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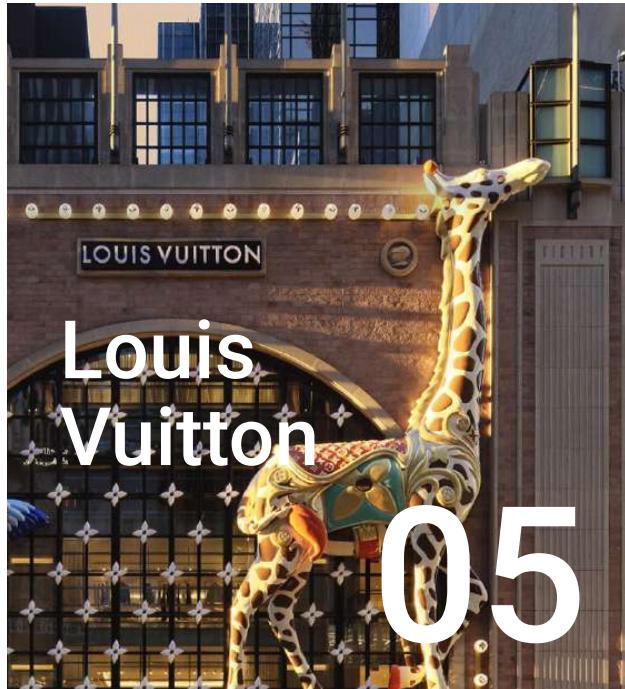


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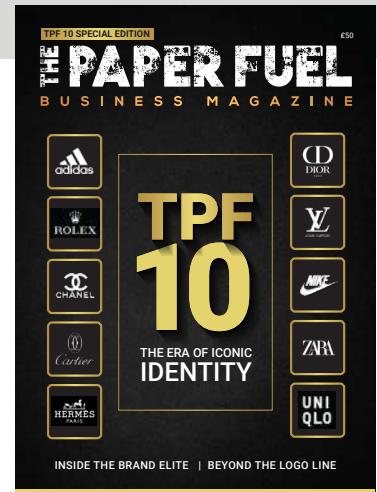
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# The Powerhouses of Global Style: Inside the World's Top Fashion Titans



Fashion is more than clothes. It is culture, influence, and a blueprint for how the world moves. This special edition brings together the ten biggest names shaping the global style industry. These are the houses that set trends before the rest of us even catch a whisper, the labels that turn design into business empires, and the creators who redefine luxury.

sportswear, craftsmanship, and modern retail.

Inside, you will find deep yet easy reads on how each brand started, what shaped its journey, and how it built a presence that stretches across continents. We explore signature styles, iconic products, leadership shifts, bold risks, quiet reinventions, and the strategic moves that turned ideas into global power. You will also get a closer look at the cultural impact these brands hold and the futures they are building in a fast changing market.

This edition is a guided tour through legacy, innovation, and ambition. Whether you are here for the business insights or the storytelling behind the world's most influential fashion names, these pages open the door to an industry that never stops creating and never stops inspiring. Dive in and meet the brands that define how the world dresses, moves, and dreams.



# Louis Vuitton

Industry: Luxury Fashion & Leather



## How It All Began:

Started in 1854 by Louis Vuitton in France

## Where It Lives:

Headquarters in the Paris region

## Who Owns It:

Part of LVMH Group

## What It Sells:

Bags, luggage, wallets, ready-to-wear, shoes, watches, jewellery, perfumes, sunglasses, accessories

