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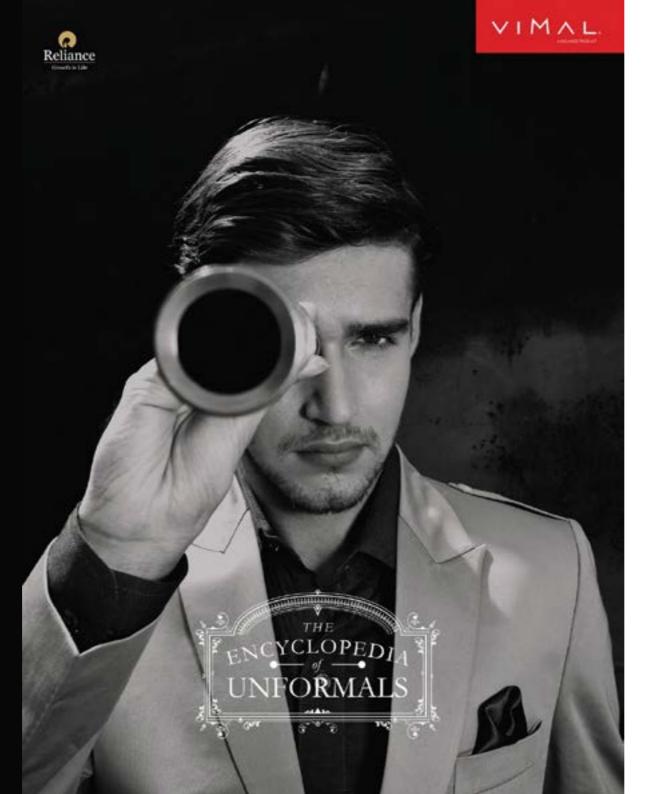


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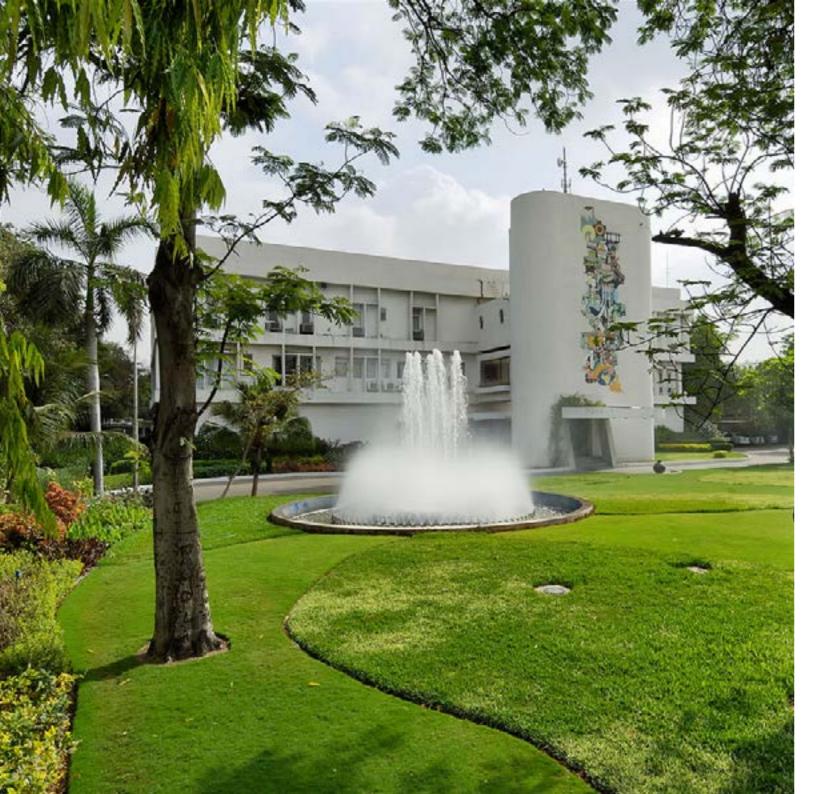
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COMPANY PROFILE

The great visionary Dhirubhai Ambani founded Reliance as a textile company and led its evolution as a global leader in the materials and energy value chain businesses. He is regarded as an icon for enterprise in India and epitomized the spirit 'dare to dream and learn to excel'.

The Reliance Group is a living testimony to his indomitable will, single-minded dedication and an unrelenting commitment to his goals.

Naroda Manufacturing Division located near Ahmedabad, Gujarat, is RIL's first manufacturing facility. This textiles and fabrics manufacturing facility manufactures and markets woven and knitted fabrics for home textiles, synthetic and worsted suiting and shirting, ready to wear garments and automotive fabrics. Complex represents the largest investment in the textile industry at a single location. Naroda complex is India's most modern textile complex - a recognition bestowed by the WorldBank. In certain parts of the country, the fabric manufacturing complex, with the brand name Vimal, continues to be synonymous with Reliance Industries Ltd.

