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INTRODUCTION

# fashion forvara Digital is fashion's new skinny jeans

From live streams of runway shows to an arms race on social media platforms, brands are seeking the halo of innovation that comes from inspired online programming. A recent report by Fondazione Altagamma indicates that site traffic and online buzz in Fashion exceeds all other luxury categories with the exception of Automobiles.1 The industry has also been among the first to pilot marketing initiatives on Foursquare, Tumblr, and photo-filtering and sharing app Instagram. Some programs could best be described as bleeding edge, including Ralph Lauren's 4D building façade and Ermenegildo Zegna's virtual store on the iPad.

## Trend vs. Commitment

However, most fashion brands still approach digital as a series of pet projects rather than presenting a coherent multi-platform strategy. Although 94 percent of brands in the Index have a presence on Facebook, one in five brands still lacks e-commerce capability. ROI-proven tactics such as email marketing CRM and search engine marketing are underutilized, and site navigation is still an afterthought—30 percent of brands lack basic site search.

#### 1. "Digital Luxury Experience," Fondazione Altagamma, September 2011.

# Two Ways

There are two ways to build shareholder value: increase revenue and/or reduce costs. Managers tend to focus on the former when presented with new technology. Sixty-seven percent of EU consumers and half of American consumers claim they research luxury purchases online before buying, highlighting digital's potential to drive and derive incremental revenue. However, social media's true promise may lie in the less romantic notion of significantly reducing the costs of, and addiction to, offline media.

Brands that establish direct relationships with their customers via social media platforms have the opportunity to excise the publisher's tax. Burberry's speculative investment in Facebook has resulted in more than 8.2 million fans—a more target rich audience nearly seven times the global circulation of Vogue.

### Hubris

A lot has changed in our third annual Luxury Digital IQ Index®. Press-darling Burberry tops the list, buttressing its social legacy with a site relaunch and mobile optimization. Index newcomer Kate Spade demonstrates heritage isn't



# INTRODUCTION

everything, coming out of nowhere to nab the number two spot. And Coach and Gucci held on to their Genius crowns. However, some industry icons continue to slip further behind. Despite strong social presences, Chanel and Christian Dior both registered Average IQs, largely a result of their lack of e-commerce capability outside of beauty. Finally, the biggest losers in this year's study are two of icons of fashion: Prada and Hermès, which have fallen from Gifted in 2009 to Challenged this year. We believe these brands are victims of their own success, believing iconic status can be a substitute for innovation and investment online. This hubris will haunt them, and their shareholders.

# Digital IQ = Shareholder Value

Our thesis is that digital competence is inextricably linked to share-holder value. Key to managing and developing a competence is an actionable metric. This study attempts to quantify the digital competence of 49 global fashion brands. Our aim is to provide a robust tool to diagnose digital strengths and weaknesses and help brands achieve greater return on incremental investment.

Similar to the medium we are assessing, our methodology is dynamic and we hope you will reach out to us with comments that improve our methodology, investigation, and findings. You can reach me at <a href="mailto:scott@stern.nyu.edu">scott@stern.nyu.edu</a>.

Regards,

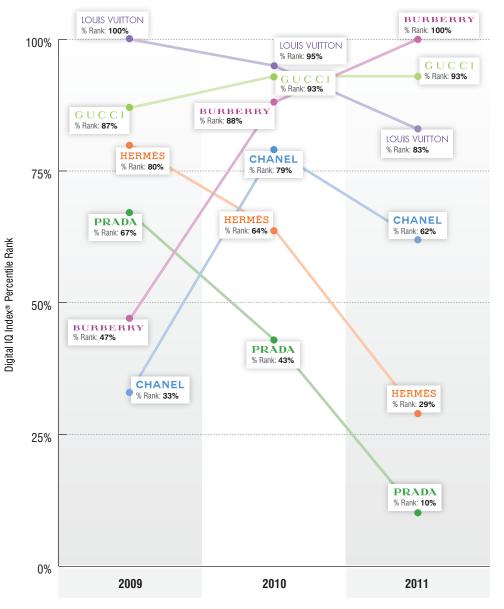
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# DIGITAL BIRTHS AN ICON Relative Digital IQ Index® Performance of Select Fashion Brands

(2009, 2010, 2011)





# **ABOUT THE RANKINGS**

#### **METHODOLOGY**



**Site:** 35%

Effectiveness of brand site

#### **FUNCTIONALITY & CONTENT: 75%**

- Technology
- Navigation & Product/Site Search
- Social Media Integration
- Customer Service & Store Locator
- Product Display & Content
- E-Commerce & Transaction Orientation
- Account Signup & Functionality
- Global E-Commerce
- Branded Content

Aesthetics

**BRAND TRANSLATION: 25%:** 

Messaging & Interactivity

# **Digital Marketing: 25%**

Search, display, and email marketing efforts

- Search: Traffic, SEM, SEO, Web Authority
- Display Advertising & Innovation: Text & Banner Ads, Retargeting, Cross-platform Innovation Initiatives, Emerging Platforms
- . Blogs & Other User-Generated Content: Mentions, Sentiment
- Email: Frequency, Language, Content, Social Media Integration, Promotion



**Social Media: 25%** 

Brand presence, community size, content, and engagement on major social media platforms

- · Facebook: Likes, Growth, Post Frequency, Applications, Responsiveness, Content, Global Presence
- Twitter: Followers, Growth, Tweet Frequency, Online Voice
- · YouTube: Views, Number of Uploads, Subscriber Growth, Content, Interactivity
- Tumblr: Post Frequency, Likes, Re-blogs, Social Media Integration & Shareability



**Mobile:** 15%

Compatibility, optimization, and marketing on smartphones and other mobile devices

- Mobile Site: Compatibility, Functionality, Transaction
- iOS Applications (iPhone & iPad): Availability, Popularity, Functionality, iPad Differentiation
- · Android: Availability, Popularity, Functionality
- Innovation: SMS, Geolocal, Other Mobile Marketing Innovation

#### DIGITAL IQ CLASSES

IQ Range

IQ Class

140+ GENIUS

Digital innovation is a point of differentiation for these brands. Site experience is searchable, shareable, and mobile-optimized. Social media is embedded into marketing DNA, and campaigns are integrated across multiple digital platforms.

110-139 GIFTED

Brands are experimenting and innovating across site, mobile, and social platforms. Digital presence is consistent with brand image and larger marketing efforts.

90-109 AVERAGE

Digital presence is functional yet predictable. Efforts are often siloed across platforms.

70-89 CHALLENGED

Limited or inconsistent adoption of mobile and social media platforms. Site lacks inspiration and commerce orientation.

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<70 FEEBLE

Investment does not match opportunity.