## Icons Everyone Knows:

LV Monogram, Speedy, Keepall, Capucines, classic trunks

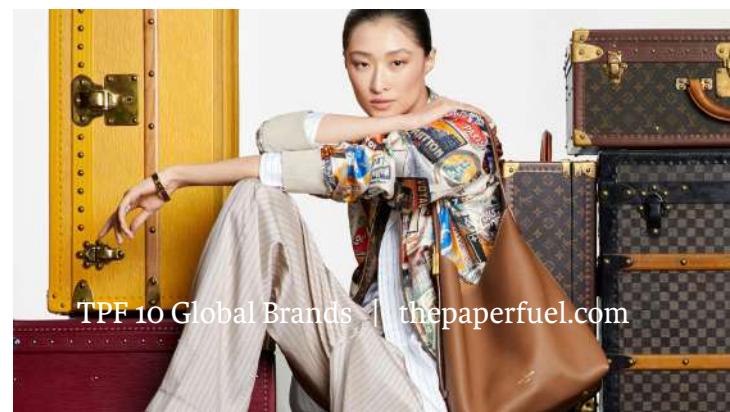
## Big Moments:

Invention of flat-top trunks, creation of the

Monogram pattern, joining LVMH, Marc Jacobs era, Nicolas Ghesquière for womenswear, Pharrell for menswear

## Where You'll Find It:

Operates worldwide through boutiques, department store concessions and e-commerce; historically cited as operating in ~50-60+ countries with several hundred stores and boutiques (house-level footprint within LVMH's global retail network).



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### Cool Collaborations:

Supreme, Takashi Murakami, Jeff Koons, artist-led re-editions

### What Makes It Special:

Heritage of artisanal trunk-making, patented locking systems, signature coated canvases and in-house leatherwork; ateliers in Asnières and traditional savoir-faire passed through specialised workshops.

### What It Stands For:

Heritage-led luxury, craftsmanship, exclusivity, innovation through art and collaborations, balancing archive codes with contemporary cultural relevance.

### Money Snapshot:

Louis Vuitton is the flagship of LVMH's Fashion & Leather Goods division; LVMH reported group revenue ~€84.7 billion (2024) and operates a global retail network of thousands of stores, with Louis Vuitton responsible for a sizable share of the division's sales.

### Who Runs the Vision:

Nicolas Ghesquière, Artistic Director of Women's Collections; Pharrell Williams, Creative Director of Men's Wear; Pietro Beccari, Chairman and CEO (appointed Feb 2023).

### Recent Moves: 2024–25:

renewed focus on high-profile artist re-editions (Takashi Murakami reissues), major runway events (Cruise and Women's/Mens shows), expansion into beauty (La Beauté Louis Vuitton announced) and continued emphasis on streetwear relevance under Pharrell.

### Why It Still Rules:

Iconic heritage that shaped modern luxury travel goods, unmatched brand recognition via the Monogram, continual cultural relevance through collaborations and star creative leads, and major economic influence inside LVMH and the luxury sector worldwide.



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# Chanel



## How It All Started

Founded in 1910 by Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel  
Started as a small hat boutique in Paris

## Where It Lives:

Headquarters in Paris, France

## Who Owns It Today:

Privately owned by the Wertheimer family

## What They Sell:

Haute couture, ready-to-wear, handbags,  
leather goods, shoes, perfumes, skincare,

makeup, watches, jewellery

## Their Signature Look

Little black dress  
Tweed suit  
Quilted 2.55 bag  
CC logo  
Camellia flower  
Chanel No. 5

## Big Moments in Their Journey

1910: First boutique opens  
1920s: Modern, relaxed womenswear becomes the brand identity  
1954: Coco returns with the classic Chanel suit  
1983–2019: Karl Lagerfeld transforms the brand globally  
2025: New direction under fresh creative leadership





## Where You See Them

Strong global presence across Europe, US, Middle East and Asia  
Major flagships in cities like Paris, Tokyo and New York

## Who They Design For:

Luxury buyers, high-net-worth clients and beauty consumers who aspire to premium fashion

## Special Collabs

Select artistic and cultural collaborations  
Mostly keeps creations in-house to protect brand identity

## Craft Behind the Magic

Handcrafted haute couture in Paris ateliers

Signature quilting techniques  
Strong innovation in fragrance and watchmaking

## What the Brand Stands For:

Timeless style, refined craftsmanship, quiet luxury and strong heritage

## Money Snapshot:

Annual revenue around USD 18–20 billion in recent years

## Who Runs the Show

EO: Leena Nair  
Creative leadership updated for 2025

## What's New

Creative team refresh to shape a new era  
Continued investment in stores and the luxury client experience

## Why Chanel Still Leads

Sets the tone for global luxury fashion  
Balances heritage with modern taste  
Strong cultural influence through fashion, fragrance and beauty





# Nike



## How It All Started:

Began in 1964 as Blue Ribbon Sports. It was started by Phil Knight and Bill Bowerman. Renamed Nike in 1971.