The umbrella brand Vimal later on became iconic brand Only Vimal and was one of the first textile brands to reach consumer eyes and ears in a huge way. Only Vimal is also regarded as the one of the first major retail chain of stores to be set up across the country.

The activities at Naroda complex, since its inception, have also witnessed substantial growth. Fabrics of various types - suiting, shirting, home textiles - are manufactured here. The most distinctive feature of Naroda complex is the varied product group manufactured requiring different creative techniques are all housed under one complex. This feature of Naroda is without a parallel.

RIL Textile Division continues to maintain technological edge and continues to enjoy the status as one of the most modern, state-of-the-art textile plants in the country.

RIL Division is a vertically integrated plant consisting of both synthetic and worsted yarn manufacturing, weaving and finishing for catering to the fashion oriented requirements of men's suits, trousers and shirts. The second thrust area automotive furnishing consists of Jacquard weaving, knitting and finishing line.

BRAND VIMAL - The Onward Journey

VIMAL is an iconic brand for the past few decades, and is known as much for its product quality as for its innovative advertising. At core, the brand VIMAL stood for 'fashion for the young trendsetter'.

In keeping with today's youth and his expectations, the new brand VIMAL will be tuned to his needs and aspirations. It seeks to fulfill his requirements of fashion, styling and grooming in a relevant and modern way. The new VIMAL is perceived to be
Trendy
Young and Contemporary
Charged and Energetic

The Vimal apparel range comprises in following collections crafted to dress up young India.

Business

Vimal's Business Collection plays with a montage of exciting designs in new lines, developed in the finest assortment of fabrics.



After Hours

Whether you're enjoying a dinner party or a night out with the guys, our After-hours wardrobe sets the tone.

Sport

Dressing sporty doesn't mean dressing in boring way. There are certain ways to make your sporty outfits look hot.

Dressing sporty but chic is a solution to looking fabulous every time even when casually dressed.

Linen Collection

Our Linen Collection is a truly luxurious collection, which is a stylish and contemporary addition to your everyday wardrobe. The fabric has been created exclusively to tie in with this season's key trends, giving you a fashionable, well-dressed look.

UNFORMAL: 'unusual formal'

The UNFORMAL Fashion range from Vimal has been designed to cater to today's youth who want to break away from the conventional formal wear concept and are looking for new ways to make formal wear interesting. The range comprises four exciting, trendier and fashionable products and includes Fashion Jacketing, Fashion Cottons, Fashion & Feeland Fashion Ceremonials.

Fashion Jacketing embodies vibrant, trendy designs with a soft "Faux Lamb's Wool" finish and is available in three sub collections viz. BASIX, PREMIUM and SPORTY. The new Unformal range also offer Fashion Cottons, cotton rich fabrics in a variety of premium worsted designs. Fashion & Feel is a soft, supple worsted look &feel fabric offering a new look formal dressing option. Finally, Fashion

Ceremonials present the ideal special "easy-to-stitch" occasion wear options through fabrics in Jacquard/ Brocade designs.



Project brief: Design an "Un-formal" wear which dons both casual and formal look, reflecting the youthful personality.





ABOUT READY-TO-WEAR

The phrase 'ready to wear' is a translation from the French term 'pre-a-porter' and can also be known as 'off-the-peg' or 'off-the-rack'. Ready-to-wear is the term for factory-made clothing, sold in finished condition, in standardized sizes, as distinct from made to measure or bespoke clothing tailored to a particular person's frame.

HISTORY

Before the American Civil War, ready-made (also called ready-to-wear) apparel existed but its variety was limited. Mainly coats and jackets (known as outerwear) and undergarments were purchased using predetermined sizes. Most clothing was made by tailors or by individuals or their family members at home.

The Civil War was a pivotal event in the historical development of men's ready-made clothing. At the outset of the Civil War, most uniforms were custom-made in workers' homes under government contract. As the war continued, however, manufacturers started to build factories that could quickly and efficiently meet the growing demands of the military. Mass production of uniforms necessitated the development of standard sizes.

Measurements taken of the soldiers revealed that certain sets of measurements tended to recur with predictable regularity. After the war, these military measurements were used to create the first commercial sizing scales for men. The mass production of women's clothing developed more slowly. Women's outfits generally continued to be custommade well into the 1920s. In that decade, factors such as the development of industrial production techniques, the rise of the advertising industry, the growth of an urban professional class, and the development of national markets accessed through chain stores and mail order catalogs, contributed to the success of the women's ready-made apparel industry. Ready-made articles of clothing were portrayed as modern and fashionable during a time when the new consumer industries were rapidly redefining the way Americans viewed mass-manufactured goods. Instead of seeing the purchase of mass-produced clothing as entailing a loss of individuality, American women began to accept the pieces of ready-made merchandise as convenient, affordable, and up-to-date fashion items that could be replaced easily as styles changed.

