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ON

Ethical Fashion in India: A Study on Men's Luxury Apparel Trends

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS:

SLF - Ethical Luxury Fashion

MLF - Men's Luxury Fashion

CSR - Corporate Social Responsibility

GOTS - Global Organic Textile Standard

FTA - Fair Trade Agreement

CO2 - Carbon Dioxide

ESG - Environmental, Social, and Governance

SCM - Supply Chain Management

CE - Circular Economy

FF - Fast Fashion

SF - Slow Fashion

EM - Eco-Friendly Materials

R&R - Reduce and Reuse

OHS - Occupational Health and Safety

SCM - Ethical Consumption and Manufacturing

CDP - Carbon Disclosure Project

P&L - Profit and Loss

EPR - Extended Producer Responsibility

EPR - Environmental Product Declaration T&A - Textiles and Apparel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction:

The luxury fashion industry in India is witnessing a notable shift towards sustainability, driven by increasing consumer awareness and demand for ethically and environmentally responsible products. This executive summary provides a comprehensive overview of a study conducted to explore sustainability practices, consumer attitudes, and preferences in men's luxury fashion in India.

Methodology:

The study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining surveys and interviews to gather data from a diverse sample of consumers and industry experts. Surveys were distributed to a sample of luxury menswear consumers across different demographics, while interviews were conducted with industry professionals to gain insights into current sustainability practices and challenges.

Key Findings:

Consumer Awareness: The study revealed a significant awareness among consumers regarding sustainability initiatives in the men's luxury fashion industry, with a majority expressing interest in supporting brands that prioritize sustainability.

Consumer Preferences: Brand reputation emerged as the most influential factor in purchasing decisions, followed by sustainability practices, price, and style.

Willingness to Pay Premium: A considerable portion of consumers expressed a willingness to pay a premium for sustainably produced luxury menswear, emphasizing the perceived value of ethical and environmentally friendly products.

Importance of Transparency: Transparency in the supply chain and certification of Ethical practices were identified as key factors influencing consumer trust and loyalty.

Challenges and Opportunities: Industry professionals highlighted challenges such as sourcing Ethical materials, implementing eco-friendly manufacturing processes, and communicating

sustainability efforts effectively to consumers. However, they also recognized opportunities for innovation and collaboration to drive positive change in the industry.

Recommendations:

Based on the findings, several recommendations are proposed to enhance sustainability practices in men's luxury fashion in India. These include investing in Ethical materials, increasing transparency in the supply chain, promoting Ethical certifications, educating consumers about Ethical fashion choices, and collaborating with Ethical initiatives.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the study underscores the growing importance of sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India and highlights the potential for brands to align with consumer preferences and drive positive social and environmental impact. By embracing sustainability as a core value and implementing recommended strategies, luxury menswear brands can not only enhance their brand reputation but also contribute to the broader goal of creating a more Ethical and ethical fashion industry in India.

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

INDUSTRY PROFILE:

The luxury apparel market for men in India is a thriving and expanding sector known for its exceptional craftsmanship, exclusive designs, and premium prices. In recent years, there has been a substantial increase in the demand for luxury menswear in India due to the growing globalization and increased affluence of consumers. Nevertheless, as the fashion industry continues to expand, there is an increasing recognition of the environmental and social consequences it entails, leading to a transition towards sustainability.

MARKET OVERVIEW:

The Indian luxury fashion sector is currently seeing consistent expansion, propelled by reasons such as increasing disposable incomes, urbanisation, and evolving consumer preferences. Although women's fashion has traditionally been the dominant force, the men's luxury fashion sector is quickly gaining momentum. This is due to the rising fashion awareness among Indian men and a growing willingness to embrace luxury brands.

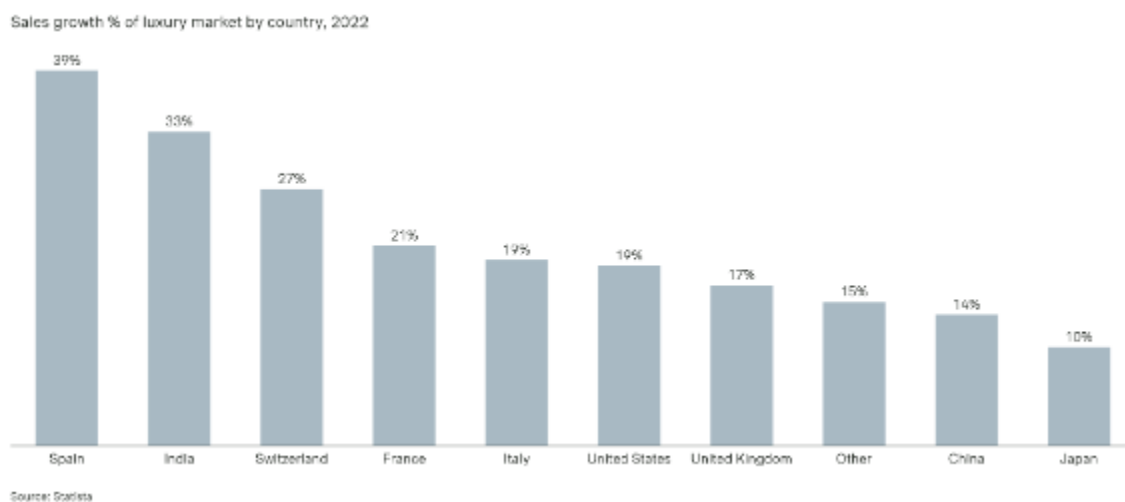
A premium fashion brand is distinguished by its exceptional quality, exclusivity, and elevated price points. Luxury clothes is characterised by its exorbitant price tags, which differentiate it from everyday essentials. In theory, luxury fashion items should be costly because of their utilisation of high-quality materials, intricate design, and exceptional craftsmanship. The price of a product is determined by the perspective of the business and the positioning of the brand, targeting the wealthy consumer group. Therefore, there is no definitive definition of luxury. The product is characterised by its superior quality and durability, while also possessing a futuristic design. It possesses both visual appeal and distinctiveness. It is both uncommon and challenging to gain access. Premium fashion products are crafted from superior materials and have more durability compared to their rivals.

The study examines the various segments of the Luxury Fashion Market, including Product Type, Gender, End-Users, and Region. The data has been sourced from market participants and

covers the regions of North America, Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East & Africa, and South America. The MMR market research offers a comprehensive study of the swift progress occurring in all industrial segments at present. Data analysis for the historical era spanning from 2017 to 2022 is supported with facts and figures, graphics, and presentations. The paper examines the factors that drive, restrict, and affect the potential and obstacles of the Luxury Fashion Market. This MMR research provides investor suggestions derived from a comprehensive analysis of the current competitive landscape in the Luxury Fashion Market.

India's luxury sector is now seeing the most rapid growth in Asia and is likely to continue rising in the future. Now is an opportune moment to enter and conduct business operations in India. Nevertheless, luxury businesses must conform to local labour practices in order to flourish in this intricate market environment. Our specialists thoroughly examine the process of developing a successful go-to-market plan specifically designed for achieving success in the Indian market.

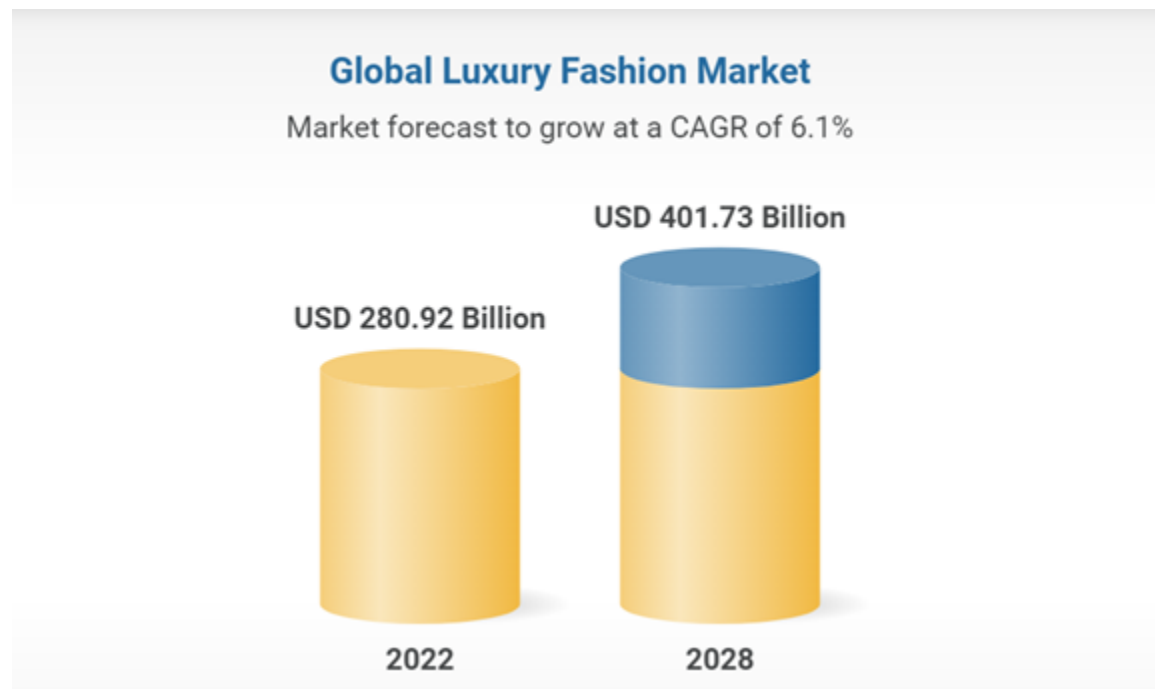
On a global scale, the luxury market has been experiencing a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 4.3 percent. It is expected to generate revenue of 369 billion US dollars by 2024, which is an increase from the 313 billion dollars recorded in 2022. The Asia-Pacific (APAC) region accounted for around 38 percent of the total contribution in 2012. In the APAC region, China, Japan, and India contribute \$56 billion, \$32 billion, and \$7 billion, respectively.