## Where They Work From:

Global headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon, USA.

## Who Owns the Brand:

NIKE, Inc., a publicly listed company on the NYSE. Also owns Jordan and Converse.

## What They Sell:

Sports shoes, lifestyle sneakers, activewear, accessories and performance gear for running, basketball, football, training and everyday use.

## What Made Them Iconic:

The Swoosh logo, "Just Do It", Air Max, Air Jordan, Air Force 1, Dunk, Cortez and Pegasus.

## Big Moments in Their Journey:

1964 launch as Blue Ribbon Sports  
1971 switch to Nike with the Swoosh  
Waffle sole and early running innovations  
Air Jordan launch, major shift in athlete



branding

Growth of digital platforms like SNKRS

### How Big They Are Today:

Presence in 190+ countries with thousands of retail points, including Nike stores and global partners.

### Where They Stand in the Market:

World leader in sportswear. Appeals to athletes, youth, sneaker fans and lifestyle consumers.

### Cool Collabs That Made Noise:

Off-White and Virgil Abloh, Travis Scott, Sacai, Supreme and multiple Jordan Brand partnerships.

### Game Changing Innovations:

Air cushioning, Flyknit, React foam, advanced athlete-driven R&D and in-house Air manufacturing units.



### What They Believe In:

Performance, innovation, athlete-first design, cultural influence and sustainability in materials and production.

### Money Snapshot:

Annual revenue above 46 billion dollars, driven mainly by Nike Brand and direct-to-consumer business.

### Who Leads the Creative Vision:

Elliott Hill as CEO. Design leadership transitioning after John Hoke's exit.

### What's New Lately:

Leadership reset, focus on core sports categories, DTC strategy upgrades and ongoing global brand consolidation.

### Why They Still Matter:

Nike shapes global sport culture, drives sneaker trends and sets the pace for innovation in modern athleticwear.

# Hermès International S.A



## How It All Began:

Started in 1837 by Thierry Hermès in Paris as a small harness and saddle workshop.

## Where It Lives Today:

Global headquarters at Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris.

## Who Owns the House:

Public company, still tightly controlled by the Hermès family through long-term family shareholding.

## What They Create:

Leather bags, silk scarves, ready-to-wear, shoes, watches, jewellery, perfumes, homeware, and equestrian products.

## Icons Everyone Knows:

Birkin, Kelly, Constance, the classic silk carré, handcrafted leather with saddle stitching.

## Big Moments in the Journey:

Founded as an equestrian workshop  
Moved to the now-famous Paris flagship  
Kelly bag origin in the 1930s  
Birkin created in 1984, becoming a cultural symbol





**How Far the Brand Reaches:** Strong global presence with boutiques across major continents, online stores, and large production teams and workshops based mainly in France.

**Who They Speak To:** Ultra-luxury buyers, collectors, and customers who value heritage, craftsmanship, and exclusivity.

### Creative Collabs and Partnerships:

Selective artistic tie ups, material innovation projects, and very limited external collaborations to protect brand purity.

### What Makes Their Craft Special:

One artisan, one bag approach  
Long apprenticeships  
Deep vertical control over materials and production  
Strong focus on long lasting quality and repair

### The Heart of Their Philosophy:

Slow luxury, heritage, meticulous craftsmanship, respect for artisans, and products built to last.

### Money Snapshot:

Annual revenues in the multi-billion euro range with steady double digit growth, premium margins, and strong global demand.

### Who Leads the Vision:

Axel Dumas in senior leadership

Pierre-Alexis Dumas guiding artistic direction  
Category specific creative heads like Nadège Vanhée-Cybulski for womenswear

### Latest Moves to Watch:

New store openings, production expansion, focus on innovative materials, and new creative energy shaping future collections.