HISTORY AND INFLUENCES OF MEN'S FASHION FROM 1920 TO TODAY

• 1920s

The 1920s were very much an era of formalwear, as casual clothing like we think of it today would not develop for

several decades. While day and evening attire was quite distinguishable, daywear would still consist of collared shirts, baggy flat-front pants or knickerbockers, blazers or other smart jackets and leather shoes. Tweed and flannel were popular fabrics for men's daywear of this era. Eveningwear denoted tail coats and top hats, while anything









more casual was seen strictly as underwear (such as t-shirts) or work wear, rather than street-appropriate attire.

• 1930s

With the market crash of 1929, fashion, like other industries, considerably downsized for the 1930s. Men's suits became more casual, and attempted to create a larger torso with enlarged shoulder pads and double-breasted buttoning. Plaid patterning became popular during this period, as did other textures such as herringbone and houndstooth. Blazers also become popular summer daytime attire with influences from university and sporting colours and markings.

• 1940s

For the first time in history, post-war fashion saw young men setting trends and older men following them. The coloured, casual button-down shirt was first introduced (initially as beachwear), and was quickly seen on men in every corner of the globe. Suits (especially the 'Zoot' suit) were still popular, but the war surviving culture demanded a revolt from the uniformed look of matching pants and jackets. Ties featuring images or graphics become a popular vent for creativity in a man's attire, sparking a revolution in the way men would think about clothing in the coming decade.

• 1950s

Men's expression first was exerted through fashion in the 1950s, with bright shirts and office-friendly but casual narrow trousers. The short sleeved shirt also emerged as an alternative which could be worn without a tie on weekends, and the burgeoning youth culture saw street wear take

precedence in fashion with the rise of the denim jean.

• 1960s

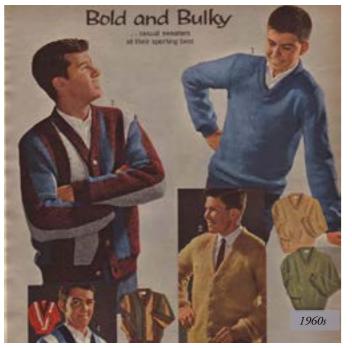
Men's suits were highly renovated during the 1960s to create a modern, slim silhouette. Tighter fitting attire became the norm as did a more 'feminine' approach to colour and pattern: with paisley and florals appearing in shirts. Velvet was also a key fabric introduction during this decade, often seen in jackets and pants, and many men's outfits were paired with pointier shoes than ever seen before.

• 1970s

Sportswear very much came to light in the 1970s with the rise of athletic clothing as daywear. Sneakers and t-shirts became the norm for the younger man, a look taken up by older men on weekends. Business wear only changed slightly in shape to offer a baggier of bell-bottom legged pant, coupled with shirts which only changed with fashion colours, rather than shape.

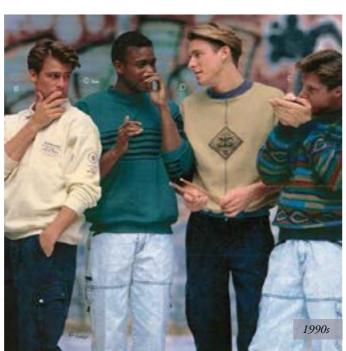
• 1980s

While fashion designers had been working on women's fashion collections for some time, the 1980s saw the first emergence of couture culture for men. Designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Anne Klein and Jean Paul Gaultier first presented a new type of business wear, the 'Power' suit, which quickly moved into mainstream fashion. Casual wear saw influences from women's fashion (e.g. the Madonna era), with leather, studs and deconstructed embellishment common in men's fashion. Pastel colours for the more conservative man were popular, while highlighter colours and prints were ever-present on the younger male set.











• 1990s

The 1990s was a mish-mash of fashion which changed almost yearly. The most significant era in the 1990s was the rise of the grunge influence, which saw men dressing like their favourite rock stars in branded t-shirts, jeans and leather boots or hi-top Converse shoes.

The late 1990s saw many revivals from previous decades, the mod of the 1960s, the 1970s colour fad and later, the khaki period, which saw men of all ages take tips from

golfing and other sporting fashion with Dockers and cargostyle pants.

• Fashion Today

Men's fashion in the 2000s is now as indefinable as women's fashion has been for the past few years. While certain trends have emerged, men's fashion is now on par with women's, running seasonal cycles which can change completely every six months.



Christopher Ræburn is a British fashion designer with a unique and innovative approach to creating menswear, womenswear and accessories collections. A graduate of London's prestigious Royal College of Art, Christopher became known for his re-appropriation of military fabrics and in particular for iconic outerwear created from decommissioned parachutes. The 're-made' ethos still guides and influences every aspect of the Christopher Ræburn design and development process; a Christopher Ræburn product is defined by distinctive aesthetic, meticulous detail, considered functionality and sustainable intelligence. Christopher's pioneering work has brought sustainable design to a mainstream fashion audience and presents a new definition of luxury with integrity. The brand currently has over sixty stockists worldwide and has received an amazing array of media coverage nationally and internationally, reflecting an unusually balanced combination of high concept and commercial awareness. Ræburn's AW10 collection propelled the brand to new heights: US Vogue featured the Inuit Coat in a feature on sustainable fashion, informing all to "remember the four R's: reduce, reuse, recycle and Ræburn".