Despite its smaller size, India's impressive growth rate of 33 percent as of 2022 establishes it as the fastest growing market in Asia and the second fastest globally. Moreover, India, with a

market size of \$7 billion, holds the position of the second largest luxury market in Asia, exceeding nations such as Thailand, Vietnam, and even South Korea.

The worldwide luxury fashion market is projected to have substantial growth, with an estimated value of \$401.73 billion by 2028, compared to \$280.92 billion in 2022, or a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.1%. The sector is dominated by major players such as LVMH, Kering, Burberry, Armani Group, and Prada Group. However, competition is intense, which compels vendors to always strive for innovation.



The Asia-Pacific (APAC) region is at the forefront of the global luxury fashion market, generating more than 31% of total sales in 2022. China, Japan, India, and South Korea are significant markets as a result of escalating investments, expanding disposable incomes, and a growing consciousness of luxury brands. The market growth is driven by the rising middle-class population in the region, who have better discretionary incomes. Additionally, improved access to foreign brands contributes to the expansion in consumption. Several brands are entering the APAC region to take advantage of the substantial client base and increasing demand for premium fashion items.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES:

As a response to worldwide concerns around environmental sustainability and ethical sourcing, numerous high-end men's fashion firms in India are adopting sustainability efforts. These initiatives span a wide range of aspects, including:

- **Material Sourcing:** Brands are increasingly utilizing eco-friendly materials such as organic cotton, hemp, and recycled fabrics in their collections to reduce environmental impact.
- **Ethical Production:** There is a growing emphasis on ensuring fair labor practices and ethical treatment of workers throughout the supply chain, including factories and workshops.
- **Transparency:** Brands are becoming more transparent about their sourcing and manufacturing processes, providing consumers with information about their sustainability efforts.
- **Circular Economy:** Some brands are exploring circular economy principles, such as product recycling and upcycling, to minimize waste and extend the lifespan of garments.

CONSUMER TRENDS:

Consumer attitudes towards sustainability in men's luxury fashion are evolving, with an increasing number of individuals prioritizing ethical and eco-friendly brands. Millennials and Generation Z, in particular, are driving this shift, placing a premium on brands that align with their values of sustainability and social responsibility. However, price sensitivity remains a challenge, with some consumers hesitant to pay a premium for Ethical luxury menswear.

MARKET TRENDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Leveraging Augmented Reality

Augmented Reality (AR) enables individuals to perceive and interact with virtual aspects within the real physical world. Virtual reality and the metaverse are nascent technologies that have recently garnered considerable interest. This is a current technological trend that is rapidly growing in popularity across several industries.

The increasing adoption of smartphones and the introduction of the 5G network have enabled businesses to utilize augmented reality (AR) technology and enhance the shopping experiences for customers. Several enterprises in the high-end fashion industry employ augmented reality (AR) to shape customers' buying habits and assist them in making well-informed choices. The decision to acquire fashion goods is greatly influenced by the product's trial, hence customers have a preference for trying the products prior to making their final purchases.

Growing Inclination Towards Ethical Products

Customers are progressively developing a heightened awareness of environmental issues and are actively pursuing more Ethical options for their way of life. Luxury brand owners are facing increasing pressure from both the public and the business to reduce their environmental impact while yet keeping the luxurious nature of their products. This has led to multiple high-end fashion firms embracing Ethical and environmentally-friendly materials for producing luxury clothing, shoes, and other fashion products. In addition, luxury fashion stores are actively implementing measures to enhance the prominence of sustainability within the luxury fashion industry.

Online retailers like Net a Porter, Selfridges, Matches Fashion, and others have incorporated sustainability into their websites to emphasize its significance and address the increasing market need.

Growing High Net Worth Individuals

The elevated cost of luxury fashion items can be attributed to their superior craftsmanship, long-lasting nature, and distinctive brand ethos. Consequently, individuals belonging to the lower income bracket are less inclined to acquire these things, as luxury fashion items are predominantly bought by individuals with substantial wealth. Developing nations are experiencing substantial expansion in the population of High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWI), resulting in a rising need for high-end fashion merchandise.

LUXURY FASHION MARKET DYNAMICS:

Social media Promotions and celebrity Endorsements are driving the market growth:

The market growth is being propelled by promotions and celebrity endorsements, as they exert a significant influence on consumer purchasing decisions. Celebrities possess significant value for brands and have substantial influence in the fashion industry, hence attracting customers to specific labels. Customers are strongly impacted by product advertising on social media, particularly when celebrities endorse them through their blogs and videos. Social media narrows the divide between customers and marketers by offering a promising avenue for product introductions and branding.

Manufacturers utilise social media platforms as a means to market their brand, thereby captivating the attention of potential customers. There are multiple venues available for brand promotion on social media, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. Consumers exhibit greater brand loyalty. Social media significantly influences the market for luxury clothes, particularly among young people who actively engage with social media platforms to seek knowledge. The following reasons contribute to the expansion of the luxury fashion market:

High price product restricts the limited customer base:

Luxury clothes makers incorporate high-quality materials and employ highly trained craftsmen. The production process and raw materials utilised in luxury clothes significantly contrast with those employed in rapid fashion. Luxury fashion is characterised by the use of premium materials, and there is no compromise in the printing and dyeing process, unlike in rapid fashion where shortcuts are often taken. The main factor contributing to the elevated prices of premium fashion items is this. Due to the prevalence of price sensitivity among consumers, the market's expansion is impeded by the high price. Given the evolving fashion trends, price-conscious customers tend to favour quick fashion.

Moreover, the exorbitant prices of luxury goods pose a hindrance since committed customers refrain from making repeated purchases, hence impeding the expansion of the luxury items market. Hence, the presence of a restricted client base may impede the expansion of the luxury fashion market in the projected timeframe.

Rising threat of counterfeit products challenges the market growth:

With the rising demand for luxury fashion, manufacturers are finding difficult to ban counterfeit products. In terms of revenue and dampen the brand goodwill, the counterfeit products affect the

actual brand products. It became difficult to identify the difference between the actual and the copied product. The counterfeit products are actually of lower price than the original product price for attracting the people towards the counterfeit products. The sale of faked or copy products affects not only the revenue of mainstream brands, but also their prevailing brand equity. These copy products are easily available on the online channels. This counterfeit product of low-cost challenges the growth of the luxury fashion market.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

While there is growing momentum towards sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India, the industry faces several challenges, including:

Cost Implications: Implementing Ethical practices often involves higher production costs, which may impact profit margins and pricing strategies.

Consumer Education: There is a need for greater consumer awareness and education about the importance of sustainability in fashion and the benefits of supporting ethical brands.

Supply Chain Complexity: Ensuring sustainability throughout the supply chain, particularly in a diverse and fragmented market like India, presents logistical and operational challenges.

Despite these challenges, the sustainability movement presents significant opportunities for men's luxury fashion brands in India. By embracing sustainability, brands can differentiate themselves in the market, attract environmentally conscious consumers, and contribute to positive social and environmental impact.

The integration of sustainability into the men's luxury fashion industry in India represents a transformative shift towards more responsible and ethical practices. While challenges exist, the growing demand for Ethical menswear presents a compelling opportunity for brands to innovate, collaborate, and lead the way towards a more Ethical future for the fashion industry in India.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

ALLEN SOLLY:



Allen Solly is a brand that transformed the dressing lifestyles of Indian officials. Allen Solly was the modernizer in bringing the semi-formal revolt to the Indian market. It netted the imagination of youth and professionals equal giving them a chance to mark a fashion statement at work. The brand has progressed swiftly in the past years, becoming one of the fastest growing brands in India.

History

Allen Solly was established in 1744 by William Hollin and Co Ltd. In the 1990s, a business named Madura Garments acquired the brand. Madura Garments, a subsidiary of Madura Coats, was a prominent manufacturer of threads. The acquisition of Allen Solly by the Aditya Birla Group took place in 2001.

Allen Solly quickly achieved a prominent and trendy position in a fiercely competitive industry for ready-to-wear clothing. Allen Solly introduces the innovative concept of "Friday Dressing" to the market. Allen Solly introduced a line of business attire consisting of coloured shirts and Khaki trousers, which quickly gained popularity. The brand coined the motto "My World, My Way" to represent its latest trend.

Allen Solly made history in 2002 by being the pioneer Indian brand to provide work fashion exclusively for women.

In 2013, the range of children's clothing was expanded to include a comprehensive collection of stylish and sophisticated attire for boys and girls, known as "Allen Sally Junior".

Solly Jeans Company was established in 2014, and Solly Sport was subsequently developed as a sports brand that draws inspiration from tennis and has a lifestyle aesthetic.

Marketing & Promotional Strategy

Allen Solly's advertising campaigns are evenly distributed throughout both print and digital media. The print media has marketed Allen Solly as a contemporary brand of comfortable formal clothing. Allen Solly's first action was to disseminate the identical message via a television advertisement. Subsequently, the subsequent course of action involved disseminating the identical message throughout several social media sites.

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Social Media Marketing

Allen Solly maintains a substantial presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and demonstrates a moderate level of activity on YouTube. Allen Solly has a total of 16,600 followers on Twitter, 13,600 followers on Instagram, and an impressive 1.7 billion likes on its Facebook Page.

