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Moncler CEO receives honorary degree from University for the Creative Arts

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Chief executive officer and chairman Remo Ruffini has received an honorary degree of arts in fashion and entrepreneurship from the University for the Creative Arts (UCA). Image courtesy of Moncler

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Italian fashion company **Moncler** is celebrating a newly-accredited corporate leader.

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Chief executive officer and chairman Remo Ruffini has received an honorary degree of arts in fashion and entrepreneurship from the University for the Creative Arts (UCA). The accolade acknowledges the principal's outstanding contribution to fashion and business.

"Receiving the title of honorary Doctor of Arts in Fashion and Entrepreneurship from the University for the Creative Arts is such a great recognition and I feel honored to share this moment today with all the graduates who are stepping into a new beginning," said Mr. Ruffini, in a statement.

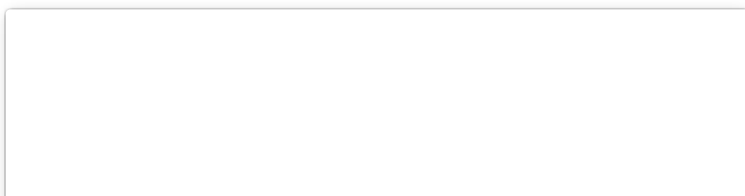
"This award gives me the opportunity to look back on my professional journey and acknowledge the extraordinary contribution made by all the colleagues, collaborators and partners that have accompanied me along the way, inspiring and shaping Moncler's path, combining creativity, vision and execution."

Awarding industry leaders

In acceptance of his new title, the Italian billionaire business owner attended a graduation ceremony held on July 4 at the English university's Royal Festival Hall.

The school's staffers reflected on the force's contributions to the industry.

"Remo Ruffini is a visionary CEO," said Professor Bashir Makhoul, vice chancellor at the University for the Creative Arts, in a statement.



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"During 20 years at the helm of Moncler, he has transformed the company into one of the most desirable luxury brands in the world," Mr. Makhoul said. "We have long admired his drive, passion and creativity values that we hold dearly at the University for the Creative Arts.

"We are thrilled to welcome him into our community, as he is a fantastic inspiration and example to all of our students."

Offering courses in architecture, crafts, fashion, graphic design, illustration, fine art, photography, film, media, the performing arts and creative business, the 160-year-old institution's list of previous honorees includes artist Banksy, fashion icon Naomi Campbell, architect Norman Foster, *Vogue* editor Alexandra Shulman and musician Bob Geldof.

"No one succeeds alone, we never climb alone, we climb together," Mr. Ruffini said, in a statement.

"It is always a collective effort that puts everything within reach."

Mr. Ruffini joins the aforementioned roster, also entering a select community of voices in fashion touting academic credentials ([see story](#)).

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