TIMELINE

2007:

- Handpicked for 'Camouflage', a high profile exhibition at London's Imperial War Museum.

2008:

- Launch of the Christopher Ræburn label.
- Capsule collection showcase of reversible garments at Design Week.
- Featured in Hywel Davies' publication '100 New Fashion Designers'.

2009:

- Collaboration with menswear designer Tim Soar shown at Paris Fashion Week.
- Wins International Ethical Fashion Forum's Innovation competition, securing an exhibition space at London Fashion Week.
- AW09 collaboration with 'Worn Again', producing collections from Eurostar & Virgin fabrics.
- Wins Emerging Fashion Designer category of the '100' competition, judged by The Independent Newspaper & The Hospital Club.



- Invited to show at Liberty's 'Open Designer Day' resulting in a menswear order and installation.
- SS10 collection shown under Esthetica Banner at LFW in September.

2010:

- Awarded NEWGEN sponsorship.
- 'Digital Rainbow' collection exhibited at the Design Museum as part of 'Sustainable Futures'.
- Women's Inuit Coat featured in US Vogue, photographed by Mario Testino.
- Participates in UKTI initiative to promote British designers in Japan.
- Joins Centre for Fashion Enterprise for 2 year Venture Programme, including showcases in New York.
- Becomes the first designer to win NEWGEN mens and womenswear in a single season.

2011:

- Nottingham Trent University menswear students complete a menswear module on Christopher Ræburn collections and the future of sustainable design.
- Victorinox collaboration 'Remade in Switzerland' shown on schedule during New York Fashion Week.
- First independent presentation during London Fashion Week at Aldwych tube.
- Nominated for Condé Nast 'Traveller Award: Design and Innovation'.
- Nominated for Observer Ethical Awards: Fashion Category.
- Wins 'Rising Star Award' from UK Fashion and Textiles.
- Wins British Fashion Award for 'Emerging Talent Menswear'.

2012:

- Moncler R collaboration launches.
- AW12 FREEZE womenswear collection debuts with standalone presentation at London Fashion Week.
- Introduction of accessories collection.
- AW12 SCORCH menswear collection sold in Parisian store Colette and a further 20 stores worldwide.
- Retained by Victorinox Fashion as Design Consultant and launches their first PROTECT capsule collection.

2013:

- Christopher Ræburn announced as Artistic Director of Victorinox Fashion.
- AW13 OPTICS womenswear shown at London Fashion Week.
- AW13 SIGNAL menswear shown at 'London Collections: Men'.
- Christopher Ræburn × Fred Perry collaboration launches.
- Ræburn × Rapha collaboration launches.
- SS14 SANDSTORM menswear is shown at London Collections: Mens.
- Collaborates with Yoshida Porter Bags on Remade accessories for SANDSTORM.
- Christopher Ræburn creates a limited edition, capsule collection of outerwear for MR. PORTER.
- SS14 MIRAGE womenswear is shown at London Fashion Week.
- Partners with Woolmark to develop innovative Cool Wool garments for SS14 MIRAGE and SANDSTORM collections.
- Christopher Ræburn designs the uniforms for the LFW American Express Insiders.
- Christopher Ræburn participates in Wool Week 2013, creating a limited edition Bomber Jacket.
- Rapha & Ræburn AW13 launches.

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2014:

- AW14 POLARIS menswear is shown at London Collection: Mens.
- Christopher Ræburn teams up with Transport for London to promote #LondonMenswear.
- AW14 AURORA is shown at London Fashion Week
- Christopher Ræburn designs the uniforms for the LFW American Express Insiders for the second consecutive season.
- SS14 SANDSTORM collection is stocked in iconic

London store Harrods.

- Christopher Ræburn collaborates with Grenson to create footwear for MR.PORTER.
- Announcement of Christopher Raeburn × Barbour collaboration for AW14.
- Christopher Ræburn is shortlisted for the BFC/GQ 'Designer Menswear Award'.
- Wins 'Menswear Brand' award at the UK Fashion and Textile Awards.

CELEBRATION OF FESTIVAL THEN AND NOW

- As the year draws to a close, it leaves us in grand style with many festivals for people of all religions to enjoy.
- Every festival has a historical and/or religious origin while some are linked to seasonal changes but one thing common in all is it brings together people from all walks of life and offers a sense of belonging for religious, social, or geographical groups.
- It is this particular aspect of festivals that make the celebrations truly grand.
- Back in school days, festivals meant break from school, time to feast, get new clothes, toys and catch up with your near and dear ones.
- Diwali would be the time when our parents would be saving up to buy some new things for the house.
- Back then there was certain of kind of innocence linked to the way in which we celebrated all those festivals.
- It was more inclusive and even people with limited means could join in and enjoy the festivities.
- As with everything else the passage of time, the advent of globalization and a booming economy has had an impact on the way of our festivals celebrations today.
- Today people have better pay and can afford to enjoy the luxury of buying new clothes, gadgets etc. throughout the year rather than wait for the festivals to make such purchases.
- Festivals have today become a time to flaunt your riches.
- Festivals celebrations have become more self-centered and moving away from its tradition.