### Why Hermès Still Rules:

It sets the gold standard for craftsmanship, rarity, and cultural influence. Its bags and designs stay timeless, desirable, and highly collectable worldwide.



# ZARA

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## ROOTS & FOUNDING

Started in 1975 by Amancio Ortega and Rosalía Mera in Spain

## WHERE IT OPERATES FROM

Headquarters: Arteixo, A Coruña, Spain

## THE BUSINESS BEHIND IT

Owned by Inditex, one of the world's biggest fashion retailers

## WHAT THEY SELL

Women, men and kids clothing



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Shoes, bags and accessories

Linked lifestyle line through Zara Home

## SIGNATURE LOOK

Fast runway-inspired styles

Clean, modern silhouettes

Trend pieces that hit stores within weeks

## BIG MOMENTS

First store in 1975

Inditex formed in 1985

Global expansion from late 1980s

Major tech integration in the 2010s

## WORLDWIDE FOOTPRINT

Thousands of stores across Europe, Asia, the Americas and the Middle East

Strong online presence, fast-growing e-commerce

## WHO SHOPS ZARA

Young, style-driven consumers



People who want trend-focused fashion at accessible prices

### COLLAB HIGHLIGHTS

Limited designer and artist capsules  
Trend-driven influencer and digital drops

### WHAT MAKES ZARA DIFFERENT

Extremely fast design-to-store cycle  
Vertically integrated supply chain  
Smart logistics and RFID-enabled stores

### WHAT THE BRAND STANDS FOR

Speed, accessibility, trend insight  
Increasing focus on sustainability and circular practices

### HOW THE BUSINESS IS DOING

Inditex reports strong global sales, high profit growth and rising online revenue

### WHO LEADS THE BRAND

No single creative director  
Guided by in-house design teams  
Inditex leadership: Marta Ortega (Chair), Óscar García Maceiras (CEO)

### LATEST MOVES

Investments in tech, store upgrades and logistics  
Continued global expansion backed by strong financials

### WHY IT STILL MATTERS

Sets the standard for fast fashion  
Influences global style cycles  
Blends speed, scale and sharp trend sensing like few others



# Adidas



## Born & Built

Founded in 1949 by Adolf "Adi" Dassler  
Started in Herzogenaurach, Germany

## Where It Lives

Global HQ, Herzogenaurach, Bavaria

## Who Owns It

Public company listed as adidas AG

## What It Sells

Sports shoes, activewear, lifestyle clothing,  
accessories and sports equipment

## What Makes It Iconic

Three Stripes  
Superstar, Stan Smith, Gazelle, Ultraboost  
Predator football boots

## Big Moments

1949, brand officially launched  
Became a major global sports sponsor through



the 70s to 2000s

Rise of culture-focused lines in the 2010s

End of Yeezy partnership in 2022

Ongoing innovation with Boost, Primeknit and 4D tech

## Where It's Seen

Present in 160+ countries

Around 1,900 stores worldwide plus strong online and wholesale reach

## Who It Speaks To

Athletes, fitness fans, streetwear lovers and youth culture audiences

## Collabs That Hit

Y-3 with Yohji Yamamoto

Stella McCartney

Pharrell Williams (Humanrace)

Past: Yeezy (ended 2022)

