

# BANDIT KASHMIR

PRESS RELEASE



**Tassinari & Chatel**

*Manufacture de Soieries à Lyon*

*fondée en 1680*



**CAULAINCOURT**

*paris*

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Caulaincourt Paris, the Parisian shoe manufacturer has teamed up with Tassinari & Chatel, the jewel in the crown of the Maison Lelièvre, to produce a unique sneaker: **BANDIT Kashmir**.



For 15 years, the French shoe house Caulaincourt Paris has been promoting exceptional craftsmanship, magnificent materials and creativity. Tassinari & Chatel, the jewel in the crown of Maison Lelièvre, is one of Lyon's oldest weaving mills, and owes its reputation to its extraordinary, centuries-old expertise in making exceptional silks by combining traditional craftsmanship with technological innovation. The two French houses are joining forces in a new collaboration that echoes their shared values of exceptional craftsmanship, refinement and the beauty of French luxury.

To celebrate the progress made over the last fifteen years, and the passion shared with its customers and partners, including the Maison Lelièvre, Caulaincourt Paris has designed an undeniably charismatic object, a symbol of disruption in the world of luxury: or how to project the French art of living embodied by Tassinari & Chatel in an exceptional, resolutely modern object - the BANDIT sartorial sneaker - an emblematic model of Caulaincourt Paris redesigned for the occasion.

*"With this new collaboration, I wanted to create a bridge between the poetry of tradition and that of modernity, as a symbol of a single vision of French luxury"*

- Alexis Lafont

*"When the great tradition of Lyonnais silk dresses the most fashionable shoes at society dinners"*

- Emmanuel Lelièvre



# Sneaker BANDIT, *Iconic model*



For its third collaboration with Lelièvre, this new model features the Kashmir fabric from the Patrimoine collection by Tassinari & Chatel. Woven in the Lelièvre factory in the Lyon region, this precious fabric with its large paisley motifs is rich in detail, and for the very first time incorporates wool to echo traditional Kashmir shawls. Kashmir is a silk warp lampas with a silk and wool weave that gives the fabric a warm feel. The introduction of wool yarns gives it subtle matt effects.



The BANDIT sneaker, an iconic model produced by Caulaincourt Paris, is handmade in Italy to the exacting quality standards of the shoemaker's products. In keeping with the tradition of fine craftsmanship, Caulaincourt has succeeded in combining the comfort of a trainer with the nobility of a shoe, thanks in particular to the quality of the materials chosen for its manufacture. Its ultra-light sole gives it robustness and ultimate comfort, but also - and this is an exception in the world of sneakers - allows you to have your shoes resoled!

Made from two materials (black nubuck and fabric), the unisex BANDIT KASHMIR will be available as a limited edition in the Noir de Vignes colour from 28 March 2024 in Caulaincourt Paris shops and on the e-shop.

Retail price: €545



# about



With his passion for shoes, his love of noble materials and his fascination with the notion of patina, Alexis Lafont decided to launch Caulaincourt. It was an adventure that would enable him to bring together the artistic disciplines in which he had thrived since he was a child: sculpture for the creation of shapes, drawing for the design of models and photography for the ability to enhance an object through the light reflected on the leather, revealing its nuances and shades. An adventure that would also give him the opportunity to sell an object that would be worn. The challenge was enormous: the design and manufacture of shoes is a highly technical field. A great deal of work, thousands of hours spent in the workshops, a strong sense of motivation and a few wonderful encounters (notably with Raymond Massaro) enabled him to finally validate his project. The first collection was launched in 2008. It consisted of 8 models, two shapes and a single assembly, the Blake. The brand was an immediate success, but the private sale concept, while exciting at first, soon became frustrating. Opening a boutique became a matter of course, and a few months later it became a reality. Maison Caulaincourt, as you know it today, was born.

[www.caulaincourt.paris](http://www.caulaincourt.paris)



Tassinari & Chatel is the jewel in the crown of Maison Lelièvre, a symbol of French heritage. One of Lyon's oldest weaving mills, its origins date back to 1680 with the Pernon workshop, official supplier to the greatest courts of Europe, notably that of King Louis XV. Admiring this exceptional heritage, which has endured for more than three centuries, Lelièvre took a major step in 1998 when it bought this prestigious company. Tassinari & Chatel owes its reputation to its extraordinary, centuries-old expertise in making exceptional silks by combining traditional craftsmanship with technological innovation. Bold, elegant and timeless, Tassinari & Chatel continues to weave its traditional qualities in France on mechanical looms or handlooms. In 2006, it was awarded the precious EPV - Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant - label.

**LELIEVRE**  
PARIS

Lelièvre is true to French style, and its collections are an integral part of the world of haute décoration. Ever since its mohair velvets were launched in the 1930s, Lelièvre has always been innovative, both in its designs and in its strategy. Historically based in Paris since 1954, other showrooms have since opened in London, Dubai, Düsseldorf and Milan in response to international expansion. Technical developments in Trevira CS for the hotel industry and the acquisition of Lyon's oldest silk manufacturer, Tassinari & Chatel (1860), marked the 1990s by opening up new avenues. With the arrival of Emmanuel Lelièvre at the helm in 2009, the family business took on a new lease of life, structured around a triptych of strong brands in tune with market trends: Lelièvre Paris - 1914, timeless and elegant design. Tassinari & Chatel - 1680, the exceptional heritage of silk (certified EPV - Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant). Quenin - 1865, the revival of the luxurious tradition.

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