

**HE LIVES IN NEW YORK,
PLAYS FOOTBALL IN
SHANGHAI AND HOPES
TO LEAD THE SOCCEROOS
IN WHAT WILL BE HIS
FOURTH WORLD CUP
CAMPAIGN. AND THIS
MONTH TIM CAHILL
BECOMES THE FIRST
AUSSIE SPORTING ICON
TO BUILD A DESIGNER
SPORTS-LUXE BRAND
AS HE TEAMS UP WITH
SHOREDITCH FASHION
HOUSE TO LAUNCH HIS
NEW CAHILL+ RANGE
AVAILABLE AT GLUE STORE**



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 \$249.99

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POLO LEATHER COLLAR
 BLACK: \$89.99



How did the partnership with Glue Store come about ?

When I was in Sydney earlier this year I spent sometime with their CEO and founder Hilton Seskin and his team. The vision they had for the Cahill+ range really impressed me. They are passionate about building brands and I could see their direction of supporting premium men's sportswear which really excited me. We are building this brand for the future and to work with a retail partner such as Glue Store is a step in the right direction, allowing us to showcase our unique sports-luxe designs.

How do you see the brand evolving in Australia?

We have a Cahill+ concept area going into their SuperGlue Stores that will help tell the brand story over the next few months. It's all about giving the customer an insight into the world of Cahill+ via telling the product story and working with the Glue Store team and other retail partners within Australian and globally. The brand has also received strong interest in USA, Canada and Shanghai so it's always going to be an international brand and design program which we present to Australian consumers.

Sounds like you are really involved in the whole process.

Well, I wanted to be more involved with Shoreditch and have my own line of clothing. They were surprised at this and after three or four meetings it fit well and Cahill+, the brand from Shoreditch, will be a vision from us over the years to come.

How would you describe the Cahill+ brand?

Simple and comfortable. You can tell from the looks that I've gone from the gym to the office to going out – all in one design. So it's all about simplicity with comfort, it's also pretty funky, and I feel it has a taste of where I've lived over the years – Sydney, London, Manchester, New York City and now Shanghai. I've brought some different flavours but more importantly it's lifestyle and comfort and you'll see all the designs and fabrics hitting Glue Stores this month. It's something I'm very proud of.

What makes Shoreditch suits so good?

Suits now are transitioning to a different level and it's more relaxed tailoring. When you look at a lot of suits they're very upright and straight and I like my outfits to look simple and comfortable. Shoreditch is a transition from suits which goes into the Cahill+ range. This goes from simplicity of the fabric, colours and also the feel. Some of the Shoreditch suits we have in the Cahill+ range can turn into two or three different looks. And I also feel it's the price point of quality which definitely suits the consumer buying the product.

What's the most embarrassing item in your wardrobe?

I wouldn't say I have anything embarrassing because I'm not an out-there type of guy. I'd need to ask my wife.

Has she ever asked you to throw away any clothes?

I don't chuck out clothes. My wardrobe is probably bigger than your lounge room. I'm not even joking. When it comes to clothes I have a pretty impressive collection.

How often do you come back home to Sydney?

