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A CHANCE MEETING AS A CHILD INSPIRED
MAYFAIR TAILOR TERENCE TROUT'S SLEEK
AND SOPHISTICATED STYLE



When he was seven, Stephen Williams visited a tailor with his father. While watching his dad being fitted for a suit, Stephen saw a sports car pull up. A debonair gentleman and a beautiful lady stepped out. The tailor welcomed the man into the shop. His name? Terence Trout. Some 30 years later, this meeting inspired the name of Stephen's own tailor, while the sleek and sophisticated style he'd seen that day became the inspiration for his designs.

FAMILY TALENT: Stephen was born into the garment industry. Both parents worked in the wool trade. At the age of 11 he joined his mother's hugely successful business. 'People would come in on a daily basis just to see what she was wearing,' Stephen recalls.

Upon leaving school he gained knowledge of the clothing industry working for Giorgio Armani and Irish designer Paul Costelloe, where he ran the menswear brand. Another chance encounter led to a job on Savile Row where Stephen's passion for suits came to the fore. In 2009 he finally opened his own outfit – Terence Trout.

Located in the heart of fashionable Mayfair, Terence Trout is an open secret among connoisseurs

of good tailoring, especially those looking for a blend of understatement and flamboyance. 'It's about the silhouette,' Stephen explains. There's a signature element to each of his creations, as he scours the world for unusual fabrics and includes embroidered details on the linings of suits. He has a loyal clientele, from successful entrepreneurs to international sportsmen.

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For Stephen, designing and making suits is a vocation, and he gives each customer his utmost attention – whether that entails flying a prototype suit to Johannesburg for one of his biggest clients, or designing a bespoke suit for an English Premier League team. As he puts it: 'Everyone who comes in here is special.'

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