

# Business cases put travelers in charge

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Fall brings a bevy of confident, compartment-rich, business-ready bags that cater to tech-tuned travelers and complement their plugged-in lifestyle. Convenience features include dual-purpose sections, no-brainer organizational pockets, checkpoint-friendly laptop sleeves and Bento Boxes. Bento Boxes? In a bag? Yep.

All of these ingenious space-savers present travelers with a multitude of customizable packing real estate as form demands more functionality in our business bags than ever before.

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**LODIS** | Polished but not stuffy, tailored but not tightly wound, In the Mix makes a perfect impression. From this collection is the incredibly spacious Doris Work Tote, showing off the chic and smooth structured Italian leather modernized by accents of "bubble" full grain leather that characterize this collection. Doris holds cards, files and even a laptop in a padded compartment, plus has "BagMojis," think-proof organizational pockets, and minimalistic round Lodis hardware as a finishing touch. MSRP: \$298 | **PRIMA USA TRAVEL** | American Green Travel's Franklin is the perfect companion for business trips and weekenders. Its 3-layer compartment design and front zipper pockets provide flexible packing options; a laptop, files, stationery and a change of clothes all fit inside with room to spare. A rivet-less carry handle prevents any tears regardless of how much you pack and four 360° spinner wheels travel smoothly along. Additionally, the Franklin's compact form (16" x 9" x 17") fits right into the carry-on compartment. MSRP: \$150 | **IT LUGGAGE** | Keep everything you need on the plane organized in this Carry-on Trolley (shown in potent purple), featuring an easy-access padded iPad pocket, a front panel pocket to hold passport and tickets and assorted other pockets for organizing essentials. Featuring a lightweight trolley system, large easy-access opening, trolley sleeve on the back panel and smooth and silent corner wheels, this case is the ultimate trolley for boarding all airlines. MSRP: \$175

**HANG ACCESSORIES** | Need to fit a workout into your busy schedule? The Zadie Tote (shown in gray) can carry everything needed to go from day to evening, office to gym. Chic functionality is the hallmark of this tote, whose main compartment features a padded, VELCRO®-brand secured pocket for tech organization, two water bottle holders and a zipper pocket for smaller items and accessories. Stow cross-trainers or evening shoes in the tote's bottom compartment and attach your yoga mat with the bag's straps. MSRP: \$125 | **KNOMO LONDON** | Part of the exclusive collection in collaboration with the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the V&A Berlin is a unisex slim line backpack in ultra-lightweight polyester. It was designed for digital nomads, modern day road warriors and avid travelers that want a simple and functional backpack that's spacious, but not bulky. Amenities include carefully designed organizational pockets and compartments to hold all tech accessories and the KNOMO ecosystem of portable batteries, charging cables and travel adaptor. It features a modern graphic print in colorways monochrome and night forest. MSRP: \$149 | **ROYCE LEATHER** | Hackers, take a hike. The RFID Blocking Cross-Body Bag in Saffiano leather protects your information, and in style. Easy access is never accidental in this convenient leather case with three external zippered compartments plus large internal zippered compartment with six card slots, two currency pockets and two zippered document compartments for additional protection. A detachable wrist strap with silver tone hardware adds style to security. It comes in black, blue and red. MSRP: \$150 | **GROWN UP LICENSES** | Here is a lightweight ABS/polycarbonate CAT® cabin trolley perfect for the avid business traveler. The ACCESS 20" sports a separate front padded compartment, allowing easy access to an inside organizer panel, zipper pocket and laptop compartment for a quick security check. The main compartment is fully lined and features elastic compression straps, a zipper mesh pocket and a small side pocket with zipper closure. With a retractable handle, four silent double spinner wheels with 360° rotation and a TSA-accepted lock for the main and front panels, the ACCESS offers effortless mobility without compromising security and appeal. MSRP: \$129.95