Rank	Brand	Parent Company	Digital IQ	Class	Description
1	BURBERRY	Burberry Group PLC	144	Genius	Digital births an icon: Proof that digital investments translate to shareholder value
2	KATE SPADE	Liz Claiborne Ltd.	143	Genius	Top social media score; Index newcomer did not get memo that heritage is necessary to be iconic digitally
3	COACH	Coach, Inc.	141	Genius	New York native continues to woo the blogosphere and registers top scores for site experience
3	GUCCI	PPR - Gucci Group	141	Genius	Gucci Connects dots and delivers with shoppable video and recent Tumblr launch
5	DOLCE & GABBANA	Dolce & Gabbana Industria S.p.A.	136	Gifted	Global site relaunch threads needle of edgy and effective
5	TORY BURCH	Tory Burch LLC	136	Gifted	Facebook store leads fashion F-commerce (r)evolution
7	RALPH LAUREN	Ralph Lauren Corporation	135	Gifted	New York Times iPad app takeover transforms brand into rich media publisher
8	HUGO BOSS	Hugo Boss AG	134	Gifted	Top mobile scores and interactive YouTube channel venture differentiate the brand online
9	LOUIS VUITTON	LVMH	127	Gifted	Embracing the spirit of travel with Amble app; Leads on Foursquare
10	MICHAEL KORS	Michael Kors Inc.	126	Gifted	(Digital) Destination: Kors. Evolving brand into an online lifestyle
11	DONNA KARAN	LVMH	118	Gifted	@DKNY provides PR Girl's Picks on top-notch e-commerce site and digital invitations to Gossip Girl play-by-play on Twitter
12	DIANE VON FURSTENBERG	Diane von Furstenberg	117	Gifted	Global Twitter handles conveys local relevance of "Love, Diane"; exclusive wrap dress available each month for Facebook fans only
13	CALVIN KLEIN	PVH Corp.	116	Gifted	From Vogue.com video ads to a Facebook page with international flair, CK is strong across the board
13	MARC JACOBS	LVMH	116	Gifted	Animated e-commerce site breaks the mold but falls flat on functionality





Rank	Brand	Parent Company	Digital IQ	Class	Description
15	JOHN VARVATOS	VF Corporation	113	Gifted	Rocks the web with Roots giveaway on Facebook
16	PAUL SMITH	Paul Smith Ltd.	110	Gifted	Rewards fans and followers with exclusive access to backstage news and live updates
17	ALEXANDER MCQUEEN	PPR - Gucci Group	109	Average	Deft with Polyvore, Tumblr, and Vimeo
17	JIMMY CHOO	Labelux Group GmbH	109	Average	Crowdsourcing "Your Choo Stories" through microsite, Facebook, and Twitter to celebrate 15th anniversary
19	CHANEL	Chanel S.A.	107	Average	Mobile focus compensates for icon's e-commerce and Twitter absence
20	YVES SAINT LAURENT	PPR - Gucci Group	103	Average	Twitter leader signals innovation with a Fashion's Night Out partnership with "All the Pretty Birds" blog
21	ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA	Ermenegildo Zegna Holditalia S.p.A.	102	Average	We applaud iPad virtual store experimentation and 3D runway
22	CHRISTIAN DIOR	Christian Dior S.A.   LVMH	101	Average	Unprecedented Facebook growth doesn't compensate for lack of e-commerce
23	STUART WEITZMAN	Jones Group Inc.	100	Average	Consistent but safe
24	CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN	Christian Louboutin	99	Average	Loubi's personality shines with Instagram
25	ARMANI	Giorgio Armani S.p.A.	98	Average	Recent site launch just missed data collection cut-off, but quick review suggests it is a significant updgrade to previous <i>collezioni</i> of confusion
26	BOTTEGA VENETA	PPR - Gucci Group	97	Average	Fragrance launch boosts Facebook interactivity, but Twitter silence disappoints
27	OSCAR DE LA RENTA	Oscar de la Renta Ltd.	96	Average	The undisputed Tumblr leader needs a mobile strategy to match its social media supremacy
28	COLE HAAN	Nike, Inc.	94	Average	Needs stronger content strategy to infuse online presence with Modern Prep





Rank	Brand	Parent Company	Digital IQ	Class	Description
29	FENDI	LVMH	92	Average	Peekaboo Twitter, where are you?
29	THEORY	Fast Retailing Co, Ltd.	92	Average	Strong site but needs to ignite mobile strategy and social media growth
29	ROBERTO CAVALLI	Roberto Cavalli S.p.A.	92	Average	Mobile absence and poorly managed search unravel this atelier's stellar social media integration
32	VALENTINO	Valentino Fashion	91	Average	Visible in all dimensions but lacking Red fire to spark real traction
33	MULBERRY	Group S.p.A.  Mulberry Group PLC	90	Average	Twitter newbie and Mix Tape producer is taking initial steps online
34	HERMÈS	The Hermès Group	89	Challenged	Strong Facebook engagement and distinctive online branding stand out from otherwise
34	SALVATORE FERRAGAMO	Salvatore	89	Challenged	Uninspired digital offering  Online trunk show and new iPad app signal progress, but brand needs to brush up on
36	ALFRED DUNHILL	Ferragamo S.p.A.  Compagnie Financière	88	Challenged	e-commerce tactics  Voice starting to be heard but still not loud enough
36	LONGCHAMP	Richemont S.A. S.A. Jean Cassegrain	88	Challenged	Keep on Riding, headed in the right direction
38	BALLY	Labelux Group GmbH	85	Challenged	Mobile adoption and stronger search needed
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39	BALENCIAGA	PPR - Gucci Group	83	Challenged	Adopted a rogue Facebook community, revamped site, and Tweeted once
40	VERSACE	Gianni Versace S.p.A.	82	Challenged	Facebook livestreaming and active Twitter handle aren't enough to offset nonexistent e-commerce
41	MAX MARA	Max Mara Fashion Group S.r.I.	80	Challenged	Can't overcome absence on YouTube and Twitter
42	CHLOÉ	Compagnie Financière Richemont S.A.	77	Challenged	One of nine brands without e-commerce



# PARENT COMPANY: COMPAGNIE FINANCIÉR RICHEMONT S.A. PPR - GUCCI GROUP LABELUX GROUP GMBH OTHER: PUBLICLY TRADED LVMH OTHER: PRIVATELY OWNED

Rank	Brand	Parent Company	Digital IQ	Class	Description
43	CATHERINE MALANDRINO	Catherine Malandrino	75	Challenged	Many elements in place, but brand needs stronger search and social programs to jump-start buzz
44	PRADA	Prada Group	73	Challenged	Biggest digital disappointment in luxury
45	TOD'S	Tod's S.p.A.	62	Feeble	Mobile aptitude does not a digital presence make
46	BADGLEY MISCHKA	Iconix Brand Group, Inc.	61	Feeble	We want to see Rommel & Whiskey on mobile too
47	ZAC POSEN	Zac Posen-House of Z LLC	52	Feeble	A site experience that leaves much to be desired
48	GIVENCHY	LVMH	46	Feeble	Ready-To-Wear, but not Ready-For-Digital
49	MANOLO BLAHNIK	Manolo Blahnik	44	Feeble	"Make Your Own Manolo" is only bright spot

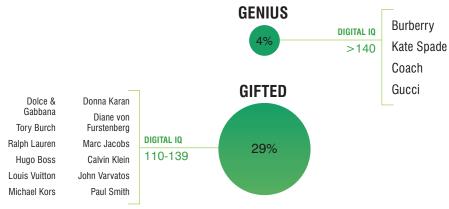
# **Digital IQ Dispersion**

The digital and social media explosion in Fashion has led to a consolidation in the rankings. This year's Digital IQ dispersion follows a normal distribution, with the Average ranks swelling from 20 percent in 2010 to 35 percent in 2011. Similarly, the standard deviation across brands tightened significantly, from 39 in 2010 to just 25 in 2011, suggesting that it is becoming increasingly difficult to differentiate.

