

# ALEXANDER WANG

Alexander Wang was born and raised in San Francisco, CA and later moved to New York City to attend Parsons School of Design. In 2005, after two years, he pursued the launch of his own label. The collection began predominately in knitwear, represented by six unisex silhouettes. In Spring 2007, it had evolved into a full Women's ready-to-wear line and the collection was shown for the first time on the runway in Fall 2007.

In 2008, Wang received top honors as the recipient of the Vogue/CFDA Fashion Fund and launched his first handbag collection the same year; in 2009, he was recognized by his peers when announced the winner of the Swarovski Womenswear Designer of the Year. Also in 2009, Women's T by Alexander Wang and Footwear launched, while Men's T by Alexander Wang launched a year later. Men's ready-to-wear launched in 2011 and Alexander Wang was acknowledged by GQ as Best Menswear Designer of the Year and by the CFDA for Best Accessory Designer that same year. In 2013, Wang was honored by the Fashion Group International, and in 2014, he is the only designer nominated in two CFDA Awards categories: Womenswear Designer of the Year and Accessories Designer of the Year.

Alexander Wang opened its first flagship store, February 2011, in SOHO, NYC. Following the NYC flagship store opening, Alexander Wang opened its second flagship store in April 2012 in Beijing, China and third in October 2013 in Tokyo's Aoyama district. Today, Alexander Wang has over 18 stores worldwide, including its own E-Commerce site shipping to more than 50 countries. Men's and Women's categories offer ready-to-wear, T by Alexander Wang, handbags, footwear, small leather goods and the OBJECTS collection, a curation of personal lifestyle items, which are also sold to over 700 of the world's leading retailers across all categories.

In its essence, the Alexander Wang brand's sensibility is a reflection on contrasts, blending seamlessly between the refined and the imperfect. His collections have an unprecious outlook on fashion, and always reflect a sense of ease. He is renowned for his irreverent approach and for perpetually evolving and re-contextualizing the urban uniform.

In addition to designing his eponymous label, Alexander Wang is the Creative Director of Balenciaga, effective December 2012.