While the firm offers products for both genders, their social media material is predominantly focused on women. Allen Solly employs a strategic blend of digital outdoor advertising and social media platforms to effectively promote local brands.

Facebook

Allen Solly utilizes Facebook as a platform to promote their business and actively involve their fans in meaningful discussions and collaborative content development.

The brand's presence on Facebook aligns perfectly with the recently introduced theme. One notable aspect of Allen Solly is their focus on marketing the concept rather than only promoting the goods. Allen Solly is leveraging the content to promote their brand positioning.

Twitter

Allen Solly has created India's first billboard powered by Twitter, which is distributing shirts to the viewers that tweet. 52 shirts were arranged on a massive billboard. Each shirt had a set of boards organized behind it, each containing a solenoid.

For each tweet containing a significant hashtag, a randomly activated solenoid would gradually move forward, eventually hitting each shirt displayed on the billboard and delivering it directly to the fortunate tweeters who were positioned beneath the billboard to get their prize.

TV Commercials

Allen Solly is leading a campaign to promote the concept of 'Friday Dressing'. The film aims to instill a relaxed and carefree atmosphere reminiscent of a Friday, regardless of the actual day of the week, in order to reduce work-related stress.

The video takes place at an office where employees, dressed in casual work attire, come together with their colleagues to sing and dance in order to alleviate their work-related stress. The clip concludes with all colleagues resuming their work while a voiceover proclaims, "Farewell to stress, welcome to the attire of Fridays."

The Growth Story

Allen Solly has a distinctive approach to expanding its brand and places equal importance on both outlets and mixed stores. The garments can be found at both shopping malls and retail stores.

Currently, the brand is sold in 207 exclusive locations throughout India, and it has plans for international expansion, which will result in a significant increase in the number of stores in the near future. In the previous fiscal year, the company's revenue reached INR 600 crore.

The company has been experiencing rapid growth at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 34% and is on track to achieve net sales of INR 1,000 crores in FY 2017.

The impeccable branding and exceptional garments are the primary factors that draw the majority of people to Allen Solly's retail stores. Due to the increasing popularity of E-commerce, buyers can now easily find a wide range of Allen Solly clothing available for purchase online.

LOUIS VUITTON



Louis Vuitton Malletier, also known as Louis Vuitton, is a renowned French luxury fashion brand and corporation that was established in 1854 by its founder, Louis Vuitton. The company specialises in creating a diverse range of high-end products, such as leather goods, footwear, timepieces, fine jewellery, accessories, eyewear, and books.

For over a century and a half, individuals at Louis Vuitton have always demonstrated a commitment to exceptional quality and enthusiasm, continuously showcasing their mastery on a global scale. At our organisation, each career path is an expedition, brimming with exhilaration and difficulty, ambition and audacity. There is no superior method to unveil your potential. Engage in exploration, foster development, stimulate innovation, and generate creation... Each path is distinct. Today, Louis Vuitton extends an invitation for you to explore and uncover your own unique identity.

Louis Vuitton is a dominant force in the luxury fashion market, boasting a workforce of over 10,001 people worldwide and a vast network of 24,332 affiliated individuals on LinkedIn. Louis Vuitton has positioned itself as a frontrunner in the field of luxury goods, with a particular focus on leather goods, fashion, shoes, ready-to-wear garments, watches, and high jewellery. The brand is renowned for its exceptional workmanship, innovative designs, and commitment to

quality. Louis Vuitton is widely recognized for its dedication to excellence, innovation, and elegance, as evidenced by its distinctive boutiques and exquisite designs. Louis Vuitton is at the forefront of luxury retail by prioritizing global careers, digital advancements, and customer relationship management. The brand consistently redefines the luxury shopping experience while upholding its reputation for timeless elegance and prestige.

COACH:

The phrase "Classic American style" has been the defining characteristic and embodiment of the Coach brand for the past 60 years.

Today, Coach represents "timeless American fashion" more than ever before, with a wide and contemporary range of lifestyle accessories available in several unique categories, styles, and materials. As the brand has expanded and developed, the firm has also transformed: shifting from a focus on manufacturing to a focus on marketing; and transitioning from a modest family business located in a New York loft to a publicly traded company with global revenues amounting to \$600 million in fiscal 2001.

The brand is important to Coach's vision and strategy. The core principles of the brand, including customer satisfaction, honesty, innovation, and teamwork, serve as the driving force behind Coach's employees' motivation to come to work every morning. The defining characteristic of the Coach brand is the primary factor that has shaped Coach into the firm it now is.



Public Company

Incorporated: 1941

Employees: 2,700

Sales: \$616.1 million (2001)

Stock Exchanges: New York

Ticker Symbol: COH

NAIC: 448320 Luggage and Leather Goods Stores; 448150 Clothing Accessories Stores; 454110 Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses; 316990 Other Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing

HISTORY :

1941: The company is founded as a family-run workshop, making small leather goods in Manhattan.

1946: Miles Cahn joins the company.

1950: Cahn begins running the factory for its owners.

1960: The Coach brand of sturdy cowhide purses is introduced and becomes the company's signature, luxury, trademark.

1961: Cahn and his wife, Lillian, buy out the factory's owners.

Late 1970s/Early 1980s: Company begins a mail-order business and opens its first specialty stores.

1985: The Cahns sell Coach to Sara Lee Corporation for about \$30 million; Sara Lee begins expanding Coach's product line and its channels of distribution.

1988: The company begins international push, opening boutiques in England and Japan.

1989: Sales reach \$100 million, five times the level of 1985.

1992: The product line is expanded to include outerwear and luggage.

1997: The company enters into its first licensing agreement, a deal with Movado Group for a line of Coach watches.

1999: The company enters the e-commerce realm with the launch of coach.com.

2000: Sara Lee sells 17 percent of the newly named Coach, Inc. to the public through an IPO.

2001: Sara Lee spins off its remaining interest in Coach to Sara Lee shareholders.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

1. Assess the current practices and attitudes towards sustainability in the men's luxury fashion sector in India.
2. Identify key challenges hindering the integration of Ethical practices within the Indian men's luxury fashion industry.
3. Explore consumer perceptions and preferences regarding Ethical menswear options in the Indian market.
4. Analyze successful case studies and best practices of sustainability initiatives within the men's luxury fashion segment in India.
5. Propose actionable strategies and recommendations for fostering greater sustainability in the Indian men's luxury fashion industry.

NEED OF THE STUDY:

The study on sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India is imperative due to several pressing factors. Firstly, as global awareness of environmental and social issues continues to grow, there is a rising demand for Ethical practices across industries, including fashion. However, within the realm of men's luxury fashion in India, there exists a notable gap in understanding the extent to which sustainability is integrated into business operations, supply chains, and consumer preferences. Secondly, India's burgeoning luxury fashion market, particularly in the men's segment, presents a unique opportunity to drive positive change towards more Ethical practices. Investigating the current landscape and identifying areas for improvement can facilitate the adoption of eco-friendly materials, ethical sourcing, and transparent communication strategies within the industry. Moreover, with the increasing influence of consumer activism and the need for corporate social responsibility, there is a clear need to explore how sustainability initiatives can enhance brand reputation, consumer loyalty, and long-term profitability for men's luxury fashion brands in India. Ultimately, this study aims to provide valuable insights and actionable recommendations to stakeholders, fostering a more Ethical and responsible approach to men's luxury fashion in India.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY:

The scope of this study on sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India will focus on understanding how environmentally friendly and socially responsible practices are being implemented in the country's high-end men's fashion industry. We'll look at things like the materials used in making clothes, how workers are treated, and how companies are helping the environment. We'll also explore what consumers think about sustainability and whether they're willing to pay more for eco-friendly luxury menswear. By doing this, we hope to learn how men's luxury fashion brands in India can become more Ethical and make a positive impact on the world.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

- i. Studying sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India is important for a few simple reasons. Firstly, it helps us understand how fancy men's clothing is made and whether it's good for the environment and the people making it. This is important because making clothes can sometimes harm the environment and mistreat workers, so we want to find better ways to do it.
- ii. By focusing on sustainability, we can make sure that luxury fashion brands in India are being responsible and fair. This means treating workers well, using materials that don't hurt the planet, and being transparent about what they're doing.
- iii. Studying sustainability in men's luxury fashion can actually be good for business. People are starting to care more about the environment and want to support brands that are doing the right thing. So, if luxury brands in India start being more Ethical, they might attract more customers and do better in the long run.
- iv. By learning about sustainability in fashion, students like you can become more aware of how their choices impact the world. You can use this knowledge to make better decisions as consumers and even advocate for positive change in the industry. So, studying sustainability in men's luxury fashion isn't just about clothes – it's about making the world a better place for everyone.

Chapter 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

"Ethical Luxury Fashion: A Global Perspective" by Miguel Angel Gardetti and Ana Laura Torres (2013) "Ethical Luxury Fashion: A Global Perspective" authored by Miguel Angel Gardetti and Ana Laura Torres in 2013 offers a thorough examination of sustainability initiatives in the luxury fashion sector worldwide. The book examines the difficulties and advantages that luxury firms encounter when incorporating sustainability into their business strategies. It investigates real-life examples, exemplary methods, and upcoming developments. This text highlights the significance of environmental and social responsibility in the luxury fashion industry. It provides valuable information on consumer attitudes, industry activities, and the changing role of sustainability in influencing the future of the luxury fashion market.