However, as innovation in the category has increased there is less correlation between IQ class and the size of a brand's of-fline business, suggesting digital provides a unique platform for fashion brands with limited heritage and offline media spend, such as Kate Spade and Tory Burch, to punch above their weight class.

#### **DIGITAL IQ DISTRIBUTION**

#### % of Brands per Digital IQ Class

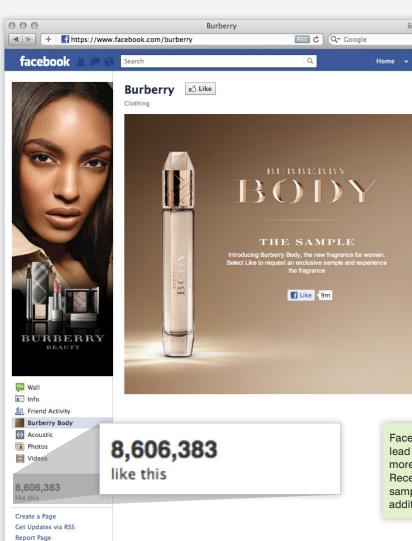


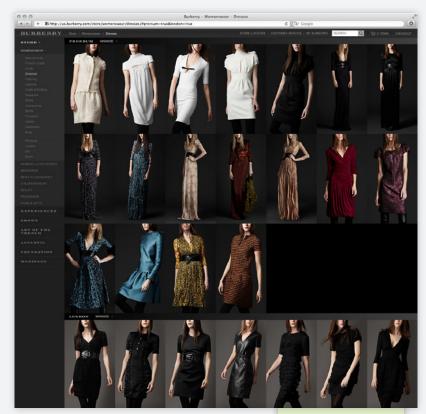


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# In the Company of Genius BURBERRY



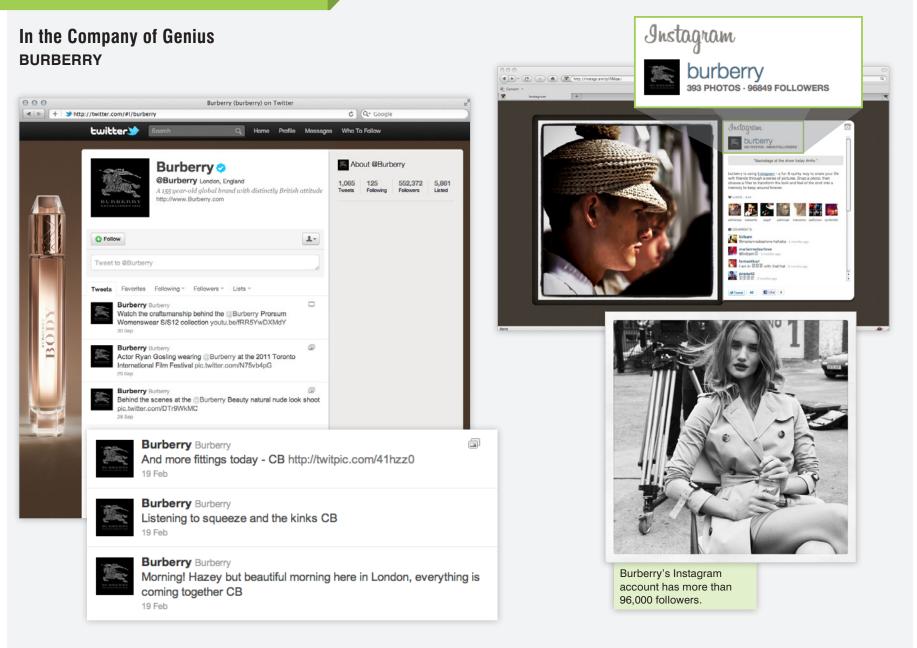


Unconventional site blends content and commerce for consumers across the globe.

Facebook page continues to lead Fashion's fan race with more than 8.6 million fans. Recent Burberry Body sampling campaign drove additional fan growth.

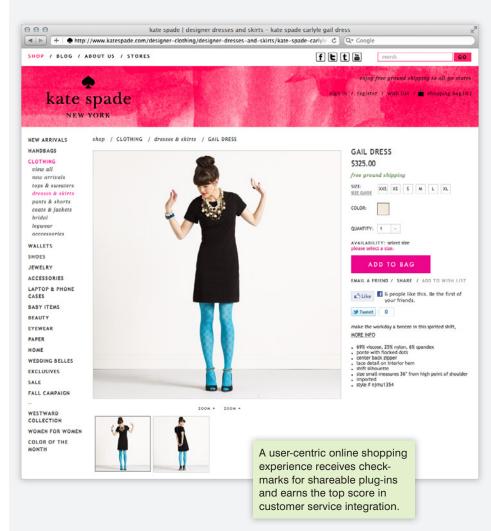
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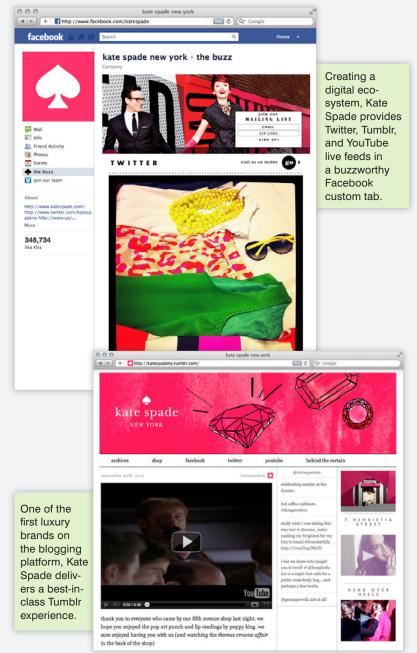
# **KEY FINDINGS**





# In the Company of Genius KATE SPADE





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# DIGITAL IQ INDEX®: Fashion





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New York becomes integral

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Neiman Marcus

Facebook community! We've curated six

exclusive looks of kate spade new york apparel, shown here with select Fall

accessories, that go uptown, downtown, or out of town. The collection launches to the public on August 19, so shop early... Experimenting with F-commerce by leveraging existing partnership with Neiman Marcus.

