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Nina Ricci confirms creative director Guillaume Henry's exit

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Guillaume Henry is leaving after only three years at the brand. Image credit: Nina Ricci

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French fashion brand Nina Ricci has finally confirmed that it is parting ways with creative director Guillaume Henry just weeks after denying reports of his imminent departure.

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An article from Mar. 1 on Women's Wear Daily said that the designer would soon be leaving the Puig-owned company, a claim that Nina Ricci called "pure speculation" at the time. Now, just two weeks later, the company has changed course, confirming that Mr. Henry is indeed leaving.

"After three years of mutually gratifying creative collaboration, Nina Ricci and Guillaume Henry have together decided that the designer will depart the house after the presentation of the fall 2018-19 collection," Nina Ricci said in a statement.

Departures

Mr. Henry joined Nina Ricci as creative director in January of 2015, succeeding Peter Copping who had moved onto Oscar de la Renta.

Sources quoted by Women's Wear Daily said that Mr. Henry would be leaving due to continued unhappiness with the amount of investment into Nina Ricci from its parent company, Spanish fashion group Puig.

The article suggested that the fall 2018-19 collection would be Mr. Henry's last with the brand.

These reports were denied by Nina Ricci at the time, with the brand calling them pure speculation that "do not respond to reality."



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

The brand also said that it would address any "significant information" ([see story](#)).

Yet just two weeks later, Nina Ricci has now announced that Mr. Henry is indeed leaving the brand and that fall 2018-19 collection will be his last.

Mr. Henry is only the latest creative director to abruptly resign from the house. Since the early aughts, no creative director has served at Nina Ricci for more than six years and most lasted three years or less.

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