"Sustainability in the Fashion Industry: A Systematic Literature Review" by Paloma Díaz-Santos and Ana María Otegi-Olaso (2017) "Sustainability in the Fashion Industry: A Systematic Literature Review" authored by Paloma Díaz-Santos and Ana María Otegi-Olaso in 2017 provides a comprehensive analysis of sustainability in the fashion industry by conducting a meticulous evaluation of the available research. The study provides valuable insights into multiple dimensions of sustainability, encompassing the environmental consequences, social obligations, and ethical deliberations associated with the fashion industry's production, consumption, and supply networks. The review enhances comprehension of sustainability difficulties and potential in the fashion sector by combining information from many scholarly

sources. It also provides guidance for future research and managerial practices to promote Ethical fashion practices.

"Luxury and Sustainability: A General Overview" by Mariangela Lavanga and Francesca Pallotti (2018) "Luxury and Sustainability: A General Overview" by Mariangela Lavanga and Francesca Pallotti (2018) offers a thorough analysis of how luxury and sustainability intersect in the fashion business. The overview examines the changing connection between high-end brands and Ethical practices, emphasising significant patterns, obstacles, and prospects. The authors provide insights into the feasibility of luxury brands incorporating sustainability into their fundamental principles and business structures by examining industry activities, consumer preferences, and corporate strategy. The overview functions as a great resource for researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders who are interested in comprehending the intricacies of the relationship between luxury and sustainability in modern fashion marketplaces.

Ethical Fashion Consumption and the Fast Fashion Conundrum: Fashionable Consumers and Attitudes to Sustainability in Clothing Choice" by Kate Fletcher (2008) "Ethical Fashion Consumption and the Fast Fashion Conundrum: Fashionable Consumers and Attitudes to Sustainability in Clothing Choice" is a book written by Kate Fletcher in 2008. It explores the intricate connection between Ethical fashion consumption and the increasing popularity of rapid fashion. This study investigates the attitudes and behaviours of stylish customers towards sustainability in their clothing choices. It explores the difficulties caused by the fast fashion industry's focus on quick production and consumption cycles. The author emphasises the necessity for alternative methods to fashion consumption that prioritise environmental and social responsibility by critically analysing consumer views. The study offers useful insights into the dynamics of Ethical fashion consumption and provides recommendations for developing more Ethical practices in the fashion sector.

"Ethical Luxury Brands: Evidence from Research and Implications for Managers" is a research paper written by Michael Luchs and Caroline M. Doran in 2013. The paper provides valuable information about the growing phenomenon of Ethical luxury brands. The paper provides

empirical evidence that supports the feasibility of implementing Ethical practices in the luxury industry. It emphasises successful case studies and their implications for managerial decision-making. The authors offer practical ideas for luxury brand managers who aim to incorporate sustainability into their business plans, based on a thorough examination of customer preferences, market trends, and industry standards. This study enhances our comprehension of the convergence of sustainability and luxury, providing practical advice for promoting Ethical brand expansion in the fiercely competitive luxury industry.

"Ethical and Ethical Consumption in the Fashion Industry: A Review" by Aarti Sharma and Vaishali Thakkar (2018) offers a thorough examination of ethical and Ethical consumption in the fashion industry. The paper analyses the dynamic terrain of ethical fashion, delving into fundamental principles, obstacles, and prospects for sustainability in the manufacturing and use of apparel. The authors conduct a comprehensive analysis of consumer attitudes, industry activities, and regulatory frameworks in order to promote ethical and Ethical practices in the fashion business, using existing research as a basis. The review provides significant insights for researchers, policymakers, and industry stakeholders that aim to promote sustainability initiatives in the fashion sector.

"Green Luxury Goods? The Economics of Ethical Luxury Goods for a Warming World" is a book written by Tim Jackson in 2009. It explores the economic consequences of Ethical luxury goods in relation to climate change. The study examines the feasibility of luxury brands implementing ecologically Ethical practices and meeting the increasing consumer demand for Ethical products. The author conducts a comprehensive examination of market trends, consumer behaviour, and industry dynamics to assess the viability of incorporating sustainability into the luxury sector without compromising profitability and brand prestige. The report provides significant insights into the difficulties and possibilities related to Ethical luxury goods and offers tips for organisations aiming to negotiate the shift towards more environmentally aware practices in a warming world.

"Sustainability and Luxury Fashion: Exploring the Motivations Behind Consumers' Purchasing Behaviour" is a research paper authored by Rika Fujioka and Albert Caruana in 2016. The paper investigates the underlying reasons that influence consumers to buy Ethical luxury fashion products. The study examines the variables that impact consumer behaviour in the realm of Ethical luxury fashion, encompassing environmental considerations, social accountability, and impressions of opulence. The authors examine the intricate relationship between sustainability and luxury in influencing customer preferences and buying choices using qualitative and quantitative analysis. The findings provide useful information for luxury fashion firms aiming to comprehend and address changing consumer preferences towards ethical and ecologically conscientious products.

"Sustainability and the Fashion Industry: Exploring the Green Consumer in an Evolving Market" is a book written by Kate Fletcher and Lynda Grose in 2002. It focuses on the significance of the environmentally conscious consumer in the ever-changing fashion industry. The study examines the motives, behaviours, and preferences of environmentally conscious customers in regards to their fashion purchases. The writers examine the difficulties and possibilities of encouraging Ethical practices in the garment industry using qualitative research and case studies. The study provides valuable insights on the possibility of industry stakeholders and consumers working together to promote positive change in fashion consumption patterns, with a focus on sustainability.

"Greening the Luxury Fashion Industry: The Road Ahead" is a publication by Hua Tan and Youngsoo Kim (2019) that provides methods and recommendations for incorporating sustainability into the luxury fashion business. This study analyses the difficulties encountered by luxury businesses in implementing ecologically Ethical practices and investigates possible strategies for making the industry more environmentally friendly. The authors utilise both theoretical analysis and practical case studies to pinpoint crucial areas for enhancement, such as Ethical sourcing, production processes, and customer interaction. The study offers valuable information for luxury fashion firms aiming to adopt sustainability practices and fulfil the changing demands of consumers in a growing eco-conscious market.

The article "Ethical Fashion: Understanding Young Consumers' Motivations Towards Luxury Ethical Clothing" by Kyung Hwa Shin and Hyunjung Kim (2017) explores the factors that influence young consumers' choices for high-end Ethical clothing. The study examines the determinants that impact the acceptance of Ethical fashion among young customers, with a specific emphasis on their attitudes, perceptions, and actions. The authors investigate the impact of sustainability on consumer choices and brand loyalty in the luxury apparel industry using both qualitative and quantitative research methods. The findings provide useful insights into the motives and preferences of young customers regarding Ethical luxury apparel. This information may be used by marketers and regulators to effectively promote Ethical consumption in the fashion sector.

"Ethical Luxury Fashion: A Case Study of Stella McCartney" by David Costello (2015) provides a comprehensive analysis of the sustainability initiatives implemented by the luxury fashion brand Stella McCartney. The case study examines Stella McCartney's dedication to ethical and eco-conscious fashion by implementing Ethical materials, accountable production methods, and transparency in its supply chain. The author analyses Stella McCartney's approach to incorporating sustainability into its brand identity and business model, while yet being a prominent luxury fashion company, using qualitative analysis and industry insights. The case study provides useful insights and exemplary strategies for other luxury firms aiming to adopt sustainability and cater to the increasing demand for ethical and environmentally-friendly fashion.

"Ethical Luxury: Managing Social and Environmental Performance in Iconic Brands" is a book written by Miguel Angel Gardetti and Ana Laura Torres in 2014. It offers a thorough examination of how iconic luxury brands incorporate sustainability practices into their operations. This study investigates the strategies employed by these brands to effectively handle their social and environmental performance while simultaneously upholding their position as frontrunners in the luxury market. The authors examine the approaches and actions taken by renowned luxury businesses to incorporate sustainability into their operations, using case studies and empirical research. The study provides significant insights into the difficulties and advantages that luxury firms have when trying to balance profitability with social and

environmental responsibility. It gives useful information for industry professionals and governments who aim to promote Ethical practices in the luxury sector.

"Ethical Luxury Fashion: Strategies for Communicating Sustainability in the Luxury Fashion Market" is a book written by Carolyn Mair in 2018. The book delves into the study of successful communication methods for promoting sustainability within the luxury fashion industry. The study examines the strategies that luxury fashion firms can employ to effectively convey their sustainability initiatives to consumers in a captivating and genuine way. The author explores the significance of honest and believable communication in establishing consumer trust and loyalty, using a blend of theoretical analysis and practical observations. The report provides suggestions for luxury firms to successfully communicate their sustainability initiatives across several channels, such as advertising, marketing campaigns, and product labelling. By implementing these tactics, high-end fashion labels may bolster their brand name and attract consumers who are becoming more conscious about ethical and eco-friendly fashion decisions.

"Sustainability and Luxury Brands: A Systematic Literature Review" authored by Marta Frasquet-Deltoro and Teresa Fayos in 2020, offers a comprehensive analysis of the relationship between sustainability and luxury brands. The review consolidates available material to examine the present condition of Ethical practices in the luxury sector, investigating significant topics, trends, and problems. The authors conduct a thorough examination of academic research to discover ways in which luxury firms can incorporate sustainability into their business strategy without compromising brand status and profitability. The review provides significant insights for scholars, professionals, and decision-makers who are interested in comprehending the dynamics of sustainability in the luxury fashion sector and its consequences for future study and implementation.