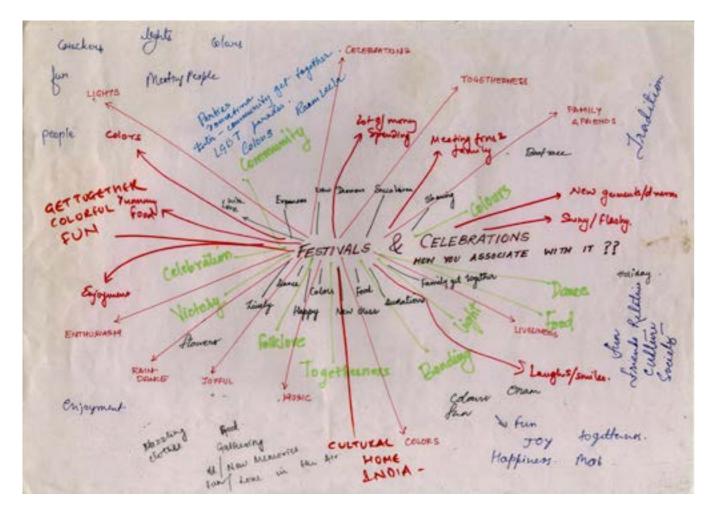
- It is more of instant gratification now.
- The traditional way of festivals celebrations is slowly taking a backseat now. The simple things that would give us pleasure in celebrating festivals back then no longer enthuse us now.
- Today the equation has shifted towards money. Money equals happiness. So for more happiness you need more money. For more money you need to work more.
- Today you wouldn't be surprised to find people working on festivals and concentrating on their careers rather spend time with their families. It is this change that is unwelcome because at some point in future we would even forget the reason behind all these festivals. We would be celebrating all our traditional festivals similar to Valentine's Day, Father's Day, Mother's day, etc. all commercially driven.
- The good old ways of festivals celebrations were far better than the ugly show of wealth that our festivals celebrations are getting transformed into.
- Nowadays, unfortunately, a festival means they give you a holiday, and you wake up only at twelve noon. Then you eat a lot and go for a movie or watch television at home. It wasn't like that earlier.
- A festival meant the whole town would gather in a place and there would be a big celebration. A festival meant we got up at four in the morning, and very actively, lots of things happened all over the house.

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CELEBRATION IN WORKPLACE

- Celebrations as a result are a welcome distraction to look forward to amongst employees.
- It is, in many ways, a stress buster and a common meeting ground for the employees.
- The most common being is the birthday celebration. The other obvious reasons of partying would be project success, new tie-ups, team bonding etc.
- It gives you and others a chance to let loose and indulge

- in extravagance such as lunching out or office games. It gives the employees a chance to break from the boring routine of office and have some fun.
- Celebrations offer a break in the tedious schedule for a few minutes. The occasion also allows exchange of plans and gossip amongst co-workers.
- Celebrations also act as a healing measure between two parties. It is a good opportunity to dissolve office conflicts, call for a truce and renew relationships for a healthy working style.



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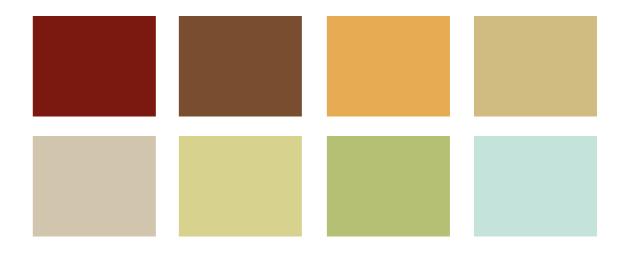
FESTIVAL AND CELEBRATIONS

MATERIAL (Tangible)					NON-MATERIAL (Non-Tangible)					
Object	Mate- rial	Colour & Texture	Forms & Shapes	Method	Experi- ence	Activity	Need	Choice	Worth	Belief
Cloth	Lights	Multic- olour	Exagger- ated	Involve- ment	Liveliness	Dance	Sense of belonging	Enjoy- ment	Socialis- ing	Network- ing
House- hold	Music	Vibrant	Vast	Group	Fun	Parties	Unity	Value	Returns	Together- ness
Food	Flower	Shiny	Elaborate		Energetic	Rituals	Respect		Bonding	Sharing
Personal objects	Paper	Lights	Varied forms & shapes		Joy	Active	Resource			
Acces- sories	Fabric					Happi- ness	Change			
	Confetti					Respect	Refresh			
	Gift					Move- ment	Achieve- ment			
_	Crackers									



After the trend research the keywords that I have found are Earthy, Even, Shiny, Agreeable and Fibre. By these words I am being able to find a picture which relates and create the ambience of my theme "Nostalgia". The theme is being so named because personally it reminds me of my childhood, infact it brings back the memories that I have spent with my grandmother. Moreover the colours and the content of the picture gives a feeling which has changed throughout the pace of time which seems weathered and aged. Alike materials are stacked and organised to form balanced compositions. Somewhere, negative spaces among different material groups make the entire composition to appear messy... resulting the picture to form a oranganized chaos.