the kate spade new york collection at Neiman Marcus

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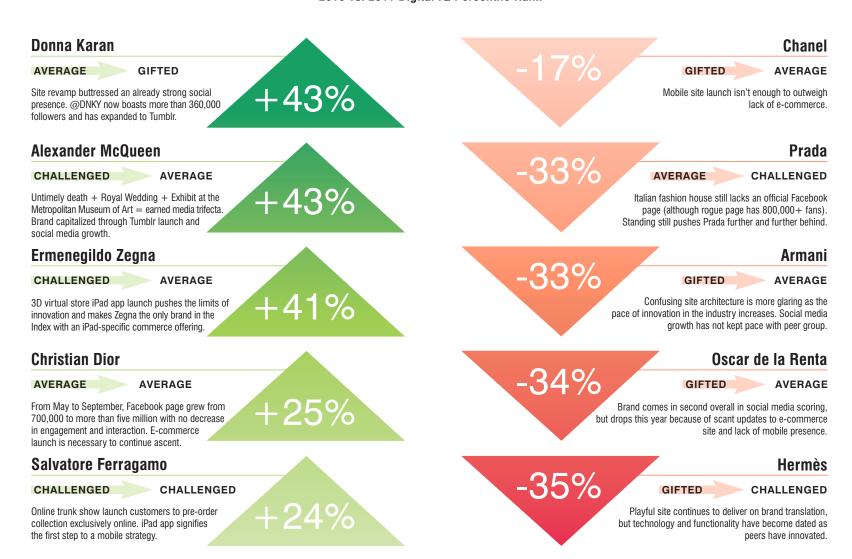
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#### GREATEST YEAR-OVER-YEAR GAIN OR LOSS 2010 vs. 2011 Digital IQ Percentile Rank



# Red, White, & Digital

Ten of the top 15 brands call the U.S. home, up from six a year ago. On average, brands with U.S. headquarters boast a higher Digital IQ than their European counterparts. Brands headquartered in luxury's capital, France, trail the pack, registering an average IQ of just 92. Louis Vuitton is the lone French representative in the top 15. Further dissection reveals that brands of French origin actually generate more site traffic, but lag across almost every other dimension, including site functionality and transaction orientation, social media programming, use of digital marketing tactics, and mobile compatibility.

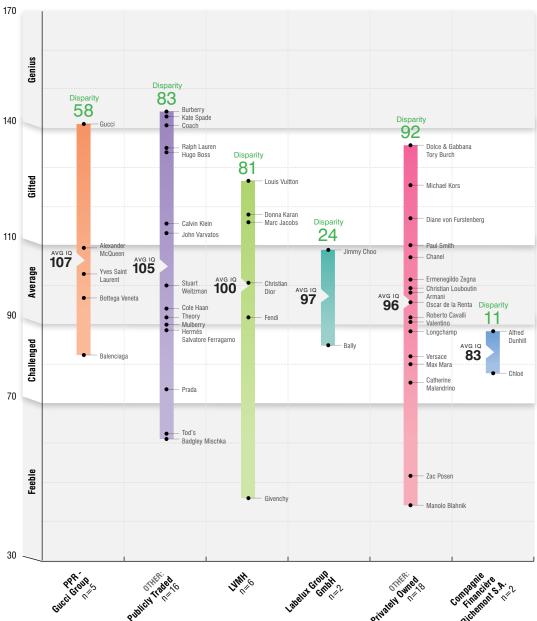
#### AVERAGE IQ BY COUNTRY



# Digital IQ by Ownership

Similar to the findings in the 2010 Luxury report, there appears to be limited sharing of digital best practices across brands within the same organization. In reverse of last year's results, the five PPR brands inched ahead of the six from LVMH. Two of LVMH's brands, Donna Karan and Christian Dior, made significant gains, but Index newcomer Givenchy brought down the organization's IQ. Richemont's two fashion brands, Alfred Dunhill and Chloé, continue to trail. Among independent brands, the average IQ of publicly traded companies outpaced that of private organizations, suggesting the importance (i.e. pressure) markets place on innovation.

# DIGITAL IQ DISPERSION BY OWNERSHIP Organizations with More than One Brand Represented in Index

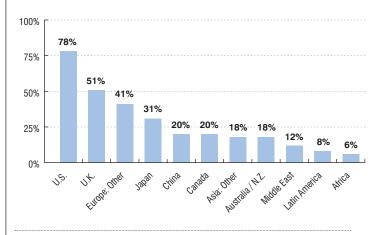


# **Selling Is Knowing**

Although e-commerce for luxury goods is expected to have a compound annual growth rate of 20 percent through 2015,¹ almost 20 percent of the brands in the study still do not sell online. Furthermore, less than two thirds of the brands without e-commerce provide links to third-party online retailers. Brands that are e-commerce enabled average 19 percent more visits per user.

Few brands meld the commerce and brand experience. Calvin Klein and Coach were the only brands to provide user reviews and product ratings at the time of data collection,<sup>2</sup> and only six percent of fashion brands offer live chat capability. On average, fashion brands that are e-commerce enabled sell in 20 countries, with the U.S. being the most popular followed by Western European nations, China, and Japan.

# E-COMMERCE % of Brands Selling Online in the Following Regions: (June-August 2011)



#### 2. "Digital Luxury Experience," Fondazione Altagamma, September 2011.

# CUSTOMER SERVICE % of Brand Sites With and Without the Following Features:





Site Search





List Available Collections & Services in Store





63%

Product Ratings & Reviews

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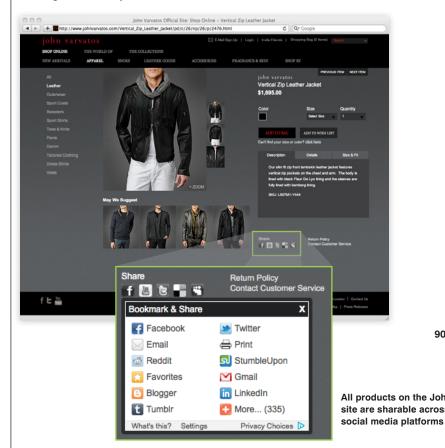
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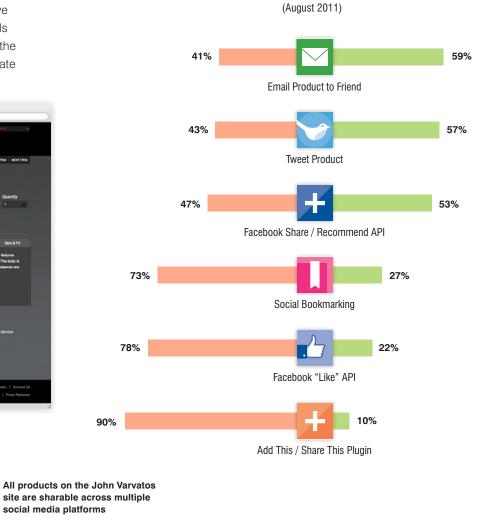
#### **Share and Share Alike**

Fifty-seven percent of affluent consumers report that information gathered on social media influences their luxury purchases.<sup>3</sup> However, just more than half of fashion brands have implemented sharing features on their product pages. Brands utilizing product social sharing registered more than double the traffic growth, year on year, than those that failed to incorporate sharing functionality.