"Ethical Luxury Fashion Brands: The Role of Brand Equity and Consumer Ethical Ideology" is a study conducted by Elif Gülsoy and Mine Ertugrul in 2019. The study aims to investigate the connection between Ethical luxury fashion brands, brand equity, and consumer ethical ideology. The study examines the impact of brand equity and customer ethical attitudes on the purchase intentions of Ethical luxury fashion products. The authors conduct empirical research and theoretical analysis to investigate the factors that influence customers' selection of

Ethical luxury goods. They also explore the impact of brand equity on consumer perceptions and preferences. The findings provide valuable insights into the significance of ethical issues and brand reputation in the luxury fashion market. This has important implications for both marketers and consumers, as it highlights the need to promote and support Ethical practices within the sector.

"Green Luxury: A Case Study of Two Green Luxury Brands" is a scholarly article written by **Sara Emilia Bernardo in 2017**. The article offers a comprehensive examination of two green luxury brands, analysing their strategies, practices, and influence in the luxury fashion industry. The study employs qualitative research methodologies to investigate how these firms incorporate sustainability into their business models. This includes examining their practices of obtaining Ethical materials, using eco-friendly production processes, and effectively expressing their dedication to environmental and social responsibility. The case study provides significant insights into the difficulties and advantages encountered by environmentally friendly luxury firms in harmonising opulent aesthetics with Ethical principles. It offers valuable lessons for other luxury fashion brands aiming to embrace more environmentally aware approaches.

"Sustainability in Luxury Fashion: Insights from the Italian Industry" authored by **Antonino Strati and Francesca Nacamulli in 2016** provides valuable perspectives on the incorporation of Ethical practices in the Italian luxury fashion sector. The study investigates the endeavours of luxury fashion firms in Italy to implement Ethical methods throughout several phases of the supply chain, including material sourcing, production, and distribution, using empirical research and case studies. The authors examine the underlying reasons that lead luxury fashion firms to adopt sustainability practices, the obstacles they face, and the tactics they utilise to overcome these obstacles. The study offers useful insights and exemplary methods for luxury fashion firms globally that aim to integrate sustainability into their operations without compromising their brand identity and market competitiveness.

"Luxury Fashion Brands and Ethical Practices: The Influence of Millennials" is a research study conducted by **Teresa Alves and Sofia José in 2019**. The study aims to examine how millennials are affecting the incorporation of Ethical practices in luxury fashion brands. The study examines how the attitudes and preferences of millennials influence the strategies and

behaviours of luxury fashion firms towards sustainability, using both empirical research and theoretical analysis. The authors analyse the impact of millennials as influential catalysts of transformation in the high-end fashion sector, shaping brand perception, consumer preferences, and corporate efforts towards social responsibility. The study offers valuable insights into the motives and expectations of millennials in relation to Ethical fashion. It presents implications for luxury firms who aim to engage this crucial consumer category and connect their practices with the changing trends in sustainability.

"Ethical Fashion: An Overview" by Ebru E. Saygili and Pinar Özgen (2018) offers a **thorough examination of Ethical fashion**, encompassing essential principles, obstacles, and prospects in the business. The writers provide a comprehensive analysis of current research and case studies to examine many facets of Ethical fashion, such as ethical sourcing, environmentally friendly materials, and responsible production methods. The summary emphasises the significance of sustainability in tackling environmental and social problems linked to the fashion industry and provides insights into upcoming trends and inventive solutions. This study is a significant resource for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers who are interested in promoting sustainability in the fashion sector and encouraging positive change towards more ethical and ecologically conscious practices.

Chapter 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research is a methodical exploration conducted with the purpose of uncovering novel information, resolving issues, or deepening comprehension of a specific subject or occurrence. Data is collected and analysed using different techniques to accomplish certain study goals.

What is Research Methodology?

Research methodology encompasses the organized structure of methods and strategies employed by researchers to carry out their study with efficiency. The text describes the methodology used to gather, analyse, and evaluate data in order to investigate research topics or hypotheses.

Research Design:

The research design outlines the overall strategy and plan for conducting the study. In this research, a descriptive research design will be utilized to assess the current state of sustainability practices in men's luxury fashion in India.

Sampling:

Sampling involves selecting a subset of individuals or items from a larger population for study. A convenience sampling technique will be employed to select participants, ensuring accessibility

and feasibility in obtaining responses from individuals involved in the men's luxury fashion industry in India.

Sampling Unit:

The sampling unit refers to the individual elements or entities from which samples are drawn. In this study, the sampling unit will be professionals, consumers, and stakeholders associated with the men's luxury fashion sector in India.

Sampling Technique:

Convenience sampling, a non-probability sampling technique, will be utilized to select participants based on their accessibility and willingness to participate in the study.

Sample Size :

A sample size of 108 responses will be targeted for data collection, with each respondent required to answer 20 questions related to sustainability in men's luxury fashion in India.

Data Collection:

Data collection involves gathering information relevant to the research objectives. Both primary and secondary data collection methods will be utilized in this study.

Types of Data Collection (Primary, Secondary):

Primary data collection involves gathering firsthand information directly from respondents through surveys or interviews. Secondary data collection involves gathering existing data from sources such as research articles, reports, and databases.

Primary Data Collection Method Used:

A structured online survey will be employed as the primary data collection method to gather responses from professionals and consumers in the men's luxury fashion industry in India.

Sources of Data Collection:

Primary data will be collected through the online survey distributed to professionals and consumers in the industry. Secondary data will be gathered from academic journals, industry reports, and reputable online sources.

Percentage Analysis Tool Using Excel:

Excel will be used as a tool to analyze the data collected, allowing for the calculation of percentages and the presentation of findings in tabular format.

Chart and Graph Used for Presentation:

Charts and graphs such as bar charts, pie charts, and line graphs will be utilized to visually present the findings of the study, enhancing clarity and comprehension of the results.

Hypothesis Null and Alternative:

H0 (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant relationship between sustainability practices and consumer preferences in men's luxury fashion in India.

H1 (Alternative Hypothesis): There is a significant relationship between sustainability practices and consumer preferences in men's luxury fashion in India.

Ethical Consideration:

Ethical considerations will be prioritized throughout the research process, ensuring informed consent, confidentiality, and privacy of participants' data. Additionally, any potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed, and research findings will be presented objectively and accurately.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. Limited sample size may not fully represent the diversity of perspectives within the target population.
2. Reliance on self-reported data could introduce response bias and inaccuracies.

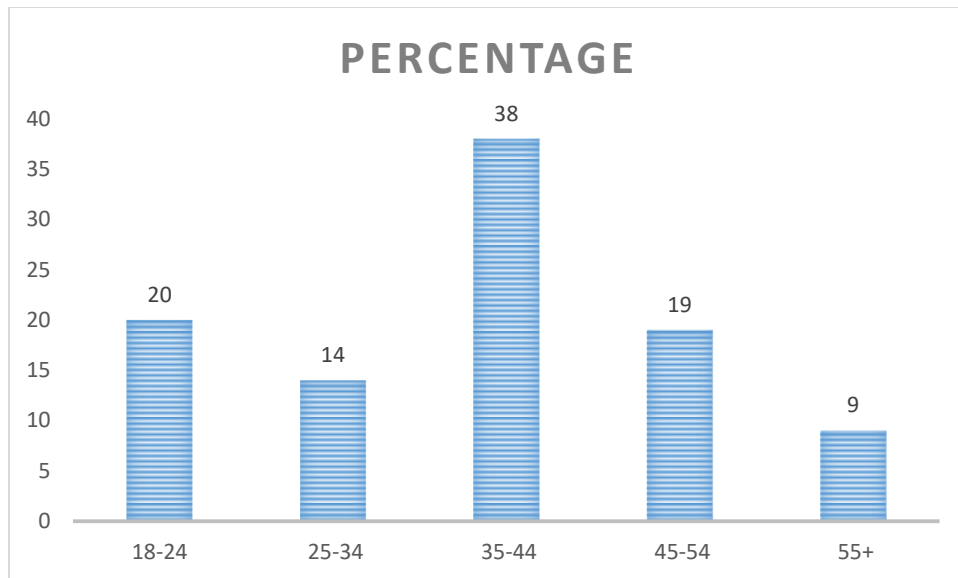
3. Lack of longitudinal data limits the ability to assess changes in attitudes and behaviors over time.
4. The study may overlook regional variations in sustainability awareness and practices across India.
5. Potential language barriers in survey administration could exclude certain demographics.
6. The study may not capture the perspectives of individuals with limited access to luxury menswear or sustainability education

Chapter 4

RESULTS

1. Age:

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
18-24	22	20
25-34	15	14
35-44	41	38
45-54	21	19
55+	9	9
Total	108	100

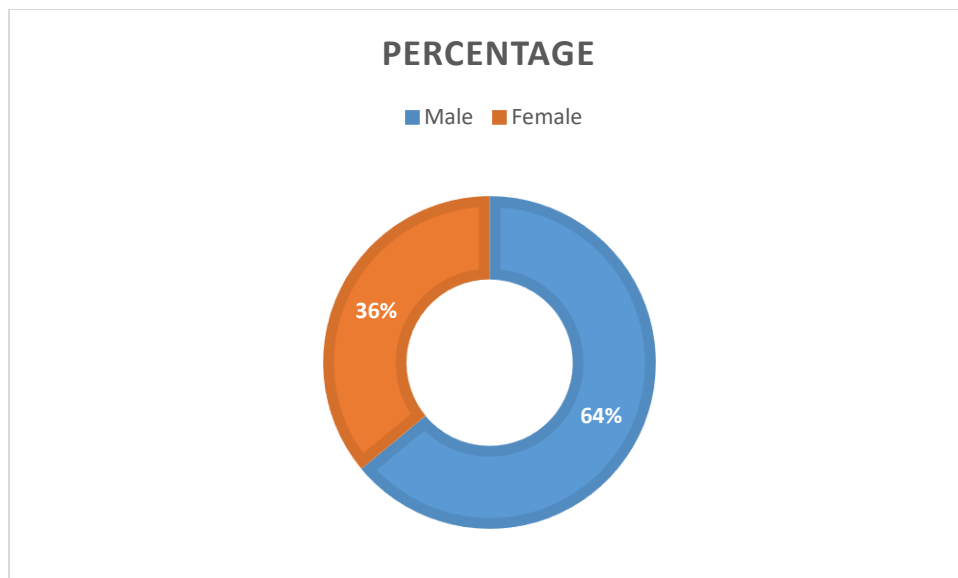


INTERPRETATION :

The majority of respondents fall within the 35-44 age bracket, comprising 38% of the total sample. This suggests a significant participation from individuals in their mid to late thirties and early forties. Following closely behind is the 18-24 age group, representing 20% of respondents, indicating notable engagement from younger participants. The 45-54 age group accounts for 19% of respondents, while those aged 25-34 make up 14% of the sample. The smallest proportion is observed among respondents aged 55 and above, constituting 9% of the total.