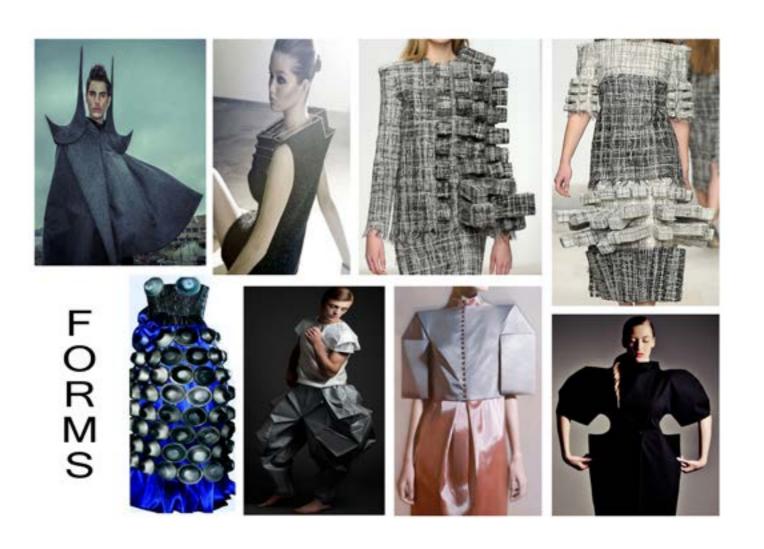
COLOUR BOARD







TEXTURE



CLIENT PROFILE



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age Group: 21-25 years Category: Middle Class Living as: Bachelor Marital Status: Single

Education: Under Graduation & Post Graduation **Occupation:** Student & Young Professionals

PREFERENCES

Favourite Designer/Brand: Zara, UCB, Levis, Allen Solly, Reebok, Adidas, Puma, Indian Terrain, Bossini, Wrangler Shop mostly at: Showrooms, Malls, Exclusive Outlets Style Icon: Sahid Kapoor, Nick Wooster Aspirations: To be a successful Entrepreneur Favourite Food: Indian, Chinese, Italian, Thai Favourite Music: Slow rock, Electronic, Jazz, Classical Favourite Movie: 7 years in Tibet, Mission Impossible, Perfumer, Lunchbox

Favourite holiday destination: Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Kashmir, Ladakh

Favourite Perfume: Bvlgari, Play Boy, Nike, Benetton Blu How they Relax: Hanging around, Playing computer games, Shopping, Watching television, Reading novels How they Socialize: Get together, Parties, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Media Habits: Newspapers, Magazines, Television





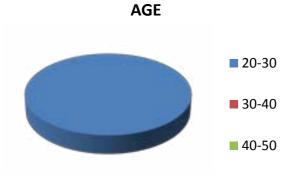




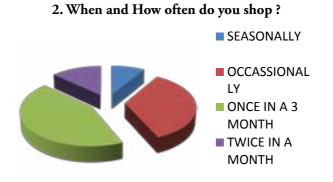


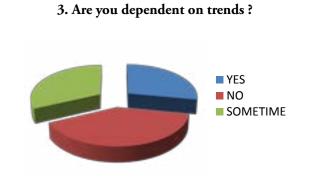


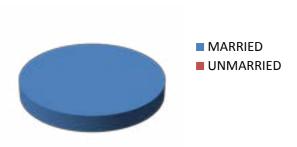
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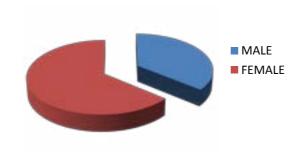




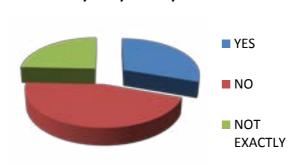




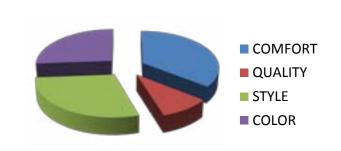
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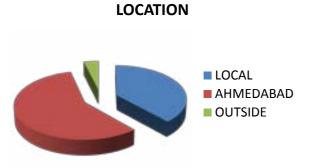
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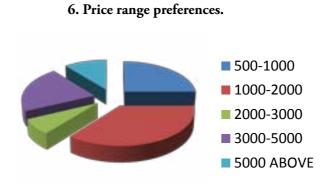
4. Are you loyal to any brand?

