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## Harvey Nichols CEO to depart company

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*Harvey Nichols faced lockdowns throughout the pandemic. Image credit: Harvey Nichols*

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British department store chain **Harvey Nichols** is losing a top leader.

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After three years at the retailer's helm and over two decades with the company, Manju Malhotra is stepping down from her current role as chief executive officer. Pearson Poon, son of Harvey Nichols chairman and owner Sir Dickson Poon, will assume the interim vice chairman position.

"On behalf of the board, I want to thank Manju for her loyalty over the years and leadership since becoming CEO," said Sir Dickson Poon, in a statement.

"Manju has been instrumental in driving the business through unprecedented times and laid out strong foundations which we will continue to build on for the future."

Stepping down

Ms. Malhotra will concede her credentials, first obtained in 2021 after her promotion ([see story](#)), by the end of the year.

Prior, the department store's top executive spot had remained vacant since 2018.



*Ms. Malhotra will concede her credentials by the end of the year. Image credit: Image Bliss Photography*

Preceding the leader's ascension, Ms. Malhotra served as chief financial officer at Harvey Nichols from 2019 to 2017, before slotting in as co-chief operating officer from 2018 to 2019.

"I have had the most amazing 25 years at Harvey Nichols, starting from a member of the finance team to becoming CEO," Ms. Malhotra said, in a statement.

"I have been fortunate to work with many wonderfully talented people and partners both in the UK and internationally," she said. "Together, we have galvanized Harvey Nichols, leveraging its position in the market as a luxury destination delivering exceptional in-store and digital customer experiences."

Sir Poon has owned and operated Harvey Nichols since acquiring the retailer by way of his company, Dickson Concepts, in 1991. Dissent between the CEO and owner is reported to have sparked Ms. Malhotra's exit.

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