2. Gender:

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Male	69	64
Female	39	36
Total	108	100



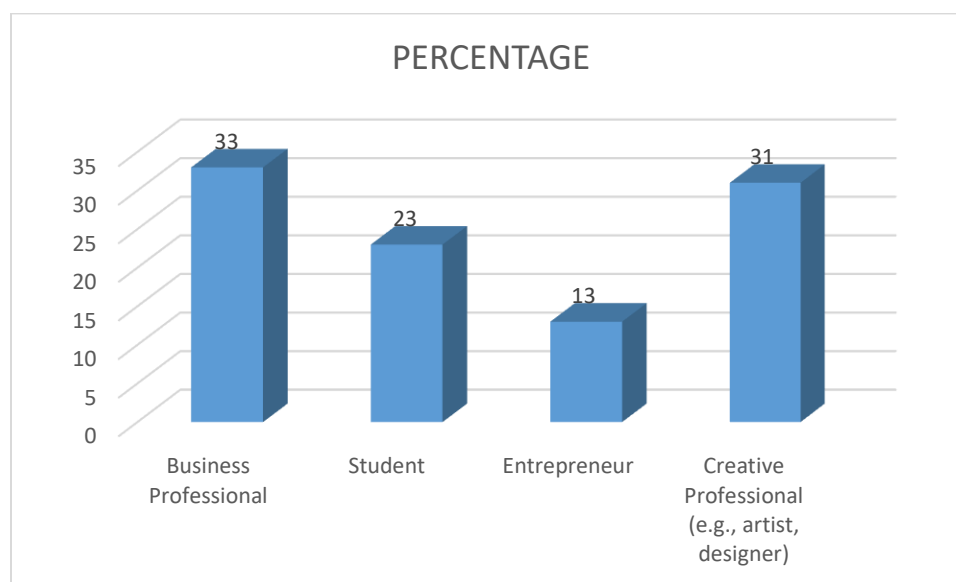
INTERPRETATION :

The gender distribution among respondents indicates a predominant participation from males, comprising 64% of the total sample. In contrast, females account for 36% of respondents. This suggests a higher representation of male participants compared to females in the study.

3. Occupation:

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Business Professional	36	33
Student	25	23

Entrepreneur	14	13
Creative Professional (e.g., artist, designer)	33	31
Total	108	100



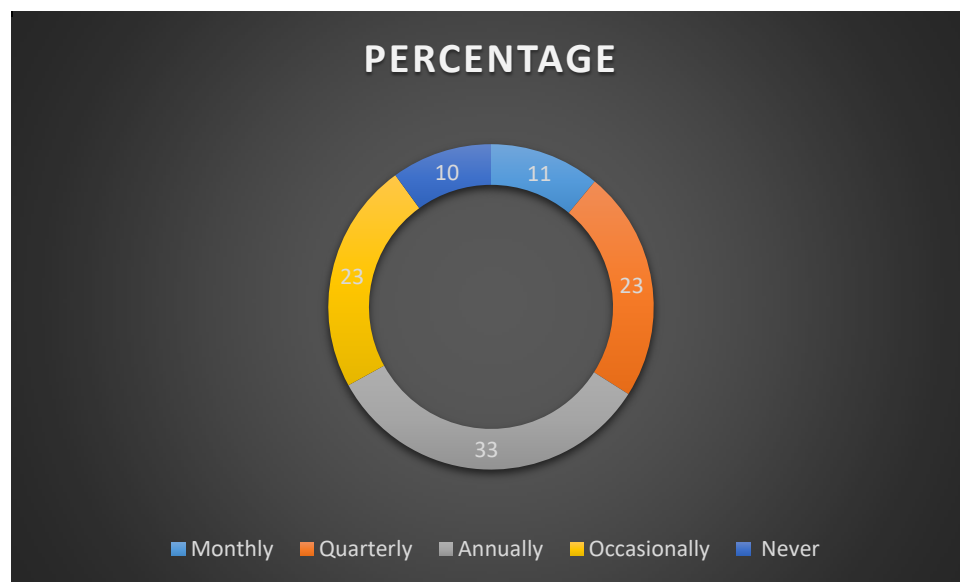
INTERPRETATION :

The occupational distribution among respondents reveals a diverse range of professional backgrounds contributing to the study. Business professionals constitute the largest segment, comprising 33% of the total sample, followed closely by creative professionals, representing 31% of respondents. Students account for 23% of the sample, indicating notable engagement from the student demographic. Entrepreneurs make up 13% of respondents, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit within the participant pool.

4. How frequently do you purchase luxury menswear items?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Monthly	12	11
Quarterly	25	23

Annually	36	33
Occasionally	25	23
Never	10	10
Total	108	100



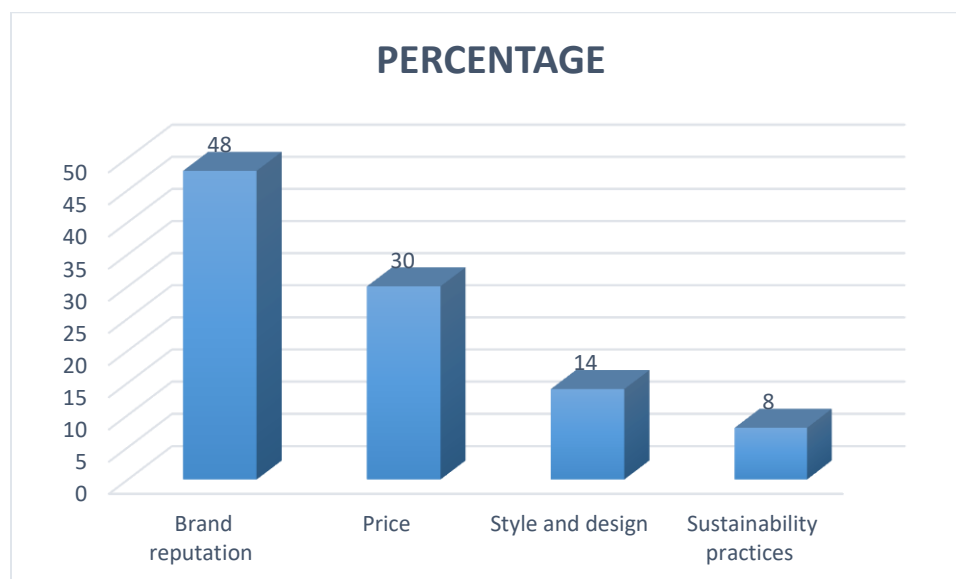
INTERPRETATION :

The highest percentage of respondents, comprising 33% of the total, indicated an annual purchasing pattern, suggesting a preference for occasional or seasonal investments in luxury menswear items. Quarterly purchases follow closely behind, with 23% of respondents opting for purchases every few months. Another 23% of respondents indicated occasional purchases, Monthly purchases accounted for 11% of respondents, indicating a smaller but consistent segment of consumers who invest in luxury menswear items more frequently. Lastly, 10% of respondents stated that they never purchase luxury menswear items, representing a minority within the sample.

5. What factors influence your decision to buy luxury menswear?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
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Brand reputation	52	48
Price	32	30
Style and design	15	14
Sustainability practices	9	8
total	108	100

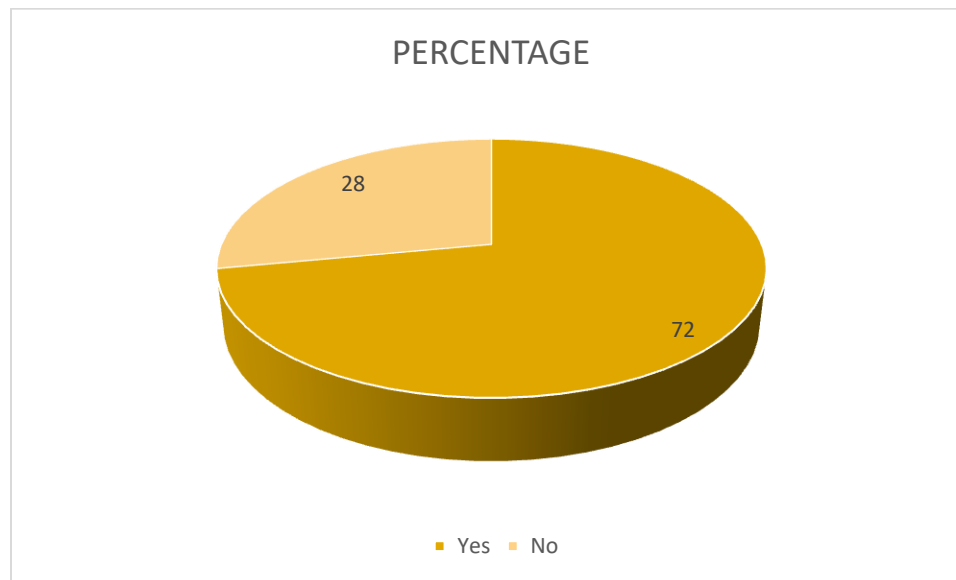


INTERPRETATION :

Brand reputation emerges as the most significant influence, with 48% of respondents indicating it as a key factor in their decision-making process. Price also plays a significant role, with 30% of respondents citing it as a determining factor, highlighting the sensitivity of consumers to the cost implications of their purchases. Style and design follow with 14% of respondents considering it a crucial factor, emphasizing the importance of aesthetic appeal and fashion trends in driving consumer choices. Interestingly, sustainability practices emerge as a consideration for 8% of respondents, indicating a growing awareness and interest in eco-friendly and socially responsible brands among consumers.

