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Strategy, pricing and markets

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Coats, dresses, tops, knitwear, trousers, denim and tailoring, item by item.

The waist returns and handcraft moves into everyday clothes. Shapes get defined again, sneakers step back for elegant shoes, and colour comes back in full: purple, true red and Klein blue over sun-faded whites and sand.

How to read the stages

Emerging new, test in small quantities

Rising growing, build into the range

Peaking at its height, sell through

Fading moving out, reduce or rework

Overview

Build around Black tailoring with fuchsia accents, Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses and Cropped parkas over evening gowns.

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Build into the range

Black tailoring with fuchsia accents, Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses, Cropped parkas over evening gowns, Cup-bodice gold column gowns and Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns are rising and keep growing into AW27.

Test in small quantities

Ankle-strap balloon trousers, Armour-structured vests, Bead-droplet embroidered dresses, Beaded-fringe canvas dresses and Dropped-crotch Aladdin trousers are new ideas to try.

Sell through

Belted trench blazers, Cape backs and capelets, Cargo midi skirts and Chunky rib turtlenecks are at their height. Do not add depth.

Reduce or rework

Drop waist with pleated skirt, Large flap patch pockets and Low-slung belted waists are moving out.

Range strategy

Build depth

- Black tailoring with fuchsia accents
- Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses
- Cropped parkas over evening gowns
- Cup-bodice gold column gowns
- Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns
- Low-rise bootcut jeans
- Off-shoulder tweed sheath dresses
- Tone-on-tone embroidered tuxedos
- Argyle knits

Test small

- Ankle-strap balloon trousers
- Armour-structured vests
- Bead-droplet embroidered dresses
- Beaded-fringe canvas dresses
- Dropped-crotch Aladdin trousers
- Floral-lined showerproof jackets
- Fringed macramé tops
- Fringed minis with back trains
- Laser-cut coral-relief dresses

Sell through

- Belted trench blazers
- Cape backs and capelets
- Cargo midi skirts
- Chunky rib turtlenecks
- Contrast collars and cuffs
- Contrast-piped edges
- Cropped blazers
- Denim waistcoats
- Drop-shoulder shirt dresses

Exit or rework

- Drop waist with pleated skirt
- Large flap patch pockets
- Low-slung belted waists

Actions and timing

Actions for the range

- Add a peplum version of your best-selling blouse.
- Cut a basque-waist seam into a core dress block.
- Sell double belts as an add-on accessory.
- Add slim ties and pocket squares as add-on sales.
- Style shirts tucked into pleated trousers in imagery.
- Shift footwear mix from sneakers toward mules and flats.
- Test raw hems in wash trials before bulk.
- Layer a longer slip under existing dresses.

Season timing

Shown on the runway	Sep–Oct (year before)
In stores, northern hemisphere	Feb – Jul 2027
Southern hemisphere	Same trends sold Sep–Feb, a season later, in local spring/summer
Tropical and seasonless markets	Core of the year: lightweight trends sell 9–12 months

Range checklist

- Give rising pieces the most options and depth.
- Buy emerging pieces in one or two colours first, then repeat what sells.
- Keep peaking pieces in core colours only; do not add new styles.
- Rework fading pieces with a rising detail, or clear them early.

How it developed

Piece	AW26	SS27	AW27	SS28	AW28
Black tailoring with fuchsia accents	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Cropped parkas over evening gowns	Emerging	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Cup-bodice gold column gowns	Peaking	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns	Peaking	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Low-rise bootcut jeans	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Peaking	Fading
Off-shoulder tweed sheath dresses	Emerging	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Fading
Tone-on-tone embroidered tuxedos	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Fading	
Argyle knits	Emerging	Rising	Rising	Rising	Rising
Asymmetric wrap closures	Rising	Rising	Rising	Rising	Peaking
Backless apron tops		Rising	Fading		
Balloon trousers	Rising	Rising	Peaking	Fading	