#### PRODUCT SHARING

% of Brands With and Without the Following Functionality on Product Pages:



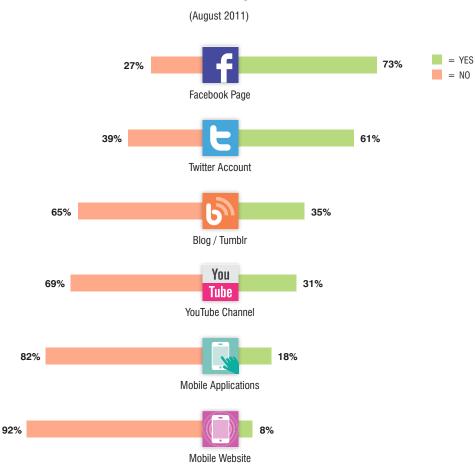
<sup>3. &</sup>quot;The Fashionable Affluent," Unity Marketing, September 2011.

#### **Traffic Patterns**

Social media accounted for more than 14 percent of the traffic going to and coming from fashion brand sites. Eighty-nine percent of this traffic was from Facebook. A linear regression reveals that there is a 0.59 correlation between the amount of traffic brands generate from and to social media platforms and Digital IQ, suggesting the importance of a multiplatform digital presence. Still, there are significant missed opportunities to link to social platforms to/from the brand site.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA INTEGRATION**

% of Brands That Link to the Following Platforms From Brand Site:



# Sold on Social

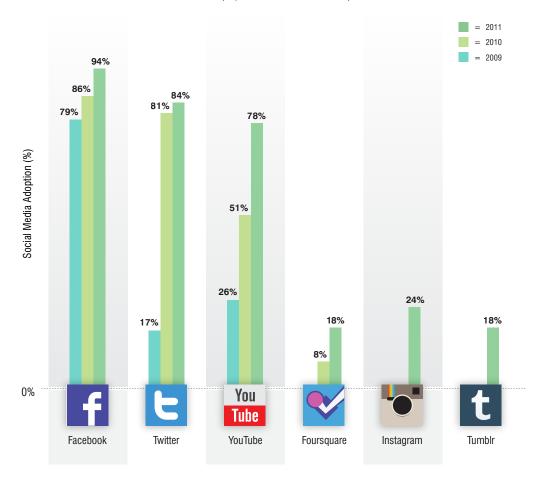
Social media adoption in Fashion has exploded since L2 released its first <u>Digital IQ Index® in 2009</u>. Even more impressive than the penetration on the big three platforms is the velocity of community growth. From 2010 to 2011 the Facebook communities of fashion brands grew an average of 256 percent (or 2,271 new fans/day), while Twitter followers grew 469 percent (324 new followers/day), suggesting a network effect—as brand communities get bigger, they grow faster.

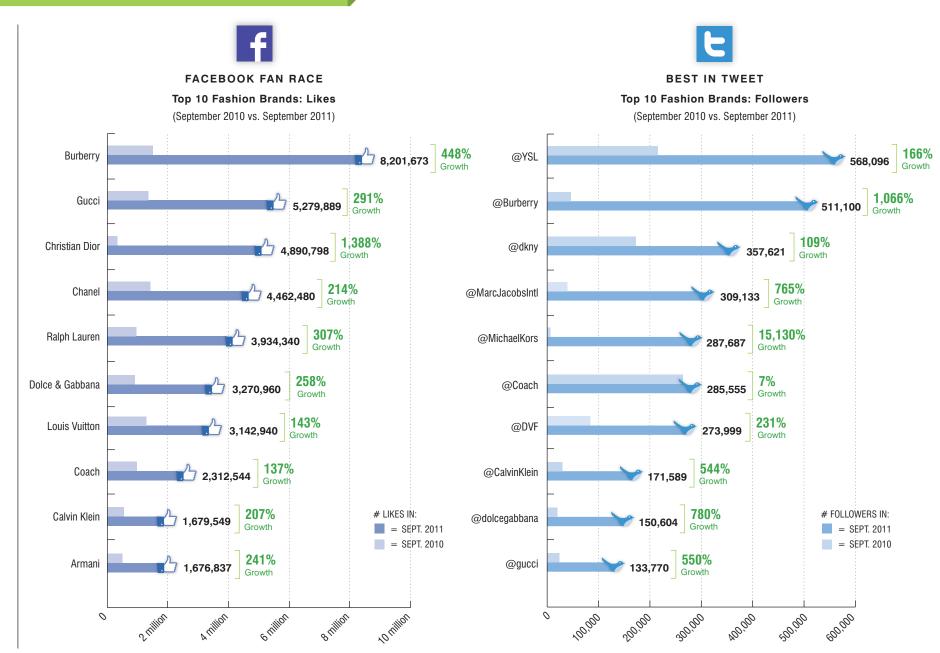
Brands' use of Facebook advertising, sponsored tweets, and other paid tactics to acquire fans and followers has also increased dramatically, particularly as both platforms have refined their ad products. The cost of CPC advertising on Facebook has skyrocketed 74 percent since 2010. While up 25 percent year on year, brand channels on YouTube remain the least utilized social media platform.

Although some Fashion brands have been successful on YouTube, live-streaming their runway shows, it is repurposed broadcast media and/or celebrity-driven long form video that attracts views. Half of the most-viewed videos in fashion do not sit on an official brand channel.

# SOCIAL MEDIA ADOPTION % of Brands Present on the Following Social Media Platforms:

(September 2009, 2010, 2011)

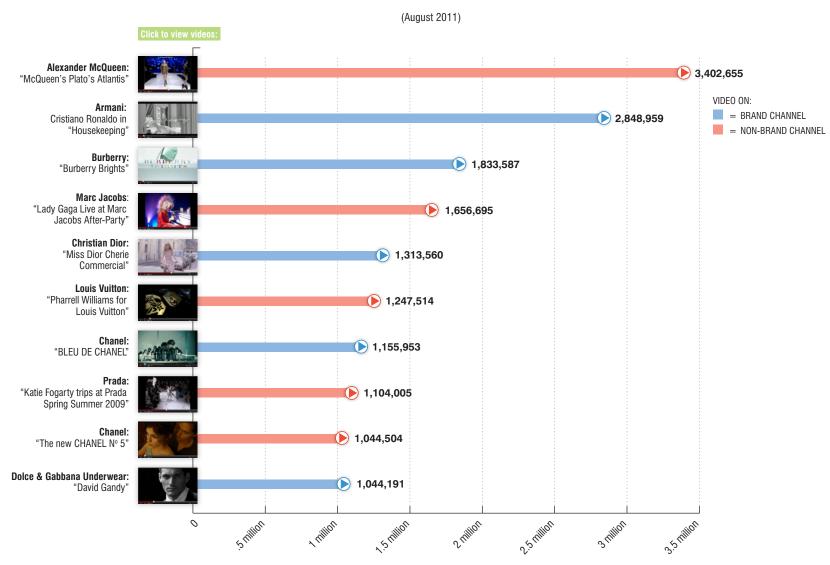








# TOP 10 YOUTUBE VIDEOS ACROSS BRANDED & NON-BRANDED CHANNELS



# Facebook: Overachievers & Underachievers

Comparing a brand's number of Facebook "likes" to the number of global monthly organic searches for its brand name on Google (a proxy for brand equity online) identifies Facebook overachievers and underachievers.