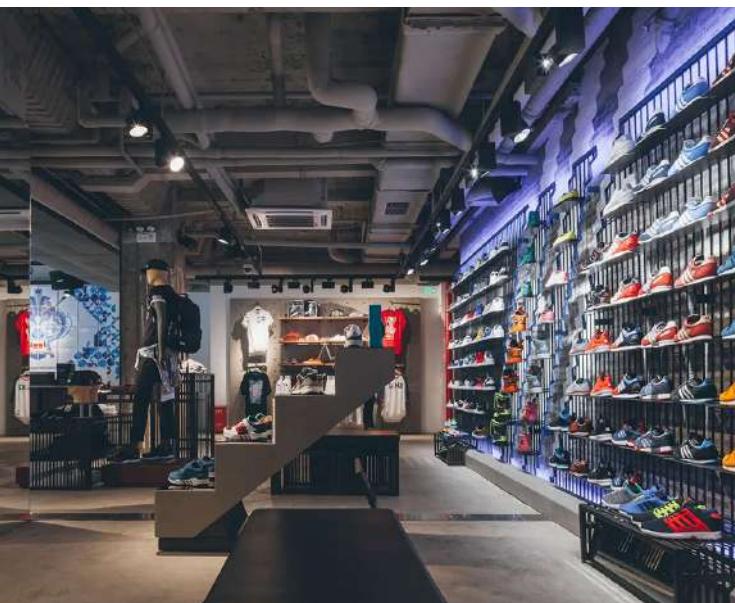
## Innovation Highlights

Boost cushioning

Primeknit uppers

4D and 4DFWD printed midsoles

Speedfactory experiments for fast local production



## What It Stands For

Performance, innovation, sustainability and global cultural relevance

## Money Snapshot

FY 2024 revenue around €23.7 billion

Strong profit rebound and positive momentum into 2025

## People Leading It

CEO: Bjørn Gulden

Chief Creative Officer: Alasdair Willis

## Latest Moves

Strong recovery through 2024–2025

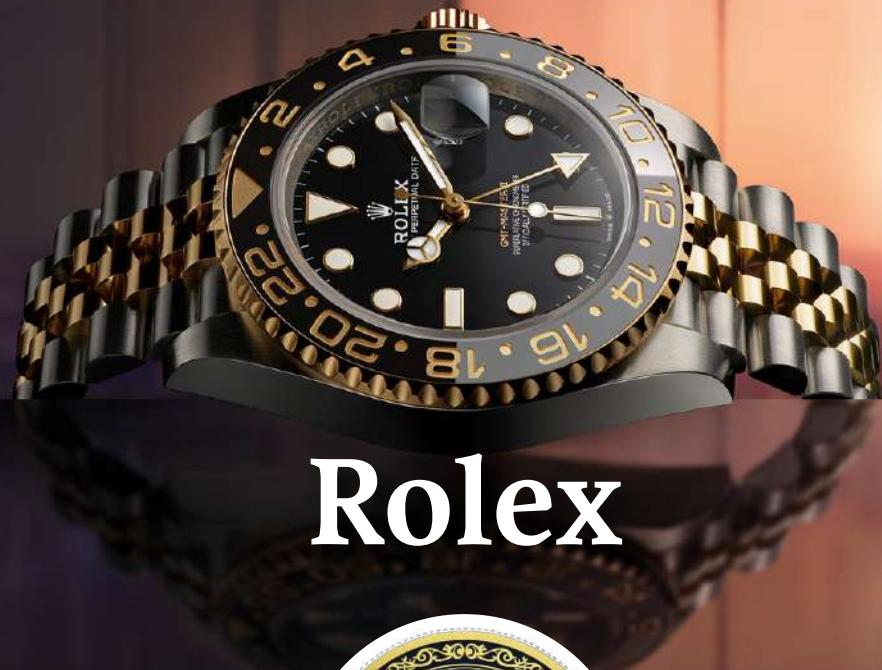
2025 organisational reset to boost regional decision making

Continued push on innovation and classic icons

## Why It Matters Now

Sits at the sweet spot of sport, culture and fashion

Drives trends in athleisure, performance tech and global youth style



# Rolex



## HOW IT STARTED

Founded: 1905

Founders: Hans Wilsdorf and Alfred Davis

Name Registered: 1908

## WHERE IT LIVES

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Ownership: Hans Wilsdorf Foundation  
(private trust)

## WHAT THEY MAKE

Core Products: Luxury mechanical  
wristwatches and premium accessories

## ICONIC PIECES

Submariner

Daytona

Datejust

Day-Date

GMT-Master II

Oyster Perpetual

## BIG MOMENTS

1926, Oyster, first waterproof wristwatch  
 1931, Perpetual rotor, automatic winding  
 1945, Launch of Datejust  
 Strong legacy in deep-sea, mountain and aviation expeditions

## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Presence across all major luxury markets  
 Sold through authorised retailers and exclusive boutiques

## WHO LOVES ROLEX

High-net-worth buyers  
 Collectors and professionals  
 Anyone who wants a timeless status symbol

## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Strong ties with tennis, golf, yachting, endurance racing and major arts institutions

## SIGNATURE CRAFT



Waterproof Oyster case

In-house chronometer standards  
 Proprietary materials and precision engineering

## MONEY MATTERS

Multi-billion-dollar annual sales  
 Over a million watches produced each year

## WHO RUNS THE SHOW

CEO: Jean-Frédéric Dufour  
 Product design handled by internal expert teams

## WHAT'S NEW

Expanding global retail presence  
 Fresh partnerships in sports and cultural spaces

## WHY IT STILL RULES

Sets the benchmark for luxury watchmaking  
 Solid resale value and unmatched global recognition  
 Symbol of achievement across generations



LifeWear

Uniqlo



## Origins

Started in 1984 in Hiroshima

Founder: Tadashi Yanai

## Where It's Based

Key offices in Yamaguchi and Tokyo

## Who Owns It

Part of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.

Tadashi Yanai leads the group

## What They Sell

Everyday basics, innerwear, outerwear, denim, knitwear, loungewear, activewear, kidswear and simple accessories

## Icons of the Brand

LifeWear concept

HEATTECH, AIRism, and Uniqlo U

## Big Moments

1984: First store opens



1990s: Rebrand and rapid Japan expansion  
 2000s: SPA model boosts growth  
 2010s: Major global push and flagship stores

### Global Footprint

Over 2,500 stores across Asia, Europe, and North America

### Brand Positioning

Affordable, high-quality basics  
 Appeals to all age groups, especially urban buyers who prefer clean and functional style

### Cool Collabs

Jil Sander (+J)  
 Christophe Lemaire (Uniqlo U)  
 JW Anderson and more

### Innovation Edge

Advanced fabric tech like HEATTECH and AIRism  
 Strong R&D with textile partners

### Brand Philosophy

“LifeWear”: simple, durable, functional clothes for everyday life

### Quick Financial View

Major revenue driver for Fast Retailing  
 Strong yearly growth led by global expansion

### Creative Leadership

Tadashi Yanai at the top  
 Christophe Lemaire leads Uniqlo U and Paris R&D

### Latest Moves

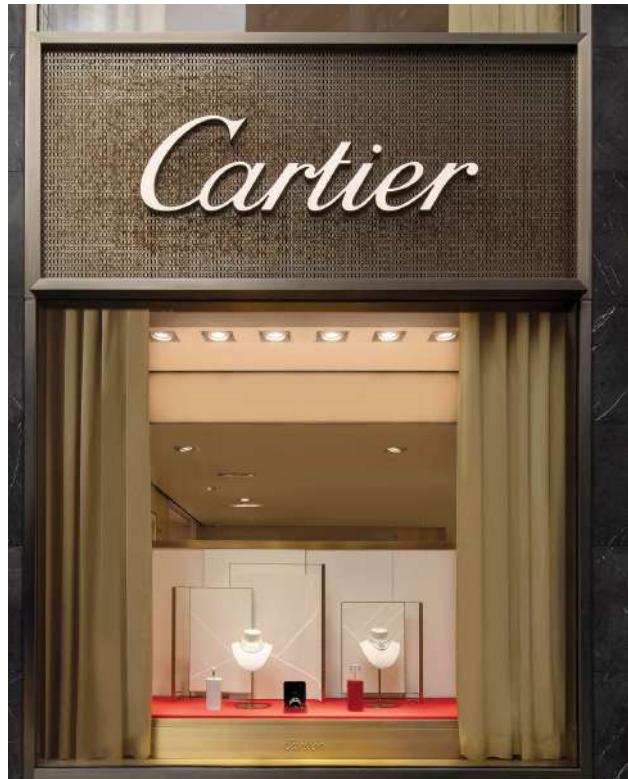
Growth across Europe  
 Continued focus on global flagship strategy

