1.FASHION TERMINOLOGIES

- **1. Apparel**["] means clothing in general. In the rag trade, "apparel" is a generic description that covers menswear, womenswear, childrenswear and sportswear
- **2. Style** A particular design, shape or type of apparel item. The style of the garment is determined by the distinct features that create its overall appearance.
- **3. Fashion** The display of the currently popular style of clothing. A fashion is the prevailing type of clothing that is favored by a large segment of the public at any given time and influenced by Social, Political, Economical and Artistic media.
- 4. **Fashion Design** is the <u>art</u> of applying <u>design</u>, <u>aesthetics</u>, clothing construction and natural beauty to <u>clothing</u> and its <u>accessories</u>. It is influenced by cultural and social attitudes, and has varied over time and place.
- 5. **Gathers** A means of distributing fullness in some part of a garment by sewing a loose row of stitches, pulling the thread, and sliding the fabric along the thread to make soft folds in order to decrease the width of the fabric. n shirring three or more rows of gathers are placed parallel lines to achieve a decorative effect while also manipulating fullness.
- 6. Accessories A fashion accessory is an item used to contribute, in a secondary manner, to the wearer's outfit, often used to complete an outfit and chosen to specifically complement the wearer's look.^[1] It has the capacity to further express an individuals identity and personality as there are accessories that come in different, shapes, hues etc.accessories include sizes, purses and handbags, hand fans, parasols and umbrellas, wallets, canes, and ceremonial swords. Accessories that are worn may include jackets, boots and shoes, cravats, ties, hats, bonnets, belts and suspend ers, gloves, muffs, necklaces, bracelets, watches, eyewear, sashes, shawls, scar ves, lanyards, socks, pins, piercings, rings, and stockings.
- 7. Classic: An item of clothing that continues to be popular even though fashion changes. It is always acceptable. Classics were originally fashion items, but their general appeal and simple style lines have kept them popular. They can worn year after year. Examples of classics: White dress shirts, dark business suits, pleated skirts, loafer shoes, blues jeans, and salwar kameez.
- 8. **Fad:** A temporary, passing fashion. It is an item or look that has great appeal to many people for a short period of time. A fad becomes popular fast, and the dies out quickly. Craze: Craze is like a fashion because it is a passing love for a new fashion. However, this has a display of emotion or crowd excitement with it. Store

have a hard time keeping such items in stock because people are so eager to buy them.

- 9. **Trend** Trend denotes to the thing that is popular at a particular point in time. The word is regularly used in relation to fashion and <u>jewelry</u>. In the fashion industry, the word trend denotes the fashions that are popular at a certain point in time. For instance, the power suits were the trend in the 1980s. In 2018, sky blue and purple were the trendy colors. Trends in fashion can be impacted by multiple aspects such as social, political, technological, and economical.
- 10. AlterTo make different without changing into something else.
- 11. **Designer** A fashion designer is responsible for creating the specific look of individual garments-including a garment's shape, color, fabric, trimmings, and other aspects of the whole. The fashion designer begins with an idea of how a garment should look, turns that idea into a design (such as a sketch), and specifies how that design should be made into an actual piece of clothing by other workers .Fashion designers attempt to design clothes which are functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.
- 12. **Drafting** Drafting is a full scale plan of a garment based on an individual's direct body measurements, which along with some proven formulae are used to develop the shape and fit of a particular garment. This plan or outline is known as Draft, which is then transferred on to the cloth to be cut. Drafts are also referred to as 'blocks' or 'slopers' which are a basis for advanced pattern marking. Drafting is defined as a method of drawing patterns on paper with mechanical precision using body measurements.
- 13. **Draping:**A technique of pattern making where the fabric is placed on the dress form and pinned to create a design. It is more 3Dimentional.
- 14. **Fitting**Fitting is defined as the activity when someone tries on clothes to make sure they are the right size, or a small part that joins together other parts.
- 15. **Flare**Flares refers to a projection of volume in a silhouette, flares are also referred to as a type of trouser style. A flare can feature on dresses or tops, particularly seeing reference in peplum tops and skirts. To expand or open outward in shape.
- 16. **Gathers**Gathering is a <u>sewing</u> technique for shortening the length of a strip of <u>fabric</u> so that the longer piece can be attached to a shorter piece. It is commonly used in <u>clothing</u> to manage fullness.
- 17. **Couture**: the design and manufacture of fashionable clothes to a client's specific requirements and measurements.