**OLYMPIA INTERNATIONAL** | The Lansing Under the Seat Carry-On is compact yet features a spacious main compartment; heavily padded laptop compartment; an array of zip pockets, including a water bottle pocket and wet pouch, for efficient organization; and an interior divider with an added zip pocket. In soft heather gray in rugged 420D ripstop nylon, this bag will let you keep your travel essentials safely at your feet. MSRP: \$140 | **KENNETH COLE** | Sleek and durable in 600D polyester, the Reaction Backpack comes fully lined and loaded. A front compartment has a multi-pocket organizer and a rear compartment includes padded laptop and tablet pockets and an exterior USB port that connects to an interior USB cord and has an open slip pocket for a battery charger. Dual side exterior zip-around pockets add convenience with pass-through holes for cords or headphones and the buckle-secured front flap is a wide open, deep pocket with two large gusseted zip-around tech/accessory pockets beneath. MSRP: \$240 | **EAGLE CREEK** | Here is compromise's sweet spot in terms of size and function: The Expanse™ Wheeled Tote Carry-On holds everything needed for a weekend or short work trip. Bonus: The bag's built-in organization, including padded tablet sleeve and slip and zippered pockets, saves time and eliminates the need for another bag. Its super maneuverability and low center of gravity help travelers zip through any airport. MSRP: \$149



**DELSEY PARIS** | As airlines constantly change rules and regulations relating to overhead bin space, this lightweight under-seater in durable MicroBallistec™ from the new SKY MAX Collection is on trend and just right for business travelers. It tucks into tight spots but has enough packing space for an overnight or day trip. Equipped with nine pockets, this bag can fit everything from a tablet or small laptop to documents and clothing, water bottle and more. Available in purple and black, it has a Smart Band to slide over trolley tubes. MSRP: \$89.99

**LONGLAT** | Fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi has added a multi-use tote to his travel goods collection, Catania, and it is definitely not your father's briefcase. The Designer Bleisure Tote is on-trend and on-point with the organization you need for both business and leisure travel in a bag made from durable 900D polyester in an exclusive floral design that is fully lined. With an interior pocket/sleeve for both a 10" tablet and a 15" laptop, the tote has a zipper top closure to ensure contents stay secure. MSRP: \$100 | **MCKLEIN COMPANY** | With its lustrous good looks in top grain leather, the Lake Forest Ladies' Laptop Briefcase Tote is now more work-friendly than ever. A business case designed for women on the go, the Lake Forest has been upgraded with a sleeker front organizer for easier access to all your work essentials and now includes a built-in padded laptop compartment that fits laptops up to 15.4" screen size. It comes in mint, brown and navy. MSRP: \$160



**GENIUS PACK** | A sleek backpack designed for the tech-savvy traveler, the Commuter Backpack (shown in heather gray) offers three large main and two easy-access compartments, including padded laptop and tablet pockets. Best of all: This checkpoint-friendly backpack is extremely light at only 1.7 lbs. In water-, abrasion- and UV-resistant fabric, it is a comfortable carry with padded and adjustable shoulder straps. MSRP: \$75 | **INUSA** | Made of lightweight polycarbonate/ABS with a polished metallic finish, the AVILA 20" Carry-on boasts a sturdy construction, maximum strength and a durable water- and scratch-resistant finish. Functional style is found in its convenient EZ access front pocket with integrated padded laptop sleeve; full interior fabric lining with zippered compartment, snap-on straps and inside pockets; and four airplane design dual spinner wheels. In black, blue and green, it also has a built-in 3-digit TSA-accepted combination lock. MSRP: \$180 | **A. SAKS** | Road-worthy, business-ready – the lightweight Ballistic Nylon Expandable Organizer Brief keeps everything tidy and accessible, with an inside organizer and compartments, laptop section and iPad compartment. A top file section maintains order and a detachable shoulder strap offers flexibility. MSRP: \$195