### Why It Matters Today

Sets the standard for high-quality basics  
 Combines smart design, practical fabrics, and accessible pricing  
 A go-to brand for modern everyday wear



# Cartier



## Brand Basics

Founded: 1847

Founder: Louis François Cartier

Base: Paris, France

Ownership: Richemont Group

## What They Make

High jewellery

Luxury watches

Leather goods, eyewear, fragrances and accessories

## Iconic Creations

Love Bracelet

Trinity Ring

Panthère designs

Santos and Tank watches

Mystery clocks

## Big Milestones

1899 move to Rue de la Paix, Paris

First to use platinum in jewellery  
 Global rise under the Cartier brothers  
 Joined Richemont Group

## Global Footprint

200 plus boutiques  
 Present in 125 plus countries  
 Flagship Maisons in Paris, London and New York

## Who Buys Cartier

High net worth clients  
 Luxury collectors  
 Aspirational young buyers drawn to iconic pieces

## Creative Collabs

Fondation Cartier art programs  
 Artist led exhibitions and cultural partnerships

## Craft and Innovation

Advanced gem setting  
 Mystery clock engineering



In house watch and jewellery ateliers

## What the Brand Stands For

Heritage  
 Craftsmanship  
 Timeless design  
 Cultural contribution through the Fondation Cartier

## Money Snapshot

Major revenue driver for Richemont's Jewelry Maisons  
 Consistent growth in global luxury jewellery demand

## Who Leads Cartier Today

CEO: Louis Ferla  
 Key creative leadership across jewellery, watches and heritage design

## Latest Moves

Leadership transition in 2024  
 Steady investment in manufacturing and global retail

## Why Cartier Still Matters

One of the strongest names in high jewellery and watchmaking  
 Mixes rich history with modern style  
 Shapes global luxury trends through design, craft and cultural influence





# Dior

## Brand at a Glance

Dior, one of the world's most iconic luxury fashion houses.

## Origins

Founded in 1946 by Christian Dior, backed by Marcel Boussac.

Started in Paris with a bold new vision for post-war fashion.

## Home Base

Headquarters at 30 Avenue Montaigne, Paris.

## Who Owns Dior

Part of Christian Dior SE, the holding company that controls LVMH.

## What Dior Makes

Haute couture, ready-to-wear, leather goods, handbags, shoes, eyewear, perfumes, beauty and jewellery.

## Signature Style

The 1947 "New Look", Bar jacket, Lady Dior bag,

Saddle bag, and ornate couture craftsmanship.

## Big Turning Points

1947: "New Look" shakes up global fashion.  
 1957: Christian Dior passes, house continues under new designers.  
 Joined the Arnault luxury empire, expanded worldwide.  
 2016–2025: Modern refresh under Maria Grazia Chiuri.  
 2025: Jonathan Anderson steps in to lead womenswear and couture.

## Global Reach

500-plus boutiques across Europe, the Americas, China, and Asia-Pacific.  
 Strong flagship presence in Paris and key fashion capitals.

## Who Dior Speaks To

High-end luxury shoppers.  
 Fashion buyers who appreciate heritage mixed with modern design.

## Star Collaborations

Limited-edition artist tie-ups, streetwear-inspired drops and special capsule collections.



## Craft and Innovation

Famous for couture ateliers, hand embroidery, leathercraft and design innovation in footwear and accessories.

## Brand Philosophy

Classic French elegance, strong craftsmanship, and a modern cultural voice.

## Money Snapshot

Part of the larger Dior and LVMH ecosystem that reported strong multi-billion-euro revenues in 2024.

Dior Couture itself contributes major growth in fashion and leather goods.

## Who Runs Dior Today

Jonathan Anderson, Creative Lead for womenswear and couture.

Delphine Arnault, CEO of Christian Dior Couture.

