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## Designer Alexander Wang continues to dismiss sexual assault allegations

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Designer Alexander Wang, who is known for pushing boundaries in his work, is facing accusations of sexual assault. Image credit: Alexander Wang

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New York-based fashion designer Alexander Wang continues to deny accusations of sexual assault that have gained traction in recent days.

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According to the *New York Post*, Mr. Wang sent a note to his employees acknowledging his reputation for partying but denying allegations of sexual assault, including groping. The number of accusations against Mr. Wang have grown after a model discussed his alleged unwanted encounter with the designer on the social media platform TikTok, which was then amplified by fashion watchdog accounts on Instagram.

### Assault claims

In mid-December, model Owen Mooney shared a TikTok alleging that a famous designer had groped him at a New York nightclub in 2017. While initially Mr. Mooney did not reveal the name of the perpetrator, he later confirmed he was referring to Mr. Wang after commenters suggested his name.

In recent days, Instagram watchdog accounts including [S-t Model Management](#) and [Diet Prada](#) have shared more accusations against Mr. Wang. In addition to accusing the designer of sexual assault, others claim he has served water laced with water party drugs.

While many of these allegations have been shared anonymously, model Gia Garison has also come forward and accused Mr. Wang of assault according to [The Guardian](#).

Advocacy group the Model Alliance also shared a statement in solidarity with people who have shared accusations of sexual abuse by Mr. Wang.

"Let's be clear: the fashion industry's lack of transparency and accountability leaves all models vulnerable to abuse, regardless of their sex or gender identity," the Model Alliance said in a statement.



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### *Statement from the Model Alliance*

While Mr. Wang has not publicly addressed the accusations, comments remain disabled on his personal Instagram account as well as that of his eponymous brand. The label often makes references to partying and other provocative subjects in its marketing and social media.

"Over the last few days, I have been on the receiving end of baseless and grotesquely false accusations," Mr. Wang said [in a statement to the \*New York Post\* on Dec. 31](#). "These claims have been wrongfully amplified by social media accounts infamous for posting defamatory material from undisclosed and/or anonymous sources with zero evidence or any fact checking whatsoever."

With the accusations still making headlines, Mr. Wang addressed his employees in a note, according to the [New York Post](#). In the statement, Mr. Wang again labels the accusations as "baseless" and "fabricated," and reiterates his intention to "prove these accusations are untrue."

Mr. Wang is known for his high-low aesthetic and has personal relationships with many models and celebrities, including Kendall Jenner, Gigi and Bella Hadid, Hailey Baldwin and Kaia Gerber. He also has a luxury pedigree, having served as creative director at Balenciaga and collaborated with other labels such as Bulgari.

Diet Prada, which boasts 2.4 million followers on Instagram, has not shied away from criticizing luxury fashion brands and designers about a variety of topics, including a lack of inclusion and homophobia ([see story](#)).

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