As was the case in 2010, Burberry leads all overachievers on Facebook. Until recently the brand did not respond to fans or allow fans to post on its wall. However, Burberry has seen engagement rates (percentage of brand fans interacting with brand posts) almost double since the Prestige 100®: Facebook IQ was released in June 2011. Overachievers Jimmy Choo and Chloé are two smaller brands punching above their weight class and deserve accolades for the size of their Facebook communities.

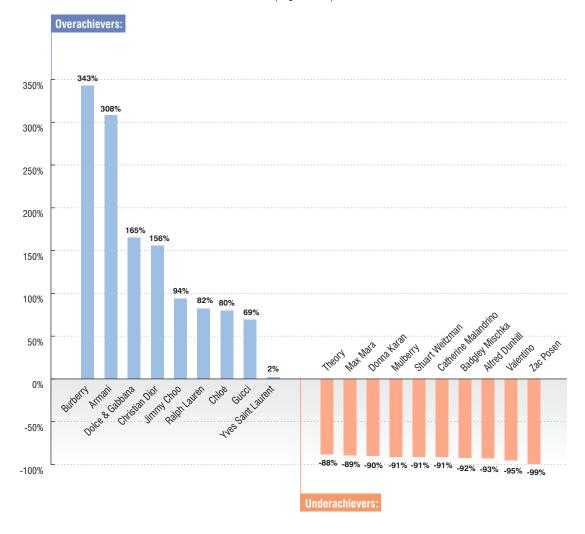
Seventy-seven percent of brands underachieved, suggesting that fashion brands overachieving on the platform are sucking the oxygen out of the room and possibly developing an insurmountable lead.



#### **OVERACHIEVERS & UNDERACHIEVERS**

Actual Facebook Fans vs. Predicted Facebook Fans Based on Google Monthly Global Search Volume (Linear Regression)

(August 2011)



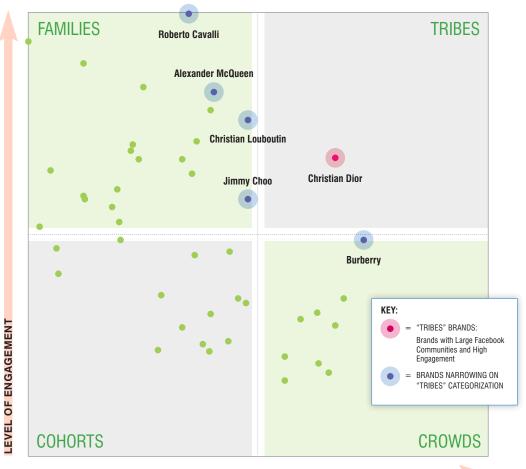
# Size vs. Engagement

With brands in the Index averaging 1,048,277 likes, energy is beginning to shift from the race to acquire fans to the pursuit of conversions, engagement and loyalty.

Christian Dior has demonstrated the most impressive numbers on the Facebook platform. In mid-May the brand had over 700,000 likes on its Facebook page; by mid-September its Facebook community had exploded to five million. Even more impressive, the brand has maintained a high level of engagement on its Facebook page. Dior is the only brand to achieve the elusive "Tribe" status on Facebook, with an average interaction rate of 0.14 percent.



# FACEBOOK COMMUNITY SIZE vs. ENGAGEMENT RATES U.S. & Global Facebook 'Likes,' Excluding Pages With < 1000 Fans (N=45, August 2011)



#### SIZE OF COMMUNITY

Note: Horizontal axis (Size of Community) is graphed on a logarithmic scale.

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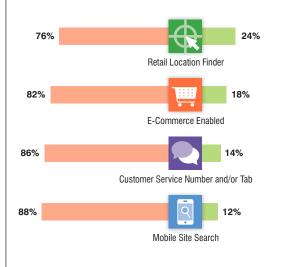
# **Mobile De-Optimized**

Although 40 percent of affluent consumers access the Internet daily through a smartphone, 4 only 18 percent of brands maintain an m-commerce site. The percentage of fashion brands with m-commerce for the iPhone actually declined year on year. Ermenegildo Zegna's Virtual Store iPad app, launched in June, is the only commerce-enabled offering created specifically for the iPad. Many of the mobile applications in the fashion space are legacy investments in the iPhone platform and continue to lack utility or stickiness. Mobile site development is on a similar trajectory, and the majority of mobile sites in fashion lack retail locators, customer service, and site search.

#### MOBILE SITE FUNCTIONALITY

% of Brands With or Without the Following Features:

(June-August 2011)

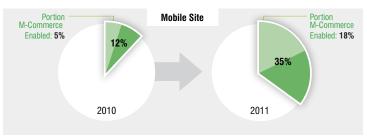


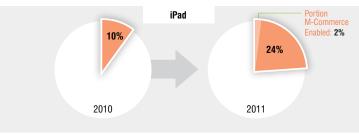
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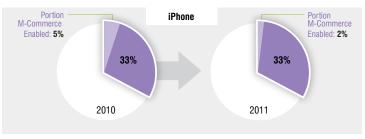
#### MOBILE ADOPTION RATES ACROSS PLATFORMS

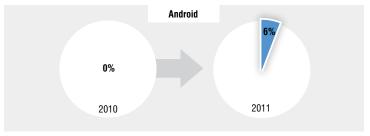
% of Brands on the Following Mobile Platforms

(2010 vs. 2011)









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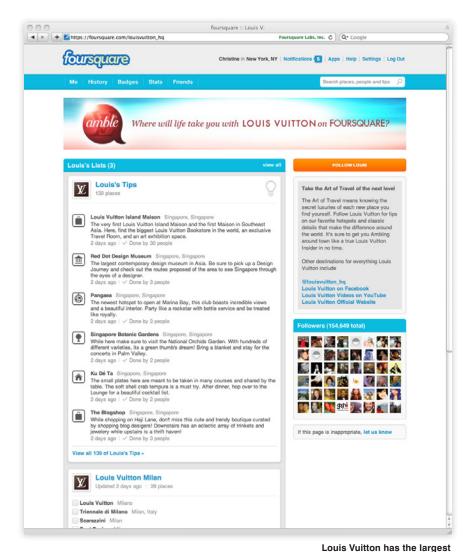


### **Geo-Dislocation**

Nine of the 49 brands in the study have Foursquare accounts, up from four in 2010. It is not surprising that those brands active on the platform experience three times more check-ins to their New York City locations. Although some brands, including geolocal leader Louis Vuitton, which launched its Amble app buttress the Foursquare platform, check-in volume and overall followers continue to underwhelm. Foursquare reports more than three million check-ins daily on the platform, but the nine brands in the study with accounts average just 25,000 followers.