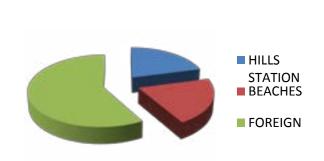


5. What purpose a garment should serve according to you?



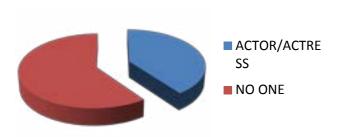




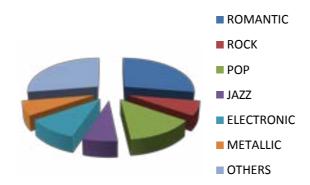


7. Your favorite holiday destination.

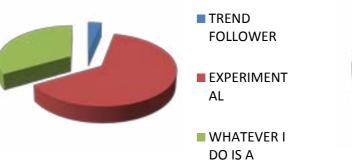
8. Celebrity whose style you would want to follow or any style icon?



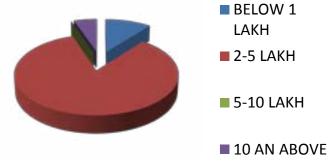
9. Music that you like.



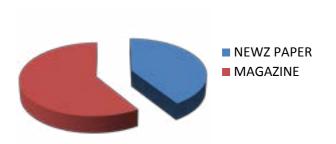
14. Are you a:



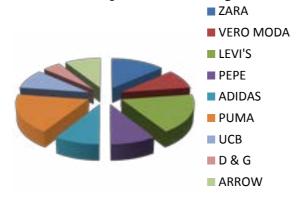
15. Annual Income



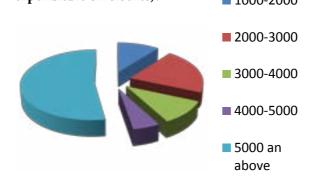
10. Newspaper or magazine you read.



11. Your favorite top three brands/designers.



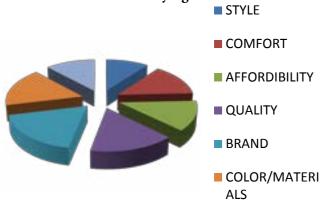
16. Disposable Income per month(DPI- monthly expenditure on clothes). ■ 1000-2000



17. Any health activity you are involved in?

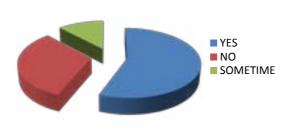


12. Preference of buying:

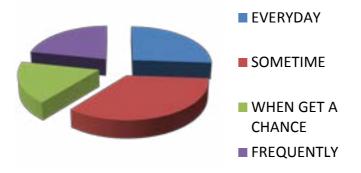


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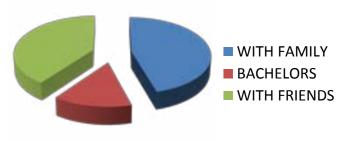
13. Do you shop online?



18. How and how often do you socialize?



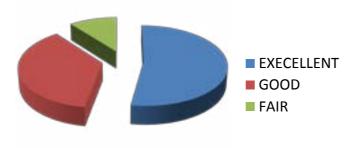
19. How do you live as:



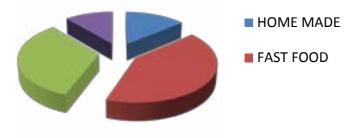
20. Media Habits(News, serial, smart phones etc.)



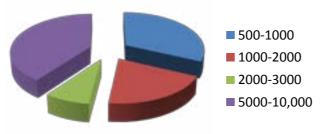
21. How do you feel about the fit of the garment of your favorite brand/what kind of fit do you like?



22. Food joints (Occasional/regular/desirable)



23. Price Range of clothes you buy. (normally and occasionally)



INFERENCES:

- More than 60% middle class people don't prefer to follow any role model strongly. They buy clothes what they like or what suits them.
- Music preference is very evenly divided; more people prefer to listen to romantic melodies and pop music like Rihanna, Justin timberlake, Bruno mars, Florida, One direction etc.
- A large percentage of middle class people prefer to shop online, attraction factor is discounts and offers.
- More than 50% people prefer reading magazines based on current affairs and style magazines such as India Today, Outlook , Elle, Reader's digest.
- Most people in this category are open to experience new lifestyle and culture, new surroundings very different from their own. They prefer to go ahead on holidays for new experience and memories. A large section of people prefers to go to foreign.
- They are well versed with modern gadgets and most of the time they are connected online for work and personal interactions.
- Imbalance in routine due to emerging pressure in work culture causing a change in life pattern is posing a threat of imbalance in health related everyday activities and routine. This concern makes the group more aware and health conscious about the results of these imbalances.
- Bachelors and people living together with friends are more in middle class buying group. These along with an increase in live in relationships are generating newer forms of families among these groups.
- Fast food and eating joints are on great demand among middle class. Example-Mc Donald's, KFC, Subway, Pizza Hut, Dominos.