- 18. **Silhouette:** The shape of the clothing style. It is formed by the width and length of the neckline, sleeves, waistline and pants or skirts. If you were to squint your eyes and look at a suit, dress or coat, the outline (shape) of the garment would show its silhouette. Silhouettes are always changing in fashion. The general direction that a silhouette takes (wider-narrower-longer-shorter) shows a fashion trend.
- 19. Fashion Forecaster Fashion forecasters predict which silhouettes colours, textures, fabrics, graphics, prints, footwear, accessories, etc. will be the forthcoming trends on the runway and in retail stores from season to season. A <u>fashion</u> forecaster predicts the colors, fabrics, textures, materials, prints, graphics, beauty/grooming, accessories, footwear, <u>street style</u>, and other styles that will be presented on the <u>runway</u> and in the stores for the upcoming seasons.[[]
- 20. Fashion journalistFashion journalism is a component of fashion media with a focus on writing and photojournalism. Fashion journalists essentially serve the same purpose as other journalists, but focus specifically on fashion trends and events. A fashion journalist is the one who utilises their knowledge, skills and creativity to keep the enthusiast up to date with the latest trends and news in the industry.

21.ModelA model is a person with a <u>role</u> either to <u>promote</u>, display or <u>advertise</u> commercial <u>products</u> (notably <u>fashion</u> clothing in <u>fashion shows</u>) or to serve as a visual aid for people who are creating <u>works of art</u> or to pose for photography. Though models are predominantly female, there are also male m

2.TYPES OF FASHION

1.**Haute couture** involves the creation of limited, custom-fitted **clothing** and accessories that are individual works of art. **Haute couture** is literally French for "high dressmaking," and originated with made-to-order garments designed and sewed for private clients.is the creation of exclusive custom-fitted <u>clothing</u>. *Haute couture* is <u>high-end fashion</u> that is constructed by hand from start to finish, made from high-quality, expensive, often unusual fabric and sewn with extreme attention to detail and finished by the most experienced and capable sewers—often using time-consuming, hand-executed techniques.

An haute couture garment is always made for an individual client, tailored specifically for the wearer's measurements and body stance and only in Paris. Considering the amount of time, money, and skill allotted to each completed piece, haute couture garments are also described as having no price tag: budget is not relevant. In modern France, *haute couture* is a protected name that may not be used except by firms that meet certain well-defined standards.

Haute couture is a spearhead in terms of creation, a fantastic laboratory for research, both in terms of craftsmanship and design innovation," explains Toledano. "Haute couture is a land of free expression for designers, as well as an image builder for brands."

These are garments created as one off pieces for a specific client. 19th century Englishman Charles Frederick Worth is considered as the father of Haute Couture and today members are selected by the ChambreSyndicale de la Haute Couture. To qualify as an official Haute Couture house, members must design made-to-order clothes for private clients, with more than one fitting, using an atelier (workshop) that employs at least fifteen fulltime staff. They must also have twenty fulltime technical workers in one of their workshops. Finally, Haute Couture houses must present a collection of no less than 50 original designs — both day and evening garments — to the public every season, in January and July.

2.Ready-to-wear or *prêt-à-porter* is the term for <u>ready-made garments</u>, sold in finished condition in standardized sizes, as distinct from <u>made-to-measure</u> or <u>bespoke</u> clothing tailored to a particular person's frame.

Ready-to-wear has a rather different place in the spheres of <u>fashion</u> and classic clothing. In the <u>fashion industry</u>, designers produce ready-to-wear clothing, intended to be worn without significant alteration because clothing made to standard sizes fits most people. They use standard patterns, factory equipment, and faster construction techniques to keep costs low, compared to a custom-sewn version of the same item. Some <u>fashion houses</u> and <u>fashion designers</u> make mass-produced and industrially manufactured ready-to-wear lines, while others offer garments that are not unique but are produced in limited numbers.