Foursquare following at 151,000 and has registered a 489 percent growth year-on-year

Capturing and sharing memories while interacting with other Amblers, some of whom are celebrities offering information on their favorite global spots

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# **KEY FINDINGS**

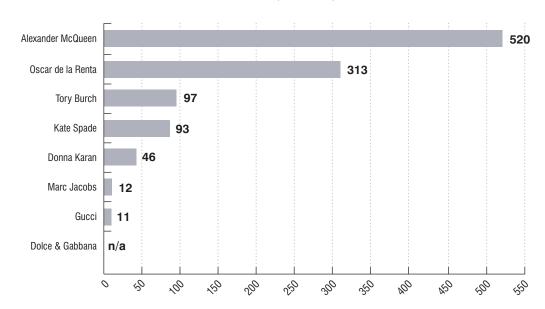
# **Tumble Forward**

Eight brands in the Index are on Tumblr, including early adopters Kate Spade, Oscar de la Renta, and Donna Karan. Analytics are limited, but many fashion brands on the platform have anecdotally commented on the high engagement rates relative to other social media platforms, and Tumblr has been proactive in its outreach to many of the fashion bloggers the brands court. Across the brands in the Index, Alexander McQueen and Oscar de la Renta lead in terms of number of reblogs, averaging 520 and 313 per post respectively



#### **AVERAGE NOTES PER POST**

(August 2011)



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#### **AVERAGE TUMBLR POSTS PER WEEK**

(August 2011)



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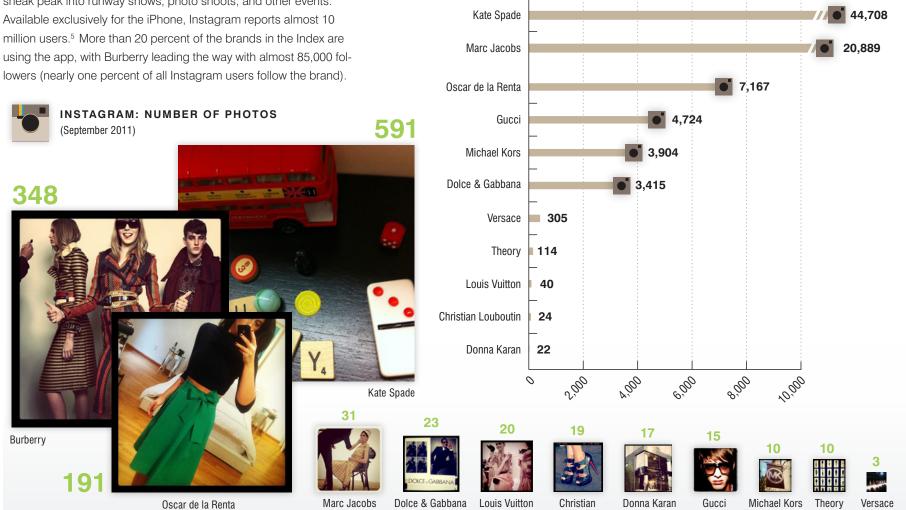
# **KEY FINDINGS**

**INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS** 

(September 2011)

# **Instagram: The Next Big Thing?**

Photo-sharing and filtering app Instagram has taken the fashion world by storm. Most fashion brands use Instagram to provide a sneak peak into runway shows, photo shoots, and other events. Available exclusively for the iPhone, Instagram reports almost 10 million users.<sup>5</sup> More than 20 percent of the brands in the Index are



Burberry

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<sup>5. &</sup>quot;Fiery Hot Startup Instagram Hits Version 2.0, Nears 10 Million Users," Ellis Hamburger, September 20, 2011.

#### F-COMMERCE TRENDSETTERS

Experimentation with Facebook commerce (F-commerce) is still nascent in Fashion. Although more than 80 percent of the brands are e-commerce enabled, just three offer partial F-commerce with checkout on the brand site. Furthermore, only 24 percent of brands link to specific products through wall posts or custom tabs. No brand is hosting commerce entirely contained within the Facebook platform.

Tory Burch's Facebook store provides a fan-exclusive shopping experience, where users can browse a wide selection of inventory, add products to their shopping cart, and complete the transaction on the designer's web page. Dian von Furstenberg extends her limited-edition wrap-of-the-month program by offering a Facebook-exclusive dress available only to fans. Longchamp's Le Pliage® application allows fans in nearly 20 countries to customize their own bag on Facebook. As with Tory Burch, the user is directed to the brand's site for checkout.

# F-COMMERCE SOPHISTICATION % of Brands Employing the Following Tools on Facebook: (August 2011) Link to Product Page in Wall Post and/or Custom Tabs Full F-Commerce 0% 4% F-Commerce, No Checkout

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#### **COURTING BLOGGERS**

Coach and Donna Karan have been at the forefront of investing in relationships with bloggers. Legacy programs, including Holiday Blog-A-Day (December 2009) and the Poppy Project (August 2010), demonstrate Coach's long-standing partnership with these digital influencers. Ongoing projects include monthly appearances by guest bloggers on the brand's site and leveraging these style journalists during product launches, such as the recent 1973 Duffle Bag reintroduction. In conjunction with Fashion's Night Out in September, Coach commissioned seven top fashion bloggers to style themselves with the bag, later featured in a limited edition broadsheet at the FNO event and online.

Donna Karan elicited the support of top fashion bloggers to extend the shelf life of its 2009 "Cozy" cardigan, which has its own award-winning mobile app. In December 2010, the brand hosted a Cozy Style-Off in its flagship store, challenging bloggers to create novel looks using the diversified sweater. The looks were published on the DKNY Facebook page, where fans and the bloggers' followers could vote for their favorite look. Most recently, the brand joined forces with bloggers to capture their Cozy creations. Using the Pose mobile application and Instagram, the photos were then shared on Facebook, Tumblr, and Twitter under the #DKNYCozyLV hashtag.

Guest Blogger #9 SEARCH COACH **GUEST** Guest bloggers are asked BLOGGER#9 to contribute to site content on a regular basis, while july 2011 shoppable links connect PHILADELPHIA IS KNOWN FOR MORE THAN A FEW GREAT THINGS (AFTER ALL, WHO DOESN'T APPRECIATE BROTHERLY LOVE recommendations with online DOESN'T APPRECATE BROTHERIY LOVE
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In April 2011, DKNY partnered with Style Republic Magazine and tapped into its pool of influential style mavens



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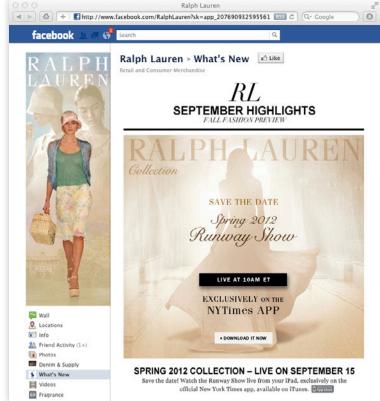
#### **BRAND-TURNED-PUBLISHER**

In September, Ralph Lauren became the first brand to buy the entire advertising inventory of the New York Times iPad app. The sponsorship included rich media ad displays and provided app users with access to five content sections typically held behind the publisher's pay wall. The in-demand app has registered more than 2.5 million downloads and boasts 850,000 unique monthly users, providing Ralph Lauren with a platform to deliver content, including RL Magazine and a live stream of the brand's runway show.

Mobile ads continue to outperform, achieving 0.61 percent click-through rates, compared with 0.07 percent for standard banner display ads on desktops and laptops.<sup>7</sup> Ads on iOS platforms receive double the engagement of other mobile platforms.

