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## Riccardo Tisci ends Givenchy tenure, further fueling Versace rumors

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*Riccardo Tisci*

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LVMH-owned French fashion house Givenchy has announced the departure of Riccardo Tisci after more than a decade at the brand's helm.

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In recent weeks there has been speculation that Mr. Tisci, who joined Givenchy in 2005, would be stepping down as creative director of the 65-year-old brand. A lead design position at Italian fashion house Versace is rumored to be Mr. Tisci's next career move, but these reports have yet to be confirmed.

### Goodbye Givenchy

During his time at Givenchy, Mr. Tisci is credited with reinventing the brand by giving its collections more edge. Mr. Tisci's departure was announced Feb. 2, but went into effect Jan. 31 when the designer's contract with Givenchy expired.

The brand has confirmed that fall/winter 2017 menswear and spring 2017 couture, presented together in Paris on Jan. 20, will be Mr. Tisci's final collections for the house.

Due to Mr. Tisci's departure, Givenchy will not have a runway show during Paris Fashion Week, but sources say the brand's fall/winter 2017 women's wear collection will be designed by its in-house team.



*Givenchy spring 2017 couture by Riccardo Tisci*

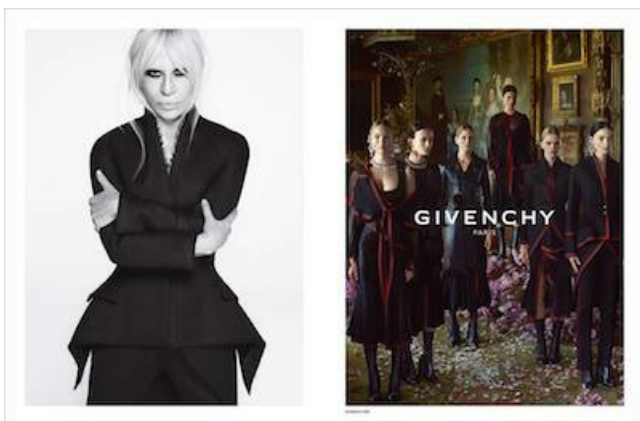
In a statement posted to his personal Instagram account Mr. Tisci said, "A giant heartfelt thank you to Givenchy, LVMH, my incredible team, the magical atelier and everyone who made these 93 collections possible and all the other crazy adventures. Your love and support, in the day and in the night, will forever remain in my heart. #Love #Givenchy #Forever."

The statement captioned a photo of the sun setting over the ocean.

On its official account, Givenchy applauded Mr. Tisci's 12 years at the house saying, "We warmly thank him for his outstanding contribution to our beautiful ongoing story."

Last month it was rumored that Mr. Tisci would be leaving Givenchy for Versace.

Over the years, after voicing admiration for the late-Gianni Versace's designs, Mr. Tisci has become close friends with Donatella Versace and even featured her in a 2015 Givenchy campaign ([see story](#)). Their relationship has only fueled speculation that Mr. Tisci will be Versace's next creative director.



*Donatella Versace was featured in Givenchy's fall/winter 2015 ads*

As of press time, Givenchy has not made public a timeline or who will fill Mr. Tisci's position.

But there is a crop of high-profile designers who have left other houses, including Hedi Slimane, Alber Elbaz, Peter Dundas, Clare Waight Keller and Peter Copping, who may be in the running.

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