Ready-to-wear" is a fashion industry term that signifies that an article of clothing was mass-manufactured in standardized sizes and sold in finished condition—rather than designed and sewn for one particular person.

Ready-to-wear clothes are a cross between haute couture and mass market. They are not made for individual customers, but great care is taken in the choice and cut of the fabric. Clothes are made in small quantities to guarantee exclusivity, so they are rather expensive. Ready-to-wear collections are usually presented by fashion houses each season during a period known as Fashion Week. This takes place on a city-wide basis and occurs twice a year.

What Are the Differences Between Ready-to-Wear and Haute Couture?

Ready-to-wear clothing and haute couture are two different ways the fashion world approaches clothes making. Ready-to-wear is clothing sold "off the rack," meaning that it is made in standardized sizes, is usually mass-produced, and is meant to be purchased and worn immediately, often without alteration. Haute couture refers to high-end, custom clothing made and tailored exclusively for the wearer.

Almost all major fashion labels (like Gucci, Lacroix, Prada, or Dior) make and show *prêt-à-porter* or ready-to-wear collections, in addition to their haute couture lines. Other differences between ready-to-wear and haute couture include:

- Production. Manufacturers produce ready-to-wear clothing using factories with automated processes, while haute couture is usually handmade from start to finish—including designing, stitching, and tailoring.
- **Sizing**. Ready-to-wear clothing is available in "standard sizes" (for instance, from XXS to XXL) to streamline the production process; haute couture is made to measure, which means it is tailored for the wearer's body.

 Cost. Ready-to-wear clothing is inexpensive to produce and typically sells for low prices. Haute couture can be expensive; its price is based on its exclusivity and the high-quality materials and labor used to create the often one-of-a-kind pieces.

3.Mass market Currently the fashion industry relies more on mass market sales. The mass market caters for a wide range of customers, producing ready-to-wear clothes in large quantities and standard sizes. Inexpensive materials, creatively used, produce affordable fashion. Mass market designers generally adapt the trends set by the famous names in fashion. They often wait around a season to make sure a style is going to catch on before producing their own versions of the original look. In order to save money and time, they use cheaper fabrics and simpler production techniques which can easily be done by machine. The end product can therefore be sold much more cheaply.

Mass-market fashion retailers are localized at the bottom of the needs. Those brands' business models are based on high traffic, high volume and low margin. But some organizations also have different value proposition in their portfolio of brands. Leading mass-market fashion businesses offer collections more frequently than the average market. This freshness describes the <u>fast-fashion</u> business model, where Zara, which is capable of translating trends in products in a matter of weeks, revolutionized design, manufacturing and retailing.

These companies put the customer at the center of their organizations and operations are build to reflect it. The results are more collections, a wider range of options with a reduced shelf life, higher stock turns that lower promotions needs and therefore ensure better margins and cash flows. But even if mass-market retailers share some characteristics, their approach to fashion, manufacturing, innovation, marketing and retail is quite different. For example, H&M outsources its production, releases limited edition or capsules with famous designer and invests heavily in advertising..

3.Evolution of fashion cycle

Fashion acceptance is usually described as a fashion cycle.

The fashion cycle is usually depicted as a bell shaped curve with 5 stages.

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Rise in popularity
- 3. Peak of popularity
- 4. Decline in popularity
- 5. Rejection

Introduction of a style

- Most new styles are introduced in the high level.
- Designers creates the designs with few limitations on creativity, quality of raw material or amount of fine workmanship.
- The create new apparel and accessory style by changing elements like line shape color ect...
- Product costs are high and only few can afford.
- Production in small quantity gives the designer more freedom, flexibility.
- New products are shown to retail buyers and press.
- At the first stage of cycle, fashion implies only style and newness.
- Celebrities, TV stars, models buy these clothes as they want to wear them in some events.

Increase in popularity

- When new styles are seen worn by celebrities on TV or magazines they attract the attention of the general public.
- Viewers may wish to buy the new styles but perhaps cannot afford them.
- Manufactures use less expensive fabric and modify the designs to sell in low price.
- Some companies also do imitation of designer originals at low prices.

 High priced designers now have secondary sales line which sell at lower prices so they are able to sell adoptions of their original designs in great quantity.

