

NICCOLO DURANTI

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Senior Director with experience in development and manufacturing of raw materials, as well as supply chain management across Europe and Asia. Strong background in development and research of luxury materials with Italian and European suppliers. Solid portfolio of contacts across the luxury sector of material development in Italy and Europe.

Punctual problem solver and avid multitasker. Passionate about working with key stakeholders to bring sustainability to the forefront of important business decisions. Looking to secure a challenging position within a product development or sustainability division of a high-end global fashion company.

EXPERIENCE

AUG 2017 – PRESENT

SENIOR DIRECTOR FABRICS & MATERIALS, MICHAEL KORS

- Responsible for research, development, quality assurance and production of all leather and materials for Women's/Men's Accessories and Footwear.
- Plan and forecast base consumption of +100 million square feet of materials annually.
- Partner with Design from inception of each collection to final execution of product.
- Responsible for working with all European and Asian suppliers to execute proposed design concepts and find most cost-effective solutions while upholding design integrity.
- Collaborate with Product Development team to find and optimize technical solutions for each proposed concept/construction.
- Provide strategic consultation on issues and best practices related to internal sustainability initiatives.
- Manage team of 4 direct reports.

JAN 2015 – JUL 2017

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL QUALITY ASSURANCE & RAW MATERIAL PRODUCTION, MICHAEL KORS

- Responsible for quality assurance of raw materials and final goods production for 32 million units of Accessories & 12 million pairs of Footwear across all Asian operations.
- Managed monthly audits to monitor factory performance ensuring a high level of maintenance around standard operating procedures, including monthly factory visits across multiple countries (China, South Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Bangladesh and India).
- Responsible for factory allocation at placement of final orders, taking into consideration duty free and cost saving opportunities.
- Responsible for hardware allocation management, color and quality control
- Managed five direct reports

JAN 2013 – DEC 2014

DIRECTOR OF MATERIAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, DOLCE & GABBANA

- Collaborated with design team on research and development of all materials and fabrics for accessories line.
- Assessed leather articles to establish color, grading and quality standards directly with the tanneries.
- Gained sound knowledge around importance of material selection for each different type of handbag construction.

2006 – 2013

SENIOR SALES MANAGER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, CONCERIA BOMAR

Responsible for development and sales of high-end leathers created for luxury handbag and footwear market.

- Collaborated with Design teams from European luxury bands, such as Dior, Valentino, Celine, Gucci, Prada, Louis Vuitton and Ferragamo.
- Led the development and research team from inception of seasonal collection to final presentation at Lineapelle twice a year in Milan.
- Created new articles and raw materials suited to global trends and consumer needs.

EDUCATION

DEC 2020

CERTIFICATE IN CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY, NYU

JUN 2004

MARKETING & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, SCUOLA DI SCIENZA AZIENDALI

SKILLS

- Broad knowledge of raw material development and manufacturing
- Extensive experience in product development and research
- Established network of supply chain contacts across Europe and Asia.
- Sound understanding of quality assurance requirements and expectations
- Strong interest in Sustainability initiatives
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Friendly, courteous and service-minded

ACTIVITIES

- *Sustainability Talks with N&N* educational talks around sustainability and fashion, with a focus on bringing live suppliers, researchers, designers and NGOs to discuss sustainability in fashion and in the fashion supply chain:
 - Instagram [@sustainable.talks.with.nn](https://www.instagram.com/sustainable.talks.with.nn)
 - YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/SustainableTalksWithNN
- Hiking and Travel

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