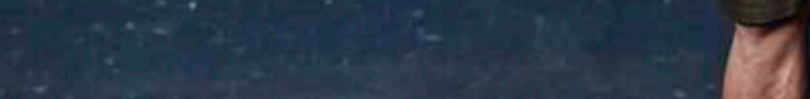
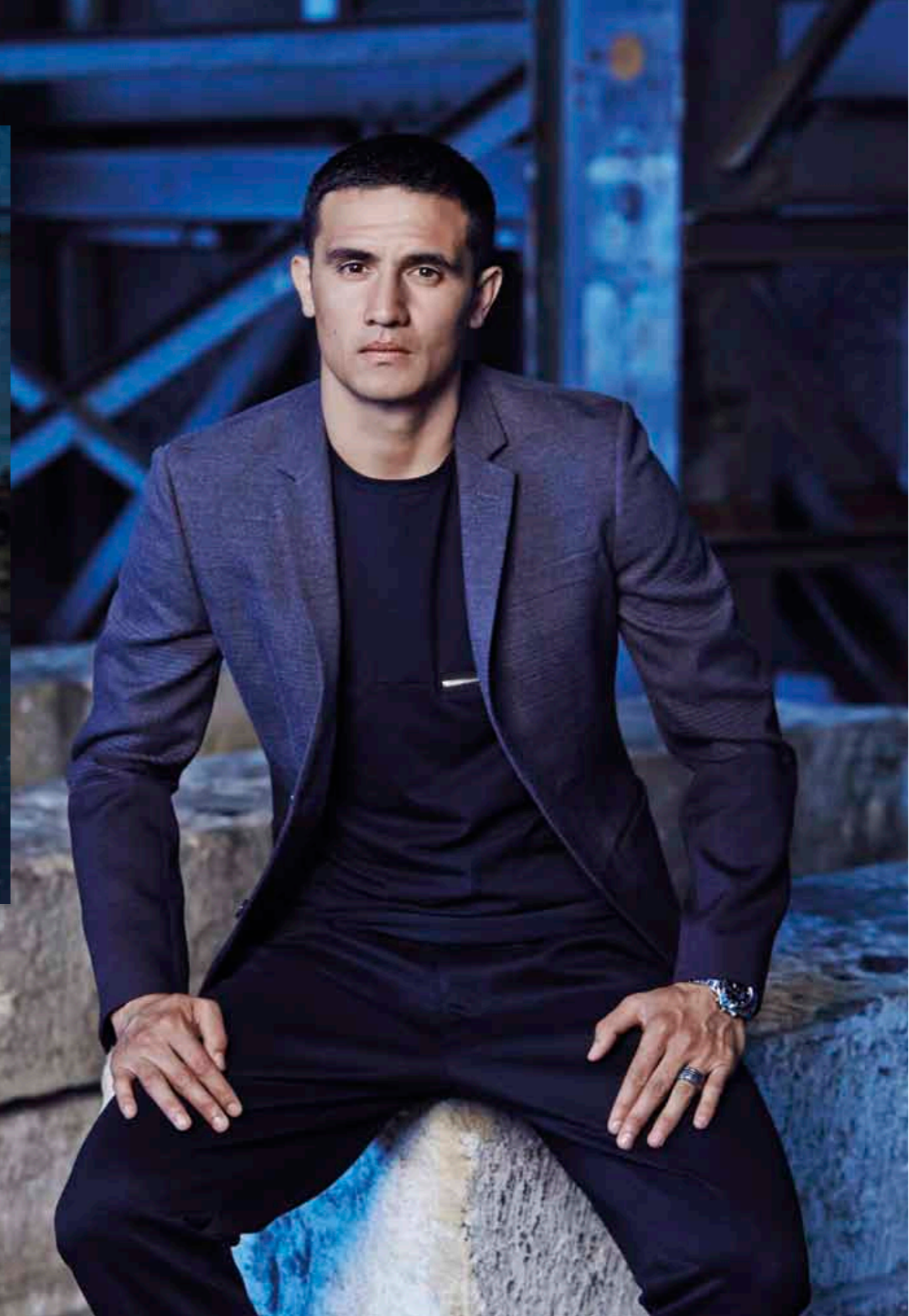
Not much, mate. Living in New York and playing in Shanghai pretty much the majority of the time I have the opportunity to get home as much as I would like to. However, I will spend a good six weeks in Australia with my commercial schedule coming up because I'm launching my autobiography soon and have a few commitments with my sponsors back home.



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(TOP) **BASEBALL HOODED SWEATER:** \$199.99

(RIGHT) **JACKET NYLON:** \$149.99;
BLACK ZIP POCKET T-SHIRT: \$59.99;
TRI COT SWEAT PANT: \$119.99

(BELOW) **NYLON SHIRT JACKET:** \$149.95



How is playing football for Shanghai Shenhua in the Chinese Super League going?

It's a big, beautiful city and 21 million people can be a little overwhelming, but they do it well. Bright lights, all the big shopping centres... I'm loving it. It's definitely a great transition for me. I play for one of the two big clubs in Shanghai and yes, the fans recognise me on the streets, especially after winning the Asian Cup with the Socceroos. They come up quite a lot asking for a photo and autograph, and they're great. It's nothing that I'm not used to anywhere else in the world.

The Socceroos take on Bangladesh and Tajikistan in a couple of World Cup qualifiers this month. Do you know much about either of these teams?

Always. That's one thing we do well – our homework and respecting the opponent. Our manager has always been influential in making sure they gather as much information as possible so when we get into camp we can understand the opposition and know a bit about them. But most of the time it's focussing on ourselves and being prepared for the job at hand.

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How would you rate the standard of the Socceroos compared to the rest of the world?

We're definitely improving all the time. We have a young group of players, they've all just started their seasons whereas I'm in the back end of my season so the Bangladesh game comes at a good time where everyone will be fresh and raring to go. There's definitely a lot of talent coming through and now it's all about consistency and to keep going after winning an Asian Cup.

Do you feel the need to nurture this young team?

I think it's part and parcel of what I do, with the World Cup we played in, the Asian Cup we just won, and even the qualifiers coming up now. I definitely feel a responsibility to guide them in the right way on and off the pitch. I say off the pitch because getting players mentally prepared is just as important as playing the game. There's a lot that goes into big competitions and they've shown that they can handle it. Now it's about being consistent and trying to qualify my fourth World Cup campaign.

So you'll definitely be playing for Australia at the next World Cup in Russia in 2018? We need you, Timmy!

Well, I'm doing really well domestically in China, I'm playing every game, scoring goals, my appetite for the game is fantastic, and I'm very close to Ange Postecoglou [Socceroos manager]. We keep close contact and make sure I'm doing the right things and he knows I am always available for selection. So we'll just see how it goes and what unfolds. ■

**Cahill+ launches exclusively in
 Glue Stores nationally and online
 at gluestore.com.au this month**