Peak of popularity

• When fashion is at height of popularity it may be in such demand that more manufactures copy it or produce adaptations of it at many price levels.

Decline in popularity

- After so many designs copies are mass produced, people get tired of that style and begin to look for something new.
- Consumers still wear garments in style but they don't buy them at regular prices.
- Retail stores put declining styles on the sale rack.

Rejection of a style

- In the past fashion cycle some consumers must have already turned to new look.
- The rejection of a style just because it is out of fashion is called consumers obsolescence.
- "FASHION WEARS OUT MORE APPAREL THAN THE MAN"

Length of cycles

- Fashion always follows the same cyclic pattern.
- There is no measurable time table for a fashion cycle.
- Some takes short time to peak and popularity and some takes longer.
- Some decline slowly some very fast
- Some styles will sell in a single season some several seasons
- Some fashion fades quickly others never disappear.

Classic

• Some styles never become complete obsolete, but interest remain more or less accepted for an extended

- period.
- Jeans, A-line kurtha, polo shirt, loafers and sari is a very good example for classic fashion.

Fad

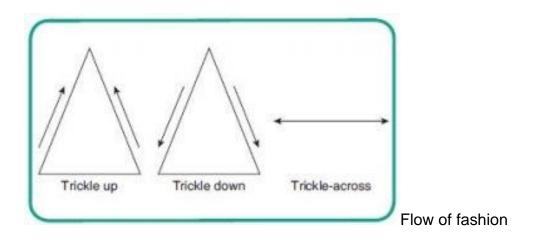
- Short lived fashion is called fad.
- They lack the design strength to hold consumers attention for a long time.
- Piercing, tattoos, spikes, sleeves, neck lines...are some good examples for fads.

Cycles within cycles

- Design elements such as colour, texture, silhouette may change even though the style itself remains popular.
- Jeans is a good example (skin fit, boot cut, low waist, high waist, different washes, torn jeans)

The Flow of Fashion

The distribution of fashion has been described as a movement, a flow, or trickle from one element of society to another. The diffusion of influences from center to periphery may be conceived of in hierarchical or in horizontal terms, such as the trickle-down, trickle-across, or trickle-up theories.



FASHION THEORIES

Adaptation of fashion

- To understand how new fashion ideas are spread and how they are adapted to the taste, life-style and budgets of various costumers.
- Basically there are three variations of the fashion adaptation process traditional adaptation, reverse adaptation, and mass dissemination.

Trickle-down theory (traditional adaptation)

- It is based on the traditional process of copying and adapting trendsetting fashion from, Paris, London, New York designers.
- Couture designer fashion is expensive and it is affordable by only a few people.
- Those designs are copied again and again at lower prices until they have been seen often by the conservative buyers.
- It starts from to high fashion to the common people.

The oldest theory of distribution is the trickle-down theory described by Veblen in 1899. To function, this trickle-down movement depends upon a hierarchical society and a striving for upward mobility among the various social strata. In this model, a

style is first offered and adopted by people at the top strata of society and gradually becomes accepted by those lower in the strata.

This distribution model assumes a social hierarchy in which people seek to identify with the affluent and those at the top seek both distinction and, eventually, distance from those socially below them. Fashion is considered a vehicle of conspicuous consumption and upward mobility for those seeking to copy styles of dress. Once the fashion is adopted by those below, the affluent reject that look for another

Trickle-up theory (reverse adaptation)

- It starts from street fashion to high fashion.
- Since 1960s designers and manufactures pay more attention to the customers innovations .
- They watch people on street to find ideas.

• The "gypsy" look is a good example of a street look which reached the runway.

The trickle-up or bubble-up pattern is the newest of the fashion movement theories. In this theory the innovation is initiated from the street, so to speak, and adopted from lower income groups. The innovation eventually flows to upper-income groups; thus, the movement is from the bottom up.

Examples of the trickle-up theory of fashion distribution include a very early proponent, Chanel, who believed fashion ideas originated from the streets and then were adopted by couture designers. Many of the ideas she pursued were motivated by her perception of the needs of women for functional and comfortable dress.