6. Are you aware of any sustainability initiatives undertaken by men's luxury fashion brands in India?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	78	72
No	30	28
total	108	100

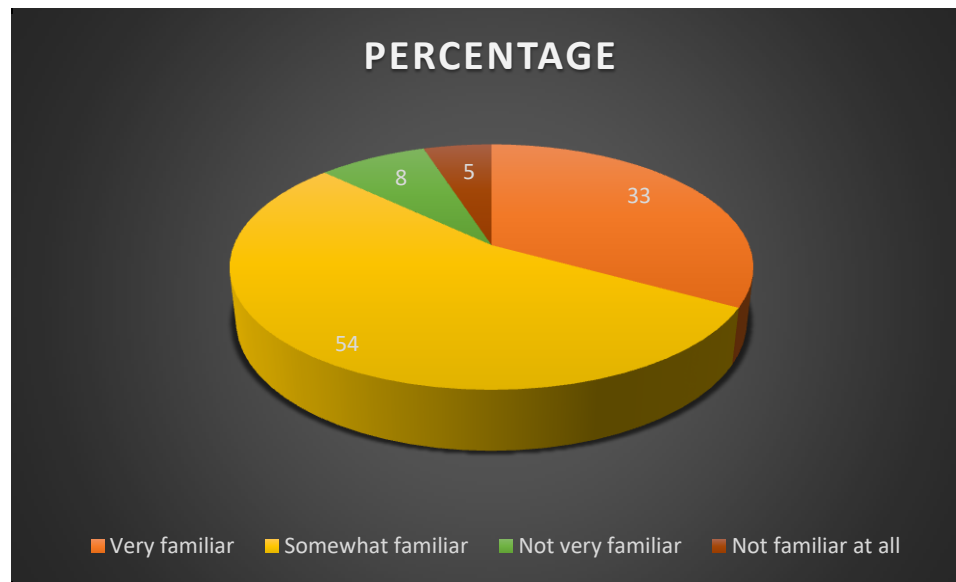


INTERPRETATION :

The majority of respondents, comprising 72% of the total, are aware of sustainability initiatives being implemented by luxury fashion brands in India. This suggests a significant recognition of efforts made by brands to integrate Ethical practices into their operations and supply chains. However, 28% of respondents indicated that they were not aware of any sustainability initiatives, highlighting a segment of the sample that may require further education or information regarding sustainability efforts within the industry.

7. How familiar are you with sustainability initiatives in the men's luxury fashion industry?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Very familiar	36	33
Somewhat familiar	58	54
Not very familiar	9	8
Not familiar at all	5	5
total	108	100

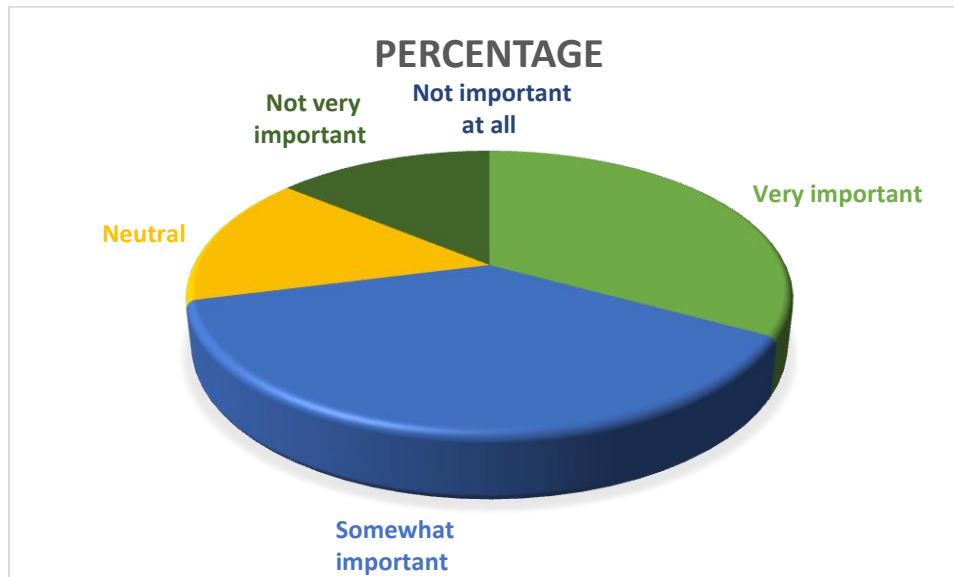


INTERPRETATION :

A significant portion of respondents, comprising 33%, indicated being "very familiar" with sustainability initiatives, suggesting a high level of knowledge and understanding of Ethical practices within the industry. Additionally, 54% of respondents stated being "somewhat familiar" with sustainability initiatives, indicating a moderate level of awareness among the majority of participants. However, 8% of respondents expressed being "not very familiar," and 5% reported being "not familiar at all" with sustainability initiatives in the men's luxury fashion industry.

8. How important is sustainability to you when purchasing menswear?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Very important	36	33
Somewhat important	41	38
Neutral	16	15
Not very important	15	14
Not important at all	0	0
total	108	100

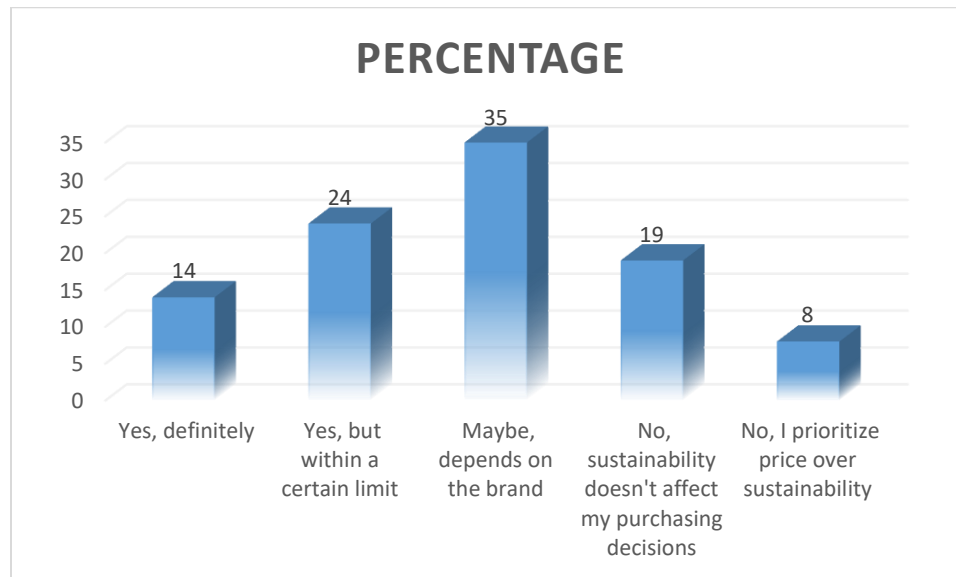


INTERPRETATION :

A significant proportion of respondents, comprising 33%, consider sustainability to be "very important" in their purchasing decisions, indicating a strong commitment to environmentally and socially responsible practices within the fashion industry. Additionally, 38% of respondents view sustainability as "somewhat important," suggesting a moderate level of consideration given to Ethical factors when making menswear purchases. A smaller percentage of respondents, representing 15%, expressed a "neutral" stance on the importance of sustainability, while 14% stated that sustainability is "not very important" to them. Notably, no respondents indicated that sustainability is "not important at all" when purchasing menswear.

