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*This season, we are seeing a return of the classic pearls featuring modern designs*

began on a trip to the Tasaki pearl farm in Nagasaki, where I learned about the AMA pearl diving mermaids of Japan,” he explains. Prabal loves “the juxtaposition of using beautiful, delicate jewels and precious stones with a more modern approach to the design”. His Tasaki Atelier line mirrors this very vision, resulting in a beguiling pearl high jewellery collection.

Another interesting use of pearls is evidenced in the designs by Russian jewellery brand **Podnebesnaya & Podnebesny**. Ksenia Podnebesnaya’s love for pearls stemmed from a memory during her stint in Tokyo many years ago. “One day, I saw my neighbour in the bus. She was nearly 100-years-old, had a wrinkled face, wore her hair in a classical Japanese style, and was dressed in a beautiful kimono. She had, around her neck, a strand of snow-white pearls and an amazing ring, with an enormous Tahitian pearl on her petite time-worn hand,” recalls Ksenia. From that moment on, the designer decided to focus on pearls for her timeless and modern designs. The *Sphere* collection uniting round pearls and gems is hinged on the principle that “circle and spheres are ancient signs of both absolute and perfection, while also symbolising harmony of the world.”

Long-time friends Isabel Encinias and Mark Kroeker joined creative forces to launch **Tejen**, a “conscious luxury brand”. Tejen’s *V.03 Sable Doré* collection featuring gold spheres and Japanese akoya pearls in loopy, diamond paved ribbons echoes a minimalist design. Inspired by the sand dunes illuminated by the sun, the moon and the stars, the jewels hint at discreet luxury.

Qayten’s Akoya pearl bracelet, Mike Joseph’s curvy pearl-adorned jewels, Belford’s golden South Sea pearl and yellow diamond bangle alongside creations by Assael, Mizuki, and DKoi have ensured pearls are back on the style agenda. 💎

**1.** Bangle in 18K gold with golden South Sea pearls and fancy yellow diamonds, BELFORD

**2.** Embrace bangle in 18K yellow gold with baby Akoya pearls and diamonds, QAYTEN

**3.** La Perla spiral double-finger ring, MIKE JOSEPH