Following World War II, the young discovered Army/Navy surplus stores and began to wear pea jackets and khaki pants. Another category of clothing, the T-shirt, initially worn by laborers as a functional and practical undergarment, has since been adopted universally as a casual outer garment and a message board.

Thus, how a fashionable look permeates a given society depends upon its origins, what it looks like, the extent of its influence, and the motivations of those adopting the look. The source of the look may originate in the upper levels of a society, or the street, but regardless of origin, fashion requires an innovative, new look.

Trickle-across theory (mass dissemination)

• Modern communications bring fashion from around the world into our homes instantly.

• Many separate markets have developed to various age range, life style, tastes.

• Various designer and manufacturer labels appeal to various market segments at different price points.

• Mass production means that many different styles can be accepted at a same time.

Proponents of the trickle-across theory claim that fashion moves horizontally between groups on similar social levels (King; Robinson). In the trickle-across model, there is little lag time between adoption from one group to another. Evidence for this theory occurs when designers show a look simultaneously at prices ranging from the high end to lower end ready-to-wear.

4.FASHION TRENDS

Factors that Affect Fashion

There are several factors which make a particularityle or dress a fashion. Aesthetic appeal alone isnot responsible for making a style a fashion. Many factors affect fashion

1.Psychological factor:-Men & women are complexcreatures whose actions
areseldom governed by reasonalone.Changescomeaboutforpsychologicalreasons.Peopleoftengetbored with what they
have.Theygettiredofsamecolors, lines & textures.

After sometime, what is new and differentappears refreshing, and, what has beenon the scene for a while, appears dull &unattractive.Changesinthefashionoccur just for the sake of change.

2.Social Factors- In fashion, social changes are especially important .For example, In the early 1900s, womencould not own property , vote, or earn aliving exceptinimited occupations. During this time, women dressed how their fathers wanted them to dress, and later how their husbands wanted them to dress. Ovetime, theroleso fwomenchanged, and what they wore changed ,in part as a result of the women's rights movement.

3.Political Factors-Politically, certain factors will impact the fashion world. For some regions, like the Middle East, politics and religion directly dictate what is to be worn and not worn.

4.Economical Factor- The economy of a country is another factor influencing fashion. When there's rise in the price of a fabric, designers may make certain alterations to their designs rather than pricing it high. In most cases, designers use less expensive fabrics considering the adverse weather conditions where the prices of certain fabrics rise. For example, fabrics such as silk, satin and velvet sees a frequent price fluctuation.

5. Environment Factor-The Covid-19 Effect

The recent pandemic was a fatal blow to all kinds of businesses worldwide; the fashion sector was among those who suffered the greatest losses. As many people went out of employment and public channels were shut down, sales hit rock bottom. The only fashion suppliers who benefited from the situation were the ones exercising Ecommerce. While the majority of the population was quarantined in their homes, online shopping became a growing fad. Many small clothing stores went out of business, while others managed to stay afloat by shifting to an online platform.

6. Celebrities- Celebrities are one of the biggest fashion influencers. Fashion designers and celebrities keep a close connection. Designers specifically design outfits for celebrities to wear in movies, fashion shows, red carpet events, etc. These outfits when seen on celebrities get the attention of the public and becomes popular.

The other factors that influence the Fashion are

_social norm

- fashion education
- mass media
- peer groups
- social criticism
- environment
- customs, traditions
- religion
- work
- leisure activities
- wealth or change in income
- inspiration by friends

- changing trends and values
- influence by family members
- education
- age

5. CAREERS IN FASHION

Garment and textile export houses

Fashion designers in garment and textile export houses design and make apparel, including accessories like jewelry and footwear that appeal the buyers and meet their specific design requirements.

• Textile and fabric manufacturing units

Fashion designers in textile and fabric manufacturing units design, make specifications and then oversee manufacturing of fabrics that meet the needs of the client.

Branded fashion showrooms

Fashion designers often design collections based on the requirements of high end fashion stores. These collections are then put across the stores, ready for sale.

Television and Film Industry

Celebrated fashion designer design costumes and apparel to be donned by the who's who of the film and television industry. They often consider the plot of the movies and complexities of the characters in doing so.

