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Oversized shoulders, bell sleeves, ruffles and more: a new take on how to cover (or uncover) women's arms seems to be top of every designer's mind. The new sleeve is bold, flirty and, most prominently, big. First noticed in the S/S 17 collections, this trend is showing no signs of slowing down, especially as the 1980s influences continue to go from strength to strength. With it comes the resurgence of power dressing, edging into the mix. Unsurprisingly, leading retailers have been swift to buy into the trend, offering a breadth of styles that experiment with silhouettes, fabrication and color.

The idea reaches across both outerwear and top categories. High-fashion designers such as **Prada**, **3.1 Phillip Lim**, and **Moschino** are skewed heavily towards the bell sleeve silhouette, while fast fashion retailers are stocking up on everything from exaggerated puffy shoulders to cascading ruffles. **Christian Siriano** toyed with metallic and ruched details for his A/W 17 show, while **Creatures of Comfort** stayed classic with velvet options. The newest evolution of the trend comes in the form of more sculpted pieces, like **DENIBI**'s A/W 17 designs that are inspired by complex architectural constructions.