Carried on from AW26

Dropped, rounded shoulders
Rising in AW26, peaking now

Belted wrap fronts
Rising in AW26, rising now

Patent trench with storm flaps
Emerging in AW26, rising now

Cape backs and capelets
Rising in AW26, peaking now

Large flap patch pockets
Peaking in AW26, fading now

Raglan sleeve coats
Rising in AW26, rising now

What happens in AW27

Black tailoring with fuchsia accents
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Cropped parkas over evening gowns
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Cup-bodice gold column gowns
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Low-rise bootcut jeans
Rising now, peaking in AW27

Pricing and cost

Indicative retail bands in ₹ for the Indian market. A planning guide, not a quote.

The waist returns

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Peplum blouse	₹899–1,799	₹2,200–4,500	₹8,000+
Bubble-hem dress	₹1,499–2,799	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+
Cinched peplum jacket	₹2,499–3,999	₹5,000–9,500	₹16,000+

Cost level: low to medium. Waist seams and peplums use existing blocks with a cut at the waist. Bubble hems need a lining and more fabric.

Elegant ease

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Slim silk tie	₹499–999	₹1,200–2,500	₹4,500+
Pleated trousers	₹1,299–2,499	₹3,000–6,000	₹10,000+
Refined mules	₹1,499–2,799	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+

Cost level: low. Mostly styling and small accessories. Pleated trousers reuse existing blocks; mules use less leather than closed shoes.

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Undone

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Raw-hem slip dress	₹1,299–2,499	₹3,000–6,500	₹11,000+
Layered slip skirt	₹899–1,799	₹2,200–4,500	₹8,000+
Backless apron top	₹799–1,499	₹1,800–3,800	₹7,000+

Cost level: low. Raw edges skip hemming, but fabrics must be chosen so they fray evenly and pass wash tests.

Reworked denim

Key garment	Value	Mid	Premium
Cut-off denim shorts	₹799–1,499	₹1,800–3,500	₹6,500+
Wax-coated jeans	₹1,799–2,999	₹3,500–7,000	₹12,000+
Denim suit (jacket + jeans)	₹3,499–5,499	₹6,500–12,000	₹22,000+

Cost level: medium. Coatings and special washes add processing cost and water use. Cut-offs are cheap; denim suits need consistent shade across pieces.

Margin checklist

Before you cost

- Fix the retail band first, then work back to the cost you can afford.
- Agree minimums for any new trim or hardware early.
- Ask for a price on two versions: full detail and a simpler one.

Where cost hides

- Hand work such as beading, fringe and embroidery.
- Extra panels, pockets and linings.
- Custom hardware, washes and finishes.
- Duty and freight on imported trims.

Keep the look, cut the cost

- Place the detail where it is seen: neckline, cuff, hem.
- Use stock trims in season colours.
- Put the costly version in a small premium run.

Work out your margin at forecut.in/pricefold.html.

Markets

Asia

Regional direction

- Heritage textiles and motifs (brocade, kesi, handloom) on modern silhouettes
- Sheer and translucent layers worn over opaque bases for modesty and heat
- Tailoring with technical and utility details, cropped jackets and windbreakers
- Cobalt blue and earth tones; metallic silver accents

Climate

From temperate four-season East Asia to tropical Southeast Asia and India, and the hot, dry Gulf. One collection rarely fits every market: weight, sleeve length and coverage change by country.

Best fit from this report

Sheer lattice capes, Woven-stripe longline overlayers, Lace-trimmed slips over knits, Sheer organza overlays

Key selling moments

- China: Lunar New Year, 618 and Double 11 (11.11) shopping festivals
- Japan & South Korea: Spring and autumn wardrobe changes, year-end gifting, Chuseok
- India: Diwali and festive (Sep–Nov), wedding seasons (Nov–Feb, Apr–May), summer

Europe

Regional direction

- Featherlight, see-through fabrics: organza, voile, ripstop
- The waist returns: peplums, basques, defined jackets
- Skirts as the key piece, often at "the Chanel length" below the knee
- Soft "ASMR" pastels: butter, lavender, sage, light blue

Climate

Temperate four-season climate: cold, wet winters in the north, hot dry summers around the Mediterranean.