Boutiques

Fashion designers design apparel to be displayed across designer boutiques.

Retail Chains

Fashion Designers often tie up with retail chains to make customer pleasing garments that are put at all locations of the retail brand.

Independent, self-employed fashion designers

ashion designers open their own stores/boutique studios where they design apparel based on the needs and the taste of their customers.

Teaching in an institute that offers courses in fashion designing

Experienced fashion designers may join as faculty members in institutes that offer courses in this field so that they can share their expertise and knowledge with the budding fashion designers in order to train them better

• Knit wear designer.

Textile apparel designers work extensively on drapes, knits, hems and patterns. Designers specializing in knit wears strive to include innovation in winter wear, creating knitpatterns that are aesthetically pleasing.

• color specialist

Textile apparel designers work in the industry as color specialists, who pay extreme attention to differentiation of colors, and dyes used in designing.

• Event management companies

Fashion technologists work in event management companies to assess the specific demand of people engrossed in the vents industry. They consult on various issues that plague the industry, such as changing clothes during performances etc.

• Fashion magazine

Fashion technologists find place in fashion magazines as writers and journalists, editors and photographers. Their attention to detail and technical acumen in fashion comes in handy for analysis

- Career Opportunities in Image Consulting: Image consultants work for public companies, private companies and corporations for the enhancement of employees' corporate image, professional etiquettes and protocol. You can also work with image consulting firms or independently to provide online/offline services to private clients
- Career Opportunities in Fashion Blogging: As a fashion blogger, you can begin writing and express your views on fashion through blogs by setting up your own blog, or becoming an influencer on social media platforms like Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, etc. Along with that, you can also collaborate with top brands as a paid partner or work on the promotion of specific products or projects..

• TEXTILE DESIGNER

A textile designer creates fabrics by choosing materials and yarns and designing weavings and finishing or imagines motifs and patterns with a matching color range to be reproduced on printed fabrics. Creative skills as well as strong technical knowledge of textiles are required.

• PATTERN MAKER

A pattern maker must be able to convert the designer's idea into a 3dimensional shape. He or she is the link between design and production. He or she makes sample garments including the technical and practical requirements concerning its construction. He or she must excel in either pattern making or draping and be skilled with computer assisted drafting. The pattern drafter also takes responsibility for production through the fittings, final alterations and collection production follow-up.

• TEXTILE BUYER

A textile buyer manages the supply of various materials used in creating garments. In collaboration with the product manager and fashion designer, he or she places fabric orders necessary for completion of collections and follow the orders delivery. The textile buyer needs good knowledge of fabrics and the technical aspects of production, along with good organization and negotiation skills.

HEAD DESIGNER

The Head designer is the link between the Art Director and the teams in charge of designing the collections and products. He/she must understand and communicate the Art Director vision and lead the designers to translate it onto real products. Both creative and team management skills are required.

• INDEPENDENT DESIGNER

An independent designer is the founder and art director of a new brand. He/she has to design collections according to the positioning and the identity of the brand he/she has created and promote it. An independent designer must have a global vision of his/her brand and must be able to work closely with managers in order to develop the brand according to this vision.

• ART DIRECTOR (fashion)

The Art director manages all the creative aspects of a fashion brand. He/she is responsible for the coherence between the products, the image and the identity of a brand. He/she is in charge of various collections (pre-collections, catwalk collections, accessories...etc) and the different ways the products are shown (fashion show, adverts, store concepts, visual merchandising...). The Art director has to mix a very strong creative and visual universe with good communication skills and an analytic approach of brands.

• ART DIRECTOR (press/advert)

Art director is the title for a variety of similar job functions in advertising, marketing, publishing, publishing...etc. The Art director is in charge of the overall visual appearance and how it communicates visually, stimulates moods, contrasts features, and psychologically appeals to a target audience. The art director makes decisions about visual elements used, what artistic style to use, and when to use motion.

• VISUAL MERCHANDISER

A Visual Merchandiser must combine creativity and artistic flare with a technical approach of light, materials, space organization...etc in order to design and implement window and in-store displays. He/she should create eye-catching product displays in coherence with the identity of a brand or that follow the Art Director requirements and that appeal to their target customers.

