

Top Five Trends in Apparel and Footwear

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ECONOMIC HEADWINDS AND STRATEGIC SPENDING

Rising geopolitical risks and economic uncertainty to keep global growth moderate With their purchasing power under pressure, consumers prioritise strategic spending Shein stays competitive by expanding into low-priced categories and balancing SKUs M&S posts record growth thanks to affordable prices and revamped loyalty scheme Fashion companies need to convey clear benefits and tangible, useful incentives

VALUE BEYOND PRICE

Consumers do not just chase the best deals but seek all-round value Consumers continue to show an appetite for wellness and experiences Birkenstock expands into the beauty and personal care sector with new foot care range Lululemon continues to show strong growth in China despite economic slowdown T he emphasis on wellness creates opportunities for fashion to widen its ecosystem

SUSTAINABILITY AT A CROSSROADS

As attention shifts to geopolitical risks, sustainability stands at a crossroads But regulation and consumers' demands evolve and volume sales are under threat Dr Martens offers repair services in partnership with The Boot Repair Co H&M Group takes its second-hand offer offline with new concept store in Stockholm Fashion players face both challenge and opportunity to amplify their circular solutions

AI AND DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Fashion players are now at a pivotal time to understand and integrate Gen Al solutions Companies must explore Al and anticipate changing governance regulations Adore Me scales up its Al tool, AM By You, to boost emotional durability among customers Burberry's Al-driven chatbot gives personalised recommendations and styling advice The fashion industry is shifting from Gen Al pilots to fully deployed projects

DEMOGRAPHIC AND INTERGENERATIONAL SHIFTS

Emerging markets will be a key focal point for global apparel and footwear growth Fashion players need to adapt to intergenerational shifts to unlock growth Iris Apfel x Dr Scholl's collaboration: Tapping into the baby boomers segment Spanish retailer Mango launches its first international Teen Store concept in London Better segmentation can help fashion players to unlock growth and untapped potential

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