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PROFILE

KNITWEAR DESIGN DIRECTOR

Runway and Commercial Knitwear expertise

Team leader and Team player

Experienced working with knitwear manufacturers in Italy, China and UK

Fluent Italian

PROFESSIONAL

2020 - 2022 ALEXANDER MCQUEEN

HEAD OF KNITWEAR

2016 - 2020 KNITWEAR DESIGN CONSULTANT

INCLUDING KENZO. TESLA. DUNHILL.

METAPHOR ITALIAN KNITWEAR MANUFACTURER

2001 - 2016 BURBERRY LTD.

2007 - 2016 DESIGN DIRECTOR KNITWEAR.

Responsible for Design Direction across all Menswear and Womenswear
Burberry Knitwear Design including:

Prorsum Pre-Collection / Runway / Burberry London / Burberry Brit /
Burberry Sport / Soft accessories / Burberry Home

2001 - 2007 MW + WW KNITWEAR DESIGNER PRORSUM

2012 – 2016 Reported to the Chief Creative Officer

2001 – 2012 Reported directly to Christopher Bailey

Role included:

- Seasonal Concept development with WW, MW, Textiles and Accessories Heads of Design
- Sketching / Draping / Stitch development / Mock-ups
- Design reviews with reports / Design meetings with Creative Director
- Fittings – Prototypes and Production
- Show prep. Collection set up / Looks / Castings / Fittings / Backstage set up
- Ensuring critical path met
- Development trips to Italy + Hong Kong
- Collection reviews with Merchandising
- Mentoring, motivating and managing a team
- Overseeing raw material and development budgets with Product Development teams
- Managing team research and travel budgets
- Managed a team of 8 / 10 designers, including 2 technical development designers. One based in Italy and one based in Hong Kong
- Team Annual Performance Reviews

2013 – 2016 BURBERRY BEAUTY * ADDITIONAL ROLE

Integration of the Beauty business and Creative Direction when division was brought in-house in 2013. Worked with Make Up and Fragrance teams to ensure that the creative direction of the Beauty capsules aligned with the monthly RTW and Accessories collection deliveries. Coordinated specific accessories capsules for Burberry Beauty concept.

1999 – 2001 VALENTINO

KNITWEAR DESIGNER

Based in both Rome and Milan. Knitwear Designer for collections Miss V, Valentino Roma, Valentino Jeans, Valentino Sport and Les Tricots.