Best fit from this report

Patent trench with storm flaps, Raglan sleeve coats, Welt-pocket cocoon coats, Single-breasted car coats

Key selling moments

- France, Italy & UK: January and July sales, Christmas, summer holidays
- Nordics: Midsummer, Christmas
- Southern Europe: Summer travel season, Easter

North America

Regional direction

- Sheer skirts and overlays on opaque bases: the wearable version
- Primary colours with cobalt blue; marigold as the breakout shade
- Knits and shirts tied low at the waist
- Denim reworked with tailoring

Climate

From cold Canadian winters to hot, humid southern US summers and Mexico's warm highlands and coasts.

Best fit from this report

Cinched peplum jackets, Collarless cropped jackets, Lace-trimmed jacket edges, Seersucker and linen jackets

Key selling moments

- United States: Back to school, Thanksgiving and Black Friday, holiday, spring break
- Canada: Holiday, Boxing Day
- Mexico: Día de Muertos, holiday season, Buen Fin sales

Markets

South America

Regional direction

- International SS27 trends reach local stores for spring/summer, Sep 2027–Feb 2028
- Featherlight and sheer fabrics translated into beach and resort wear
- Bold colour: Cobalt blue, marigold, berry reds
- Crochet, raffia and cotton craft

Climate

Tropical in the north and Brazil's coast; temperate and four-season in Argentina, Chile and southern Brazil. Seasons are opposite to Europe.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Photographic and art prints, Floral print midis, Seersucker sundresses

Key selling moments

- Brazil: Carnival (Feb/Mar), Christmas and New Year summer
- Argentina & Chile: Christmas summer, winter holidays (July)
- Colombia & Andean: Year-end holidays, festivals

Africa

Regional direction

- Cinched waists and volume: puff, bubble and peplum shapes
- Bold colour and print; chocolate brown as a neutral
- Craft and heritage textiles in contemporary tailoring
- Lagos FW 2026 (Oct): beaded and raffia fringe, red and brown, peplum bustiers, skirts for men

Climate

Mostly hot: tropical West and Central Africa, highland East Africa, Mediterranean north, and a temperate, southern-hemisphere South Africa.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Photographic and art prints, Drop-shoulder shirt dresses, Belted shirt dresses

Key selling moments

- Nigeria & West Africa: Detty December, weddings, Eid
- South Africa: Festive summer (Dec), Black Friday
- North Africa: Ramadan and Eid, summer weddings

Oceania

Regional direction

- International SS27 trends reach local stores for spring/summer, Sep 2027–Feb 2028
- Sheer layers and silk organza (Resort 27 confirms it)
- Surf-inflected tailoring, wraps and sarong ties
- Race-day dressing (VRC Spring Carnival 2026): dropped waists, midi sheaths, butter yellow and Klein blue, brimmed hats

Climate

Southern-hemisphere seasons: summer Dec–Feb, winter Jun–Aug. Mostly temperate, tropical in the north of Australia.

Best fit from this report

Seersucker and linen jackets, Sheer lattice capes, Sheer organza overlays, Photographic and art prints

Key selling moments

- Australia: Christmas summer, Black Friday, end-of-financial-year sales (June)
- New Zealand: Christmas summer, winter (June–August)



India in depth

India

Indian buyers read SS27 through festive and wedding demand, summer weights and handloom. Forecut publishes separate India season reports with craft clusters, colours that sell there and price bands.

See forecut.in/india.html for the India forecasts.

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Sources: SS27 themes summarise published runway and trade coverage from the September–October 2026 shows, including FashionUnited and The Zoe Report. Pantone announces its 2027 colour of the year in December 2026.

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