the exotic as they marched up the catwalk. Jackets and even belts were adorned with pockets big and small, as well as chunky zips. The fabrics were micro-perforated so they can breathe, while the lines, including broad shoulders, were masculine. Nevertheless, there were plenty of leather and poplin corsets to emphasize a more feminine silhouette.