• FASHION JOURNALIST

A fashion journalist has to research, find and propose fashion related subjects for articles or reports, write and edit articles, conduct interviews, formulate commentaries for fashion shooting and editorials. Fashion journalist can work for very various media such as magazine, newspaper, website, blog, television...etc. A very good knowledge of the fashion industry as well as networking skills are required.

• FASHION EDITOR

A fashion editor supervises the process of creating, developing and presenting content for the fashion department of a magazine, website, newspaper or television program. His/her work includes supervising other editors and writers, writing or editing articles themselves, formulating and styling fashion photo shoots, choosing photos for publication, choosing fashion items and trends for publication, researching trends in the fashion industry and networking with industry professionals including photographers, designers and public relations professionals.

• PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

A public relations manager uses all form of communication and media to build a brand image and reputation. A public relation manager is in charge of defining and developing a PR strategy, writing and communicating press release to targeted media, organize events and liaise with editors, journalists, bloggers and all influential people than can create a brand reputation. Strong interpersonal skills are required.

• FASHION STYLIST

A Fashion stylist is someone who imagines themes, selects the clothing and accessories and builds the silhouettes for published editorial features, print, catalogs, or television advertising campaigns, music videos, concert performances, and any public appearances made by celebrities, models or other public figures. Fashion Stylists are often part of a larger creative team assembled by the client, collaborating with the fashion designer, photographer and director.

COMMUNICATION MANAGER

A communication manager develops the brand's communication strategy including advertising, marketing materials, and the organization of PR events and product launches. He/she works closely with advertising agencies to construct promotional campaigns and works closely with the fashion media.

• FASHION ASSISTANT

The role of a fashion assistant is to lend practical support to a fashion designer or a team of fashion designers. A fashion assistant has to organize and schedule the different steps of a collection realization, such as meeting, suppliers orders, delivery following, fittings...etc, but can also be in charge of the first creative researches for trends or colors and of the shape of boards and portfolios or technical documents.

• PRODUCT MANAGER

A product manager has an important role within the different sectors of the textile apparel network. He or she must define, manufacture and sell garment lines to buyers. He or she watches over the commercial performance of his products and is responsible for their profitability.

• PRODUCTION MANAGER

A production manager must determine production objectives (cost, quality, quantity) and is responsible for the production of a garment or line of garments. To be a production manager, strong management skills and knowledge of manufacturing and logistics are necessary.

• E-COMMERCE SPECIALIST

An e-commerce specialist is responsible for collecting, supervising data loading, and maintaining and developing the corporate websites for the marketing department. Another key responsibility of an e-commerce specialist is Search Engine & Affiliate Marketing optimization and to ensure optimal SEO and Affiliate marketing.

• SHOWROOM/STORE MANAGER

This job entails being responsible for overseeing all aspects of a store or showrooms operations. A showroom/store manager is involved in everything from approving visual displays, television advertisements, and handling employees. He or she should not only have knowledge of the fashion industry but also business acumen and interpersonal skills.

• BRAND MANAGER

A brand manager will plan, develop and direct the marketing for their particular brand or product. He or she will monitor market trends and advertising activities, their aim is to create a lasting good impression for their brand.

• FASHION COORDINATOR

A Fashion Coordinator's responsibilities are filtering and mediating the diverse needs of the company in order to gain coherence from a style or communication. He or she arrange and supervise the marketing of fashion clothing for manufacturing houses, textile firms and retail stores, promoting garments to the press and public.

• PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

A Project Development Manager is responsible for overseeing every aspect of a manufacturer or designer's products, from design and construction through to selling and distribution. He or she researches the fashion market in order to identify new trends, fabrics etc.

• RETAIL NETWORK MANAGER

A retail and network manager focuses on driving sales and maximizing profitability. He or she needs to be able to manage, develop and motivate a sales team, while still devising strategies to assist in achieving targets.

• FASHION BUYER

A buyer finds the best products at the best price while respecting his company's buying strategy. He establishes buying plans, negotiates prices with manufacturers, and tackles logistical problems. He or she chooses garments according to his clients' requests with the aid of fashion trends and past sales records. The buyer is also responsible for quality control.