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Cross-Platform: Driving 4MM fans to participate in the iPad experience





Branded content in the form of an online magazine blurs the lines between advertising and publishing

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 <sup>&</sup>quot;NYT Sells Its First Sole-Sponsorship Of iPad App To Ralph Lauren," David Kaplan, Paidcontent.org,
 August 31, 2011.

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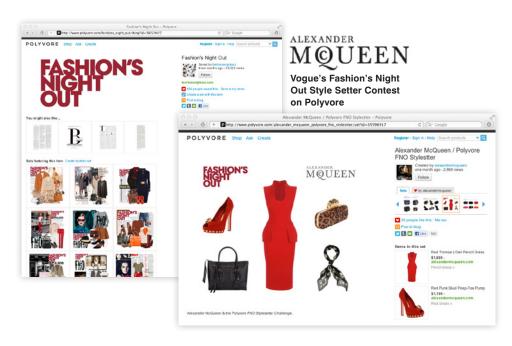
#### **POLYVORE GLAM**

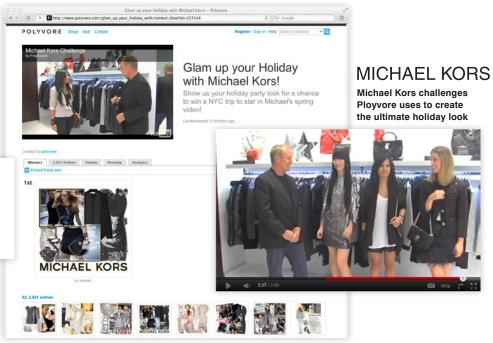
Twenty-two percent of the brands have an account on Polyvore, although only five of the 11 are active. Recent Polyvore initiatives include Alexander McQueen's contribution to Vogue's Fashion's Night Out Style Setter Contest. Participants were encouraged to create a collage inspired by FNO. Judges included *Vogue* creative director Grace Coddington and celebrities like Blake Lively and Alexander Wang. Contest winners received a trip to New York for a photo shoot and a tour of the *Vogue* offices, complete with a visit to the coveted *Vogue* fashion closet.<sup>8</sup> Already active on Polyvore, McQueen received more than 2,800 views of the brand's specially created FNO set.

Brands have also been leveraging the platform to promote their own contests. Last winter, Michael Kors challenged the 10 million monthly Polyvore users<sup>9</sup> to create the ultimate holiday look. Paired with a YouTube video, the contest received more than 280,000 impressions, 46,391 likes and a total of 2,921 created sets. Overall, the designer boasts 1.4 million impressions on this platform. Top-notch analytics on Polyvore allow brands to measure the success of their programs.



- 8. "FNO and Polyvore: Ready, Set, Make a Set—and Win."
- "Polyvore Is Now Profitable And It's Demolishing Style.com." Alyson Shontell, Business Insider, June 10, 2011.
- 9. <a href="http://www.polyvore.com/cgi/contest.show?id=227424&type=stats">http://www.polyvore.com/cgi/contest.show?id=227424&type=stats</a>







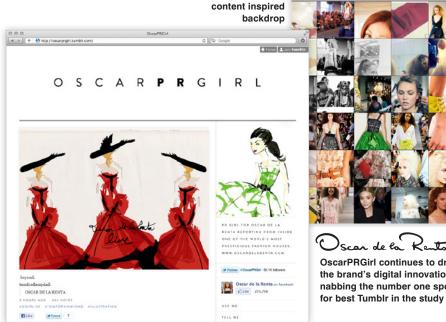
#### LIVE STREAMS

The practice of live-streaming runway shows continued to gain momentum this season, and more than 50 collections could be seen online during New York Fashion Week, with countless more shows from London, Paris, and Milan.

Oscar de la Renta added a new dimension to the experience by incorporating real-time crowd-sourcing into its Spring 2012 show. Fashion show attendees and home viewers were encouraged, through Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr, to take photos and upload them to odlrlive.tumblr.com with the #odlrlive hashtag. A mosaic of these pictures served as the background leading up to and throughout the live stream, providing unique vantage points for viewing the show. More than 2,600 tweets featured the #odlrlive hashtag, and the brand instantly saw boosts in its number of Facebook fans and Twitter and Instagram followers. Oscar de la Renta was one of the first Fashion brands on Tumblr and continues to work the platform to cost-effectively provide interactive experiences for its fans.

Burberry opted to use the Twitter platform for its Fashion Week agora. In addition to live streaming on Facebook and YouTube, the brand tweeted runway looks from its S/S12 show seconds before they debuted on the catwalk. Guest tweeters took over Burberry's Twitter accounts across the globe and the brand trended worldwide.





User-generated

Scar de la Renta OscarPRGirl continues to drive the brand's digital innovation nabbing the number one spot

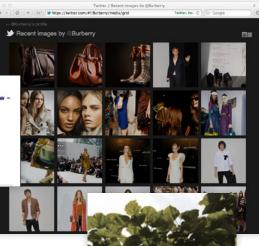
The tweeted looks could be seen live in a special image gallery, receiving 50,000 views within 30 minutes of the show according to Mashable



# BURBERRY

The live show could be accessed through Facebook, YouTube, and the brand's website, as well as viewed at more than 40 retail locations worldwide

Extending the ambience. fans could also download the runway soundtrack from iTunes



# DOLCE & GABBANA **DIGITAL WORLD**

Dolce & Gabbana relaunched its site July 13, 2011 and its Mandarin version on August 8 (8/8)—lucky in China. Boasting free shipping to 33 countries, shopping in seven languages, and extensive inventory from its men's and women's collections, the brand site strikes the right balance of commerce and content.

The brand experience is extended across multiple mobile and social media platforms. The brand registers in the Facebook top 10 with more than 3.2 million fans, and now has nearly 160,000 Twitter followers, a vibrant Tumblr blog, a Russian Twitter handle, and Chinese social media presence. Dolce & Gabbana's Facebook page pays homage to its 20-plus web, social, and mobile initiatives. The D&G Fashion Channel mobile app, which integrates content from Facebook, Twitter, and the brand's online fashion magazine, Swide, has more than 2,600 ratings in the U.S. iTunes store.

As the first luxury brand to have a mobile website (2004), the first to live stream a fashion show (2005), and the first to live stream a fashion show via mobile (2009), Dolce & Gabbana continues to extend its track record of digital innovation.



decorate the brand's landing dedication to cross-platform

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Scott has served on the boards of directors of Eddie Bauer (Nasdaq: EBHI), The New York Times Company (NYSE: NYT), Gateway Computer, eco-America, and UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. He received a B.A. from UCLA and an M.B.A. from UC Berkeley.

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Founder & CEO, If We Ran the World

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Cindy works with luxury brands to radically innovate, transform, reinvent, and redesign business strategy, brand positioning, and marketing/communications programs, including conceptualizing new brands/products from scratch. She has a reputation as a compelling and inspirational speaker appearing at conferences and events around the world on a variety of topics, and recently published *Make Love Not Porn: Technology's Hardcore Impact on Human Behavior*, one of TED's new line of TEDBooks launched this year with Amazon. You can follow her on Twitter @ cindygallop.

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