- Average income lies between 2-5 lacs, mostly unmarried people fall under this category. So, DPI is on an average of Rs 5000.
- Price range for clothing Preferred is 1000-2000 which fits in their budget.
- A large portion of middle class buyers are influenced by brands but they prefer cheaper options for the same brand look. They prefer shopping from malls where more variety of options, fit and suitable price range is available. As this group is more experimental, they are more acceptable to new silhouette changes.

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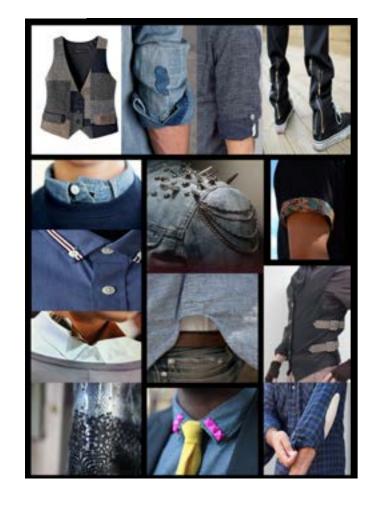




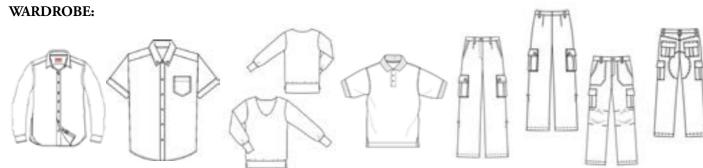




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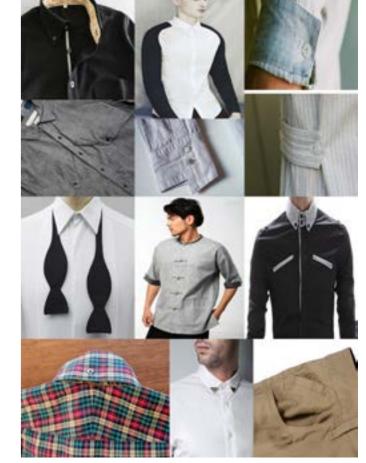






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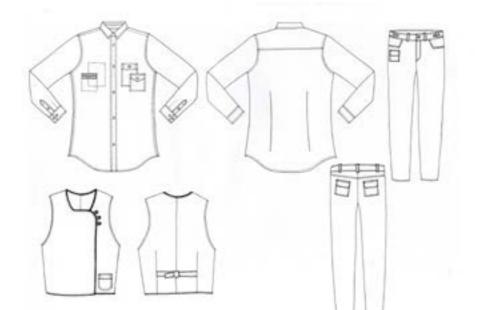
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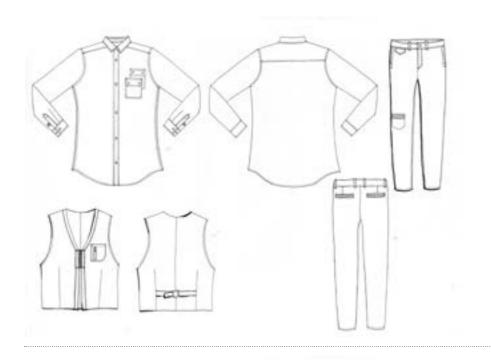
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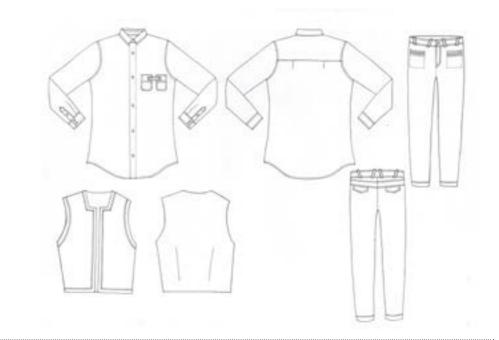


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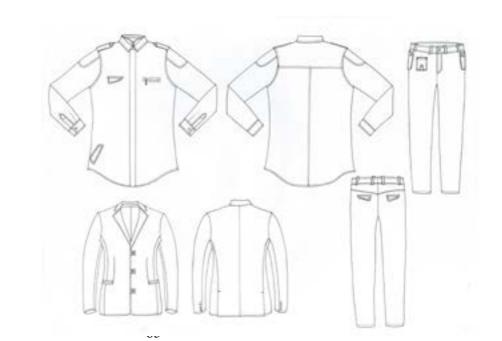


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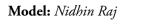












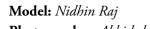
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CONCLUSION

I consider myself fortunate enough to work with Vimal sponsored by Reliance Group of Industries in a live project for their menswear range UNFORMAL by Only Vimal. I have learnt about the nitty gritty of Ready-to-Wear and the whole concept of the design process from starting to the end. In this project I have even learned how to carry a primary and secondary research followed by trend research. This project has also taught me how to work with a client and acquainted me to the professionalism of the corporate world.

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