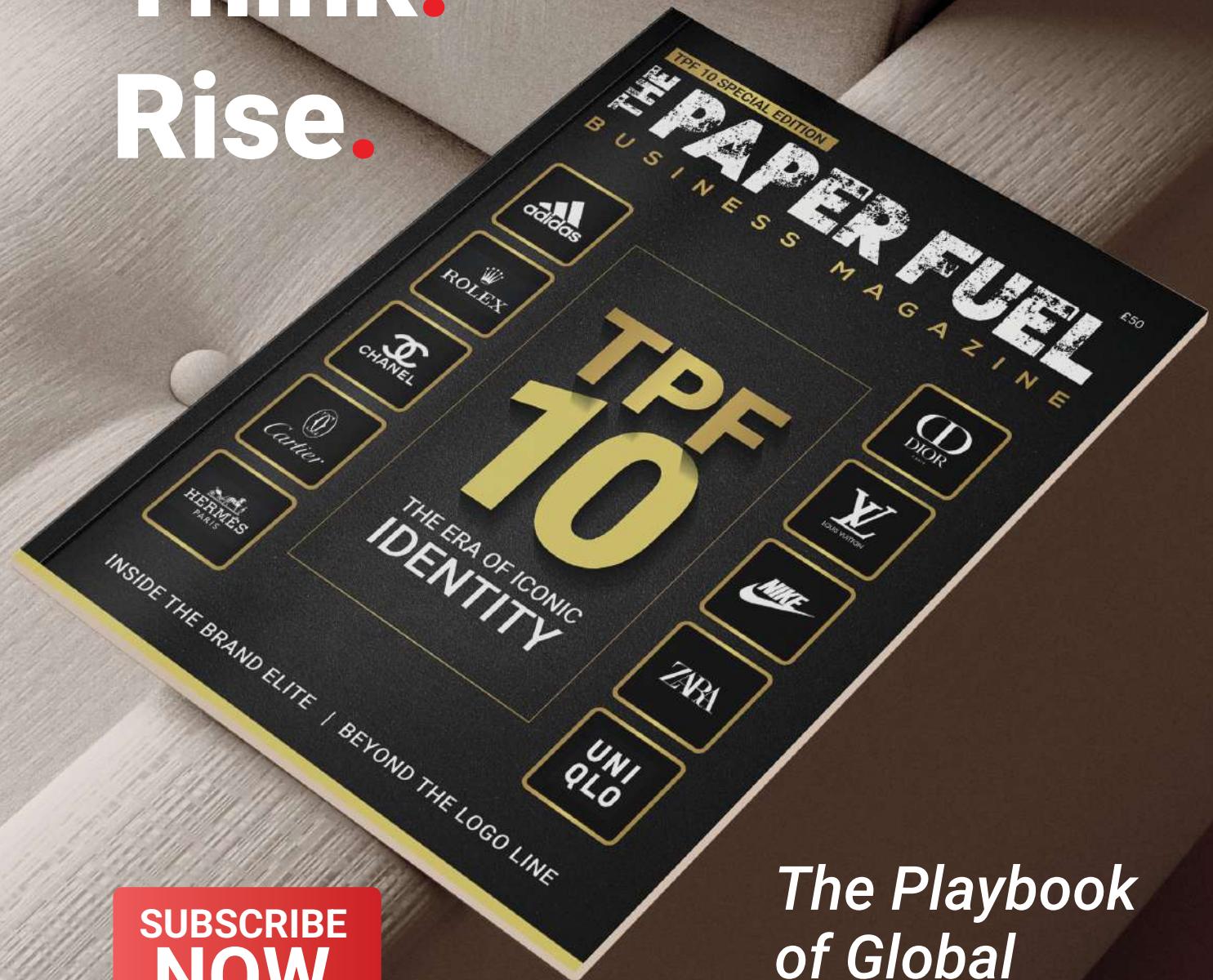
## Latest Moves

Leadership refresh in 2025, new retail experiences, and stronger focus on luxury leather goods, beauty and flagship upgrades.

## Why It Matters Now

Dior blends heritage and pop-culture relevance, sets global fashion trends, and continues to be a key growth driver in luxury.

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