**HAIKU** | An everyday satchel that expertly navigates work commutes? Meet the Virtuoso. With a roomy main compartment with secure zip closure, this bag's padded sleeve holds a small laptop or tablet, an insulated zip pocket fits a small food container and a key fob adds extra organization. Two exterior pockets are sized for quick-access essentials and all fabrics are CyclePET, a durable and water-resistant recycled polyester that Haiku uses exclusively for its main body fabrics and linings. Virtuoso comes in black juniper and Andorra. MSRP: \$110 | **MANCINI LEATHER** | The Buffalo Collection Single Compartment Briefcase with RFID represents the fusion of contemporary styling with the raw urban look of oily buffalo leather. Featuring padded compartments to protect tablet and laptop, this functional collection will fulfill business and personal needs with style. Amenities include a main compartment with a padded sleeve; a zippered organizer on the front with multiple practical pouches and an RFID secure pocket; and a pocket and an attach-a-bag strap on the bag's rear. MSRP: \$239.99 | **GRUV GEAR** | The Elite Traveler Backpack takes traveling ease to a whole new level, providing first-class storage for all tech and travel essentials. Unique locker doors open to reveal lower shelves and four ingenious Bento mini cases that can be pulled out individually and give tidy organization to chargers, batteries, hard drives, toiletries and other essentials. The bag's patent-pending ScanFly™ system allows for the optional laptop sleeve to be flipped out and ready for TSA scanning while tethered and protected and a spacious "glove box" features padded walls to keep items from spilling out. In rugged 1680D ballistic nylon, the bag has leather trim and a honeycomb interior lining. MSRP: \$175 | **MERCHANDISING AMERICA** | With a large front-load main compartment with cushion zone padded computer sleeve, this bag easily converts between a backpack and rolling bag. Amenities include three document organizers in the middle zipper compartment; a large zippered front compartment with deluxe organizer; and shoulder straps that can be stored in the back zipper compartment when not use as a backpack. In orange, olive and black, this well-designed fashion bag is made with high quality materials. MSRP: \$79.95



**PACSAFE** | Keep work essentials safe inside the Intasafe Brief, featuring padded sleeves roomy enough for a 15" laptop and a tablet and a stretchable band for sliding over the handles of a suitcase for hands-free transit. Anti-theft features include eXomesh slashguards, a Carrysafe slashguard strap, an RFIDsafe blocking pocket, Roobar locking system, interlocking zip pulls and smart zipper security. The zippered main and front compartments provide plenty of organization. MSRP: \$129.95 | **HEYS LUGGAGE** | Exuding a minimalist and sophisticated aesthetic, the Portal Smart Business Case™ redefines functional mobile business travel. With a patented front-access system featuring dedicated foam-padded laptop and fleece-lined tablet pockets, a built-in organizer for small accessories and a detachable accordion divider, this case means business. The spacious main center compartment can be accessed from the front via the removable divider or the traditional center access zipper. It comes in burgundy, pewter and blue with a luxurious interior. MSRP: \$239 | **J WORLD NEW YORK** | Meet POSY, a women's business travel set that includes a backpack, small tote bag and pouch. With a metal zipper accent, side utility pockets, padded shoulder straps and top grip handle with snap button, the backpack has a zippered pocket in the back compartment that flexes when under heavy stress. Its main compartment features an organizer and zippered pocket. In sturdy twill, the set comes in black, navy, wine, pink bloom, sprinkle and gray buttons. MSRP: \$99.99

**CABRELLI GROUP** | Women who want a great bag for business, workout or travel will love the new “athleisure” look in this bag featuring a removable padded 15” laptop and tablet compartment – and the ability to transform it into a cool weekender. Measuring a manageable 18” x 15” x 7”, this carry-on-sized bag with retractable handle rides smoothly along on inline wheels. Amenities include an exterior front zip pocket and two side pockets and an interior organizer section and attached key leash with clip. It is featured in Cabrelli’s bestselling colors of black/red and white/black. MSRP: \$200 | **WALTER + RAY** | Style and savvy combine in the All-In Travel Bag (16” x 12” x 7”) that lets you charge your laptop in the special laptop compartment on the fly. Featuring a zip-protected external USB hub, quick-reach pocket for TAB Seatback organizers and an RFID-lined EZ pocket with zippered secret sub-pocket, this bag lets you switch from satchel to shoulder bag to backpack in a snap. Other features include an insulated snack bag, TSA-friendly clear insert bag, a luggage-delayed emergency clothes pocket, bottle holder and two Purell wipes. With a 600D polyester water-resistant exterior, this bag will complement your travel gear in textured black with sky blue interior. MSRP: \$129.99 | **TROCHI LUGGAGE** | Travel in lightweight style with the Korgi 20” Carry-on, constructed of 100% polycarbonate. Featuring 2-wheel drive, a TSA-accepted lock and an anti-theft double-layer zipper, this bag offers a built-in organizer and an aluminum telescopic handle. MSRP: \$299.99 | **LUIS STEVEN** | A vertically oriented briefcase-style backpack with concealable backpack straps, the Medium Laptop Pack is capable of carrying laptop and tablet plus work documents, making it a stylish and functional bag for both travel and the office. In black and tan/black leather with a suede interior, the bag exudes professionalism and versatility. MSRP: \$250

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