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Nina Ricci denies split with Guillaume Henry

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Nina Ricci's creative director is reportedly moving on. Image credit: Nina Ricci

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French fashion house Nina Ricci is denying reports that its creative director Guillaume Henry is leaving.

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A [Women's Wear Daily](#) article from March 1 says that the designer is exiting the Puig-owned house after only three years. In response, Nina Ricci issued a statement refuting the claims, saying that the report was speculative.

Making a statement

Mr. Henry has been creative director at Nina Ricci since January 2015. He was hired to succeed Peter Copping, who had moved on to Oscar de la Renta ([see story](#)).

In addition to his current role at Nina Ricci, Mr. Henry's resume also includes earlier roles at Givenchy and Carven, among other labels.

According to Women's Wear Daily, Mr. Henry's upcoming fall/winter 2018 show on March 2 will be his last for the brand. Sources quoted say that Mr. Henry is looking to move on because he is unhappy with the lack of investment into the house from parent company Puig.



In addition to fashion, Nina Ricci also produces perfume. Image credit: Nina Ricci

If Mr. Henry does leave, he would be added to a multitude of designers who have exited after only a few years as creative director. Whereas long tenures used to be the norm, today many designers move on after their first contract term expires.

Countering the claims that Mr. Henry is exiting, Nina Ricci released a press statement.

"House of Nina Ricci refutes the news released today on the press about the creative director Guillaume Henry leaving Nina Ricci," reads the brand's statement. "All the information stated within the news are pure speculation that do not respond to reality."

The brand also said that it would address any "significant information."

With so many designer musical chairs, there is frequently industry speculation about next moves, hires and exits, calling for brands to choose to ignore or refute reports.

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