9. Would you be willing to pay a premium for sustainably produced luxury menswear?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes, definitely	15	14
Yes, but within a certain limit	26	24
Maybe, depends on the brand	38	35
No, sustainability doesn't affect my purchasing decisions	21	19
No, I prioritize price over sustainability	8	8
total	108	100

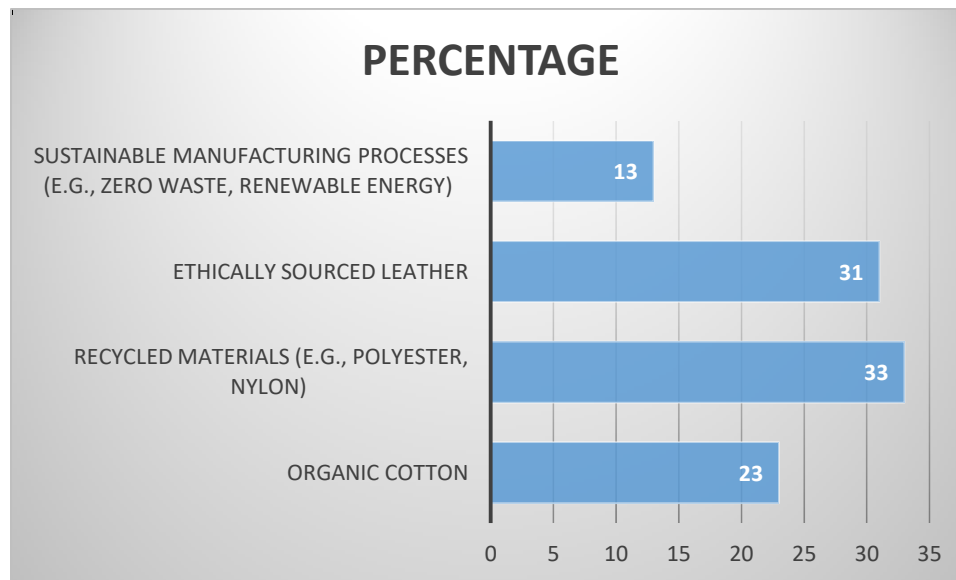


INTERPRETATION :

A minority of respondents, comprising 14%, indicated that they would "definitely" be willing to pay a premium for sustainably produced menswear. Additionally, 24% of respondents stated that they would be willing to pay a premium, but within a certain limit, suggesting a willingness to invest in Ethical options up to a specific price threshold. Another 35% of respondents expressed a more tentative stance. On the other hand, 19% of respondents stated that sustainability does not affect their purchasing decisions, while 8% prioritize price over sustainability considerations.

10. Which Ethical materials or practices would you prefer in luxury menswear?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Organic cotton	25	23
Recycled materials (e.g., polyester, nylon)	36	33
Ethically sourced leather	34	31
Ethical manufacturing processes (e.g., zero waste, renewable energy)	13	13
total	108	100

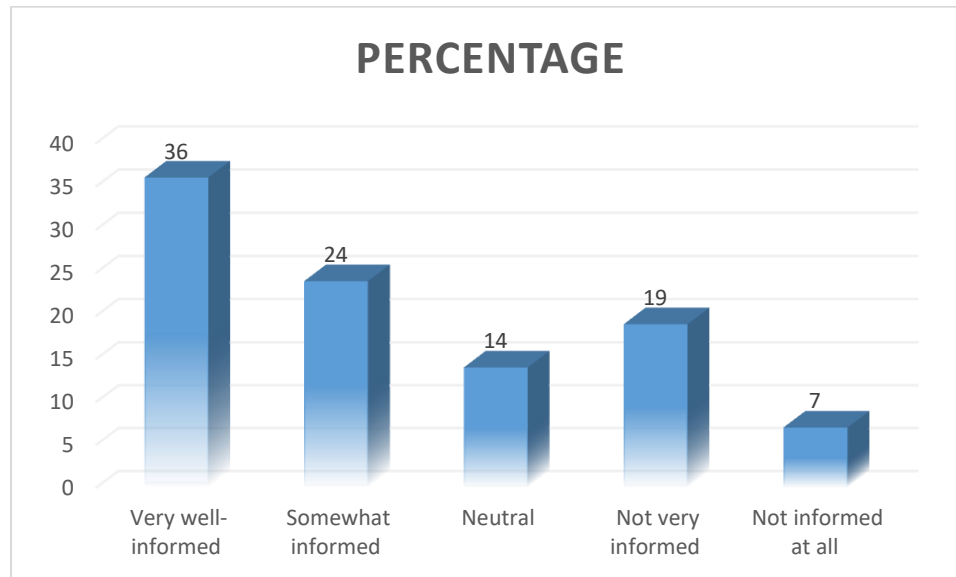


INTERPRETATION :

The majority of respondents, comprising 33%, expressed a preference for recycled materials such as polyester and nylon, emphasizing the importance of utilizing resources efficiently and minimizing waste in the production process. Additionally, ethically sourced leather garnered significant support, with 31% of respondents indicating a preference for leather obtained through responsible and humane practices. Organic cotton was also favored by 23% of respondents, reflecting a desire for natural and environmentally friendly fibers in menswear production. A smaller proportion of respondents, representing 13%, expressed a preference for Ethical manufacturing processes, including zero waste and renewable energy practices.

11. How well-informed do you feel about Ethical fashion practices in the men's luxury fashion industry?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Very well-informed	39	36
Somewhat informed	26	24
Neutral	15	14
Not very informed	20	19
Not informed at all	8	7
total	108	100

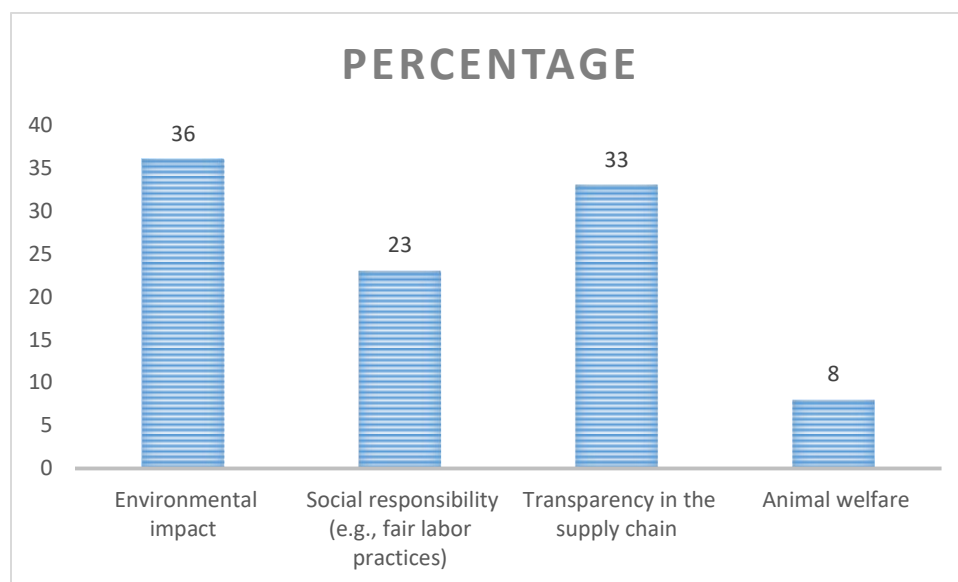


INTERPRETATION :

A notable proportion of respondents, comprising 36%, consider themselves "very well-informed" about Ethical fashion practices, indicating a high level of knowledge and familiarity with sustainability initiatives within the industry. Additionally, 24% of respondents feel "somewhat informed," suggesting a moderate level of understanding and awareness. A smaller percentage of respondents, representing 14%, expressed a "neutral" stance on their level of knowledge, while 19% stated that they feel "not very informed" about Ethical fashion practices. Lastly, 7% of respondents indicated that they feel "not informed at all," highlighting a segment of the sample that may require further education or information regarding sustainability in the men's luxury fashion industry.

12. Which aspect of sustainability is most important to you in menswear?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Environmental impact	39	36
Social responsibility (e.g., fair labor practices)	25	23
Transparency in the supply chain	36	33
Animal welfare	8	8
total	108	100

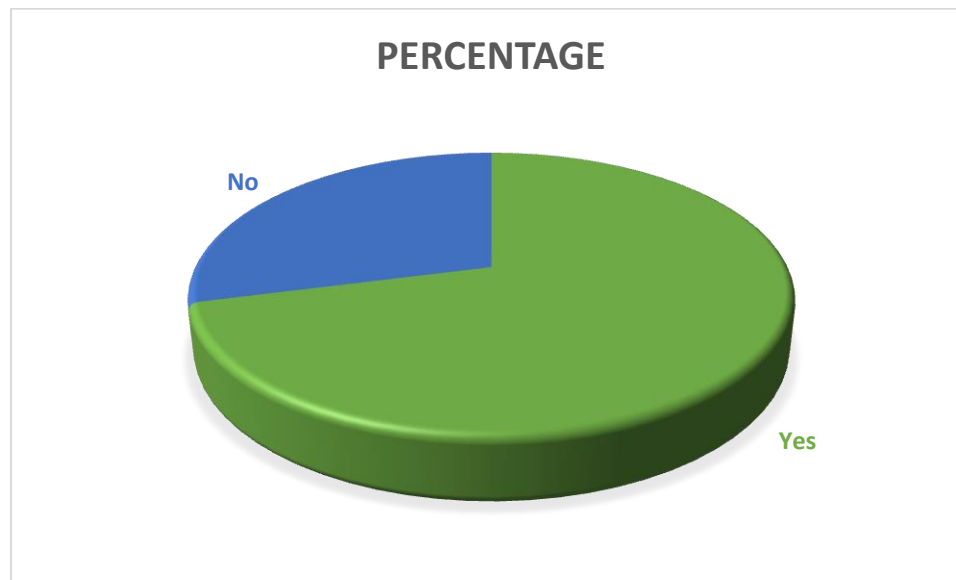


INTERPRETATION :

Environmental impact emerged as the top priority, with 36% of respondents expressing a strong emphasis on minimizing the environmental footprint of menswear production processes. Transparency in the supply chain also garnered substantial support, with 33% of respondents prioritizing clear and transparent communication regarding the sourcing and manufacturing processes of menswear items. Social responsibility, including fair labor practices, was cited as the most important aspect by 23% of respondents, Animal welfare, though less prioritized, was still valued by 8% of respondents, suggesting a consideration for cruelty-free practices and the ethical treatment of animals in the production of menswear items.

13. Do you think there is enough variety in Ethical menswear options offered by luxury brands in India?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	77	71
No	31	29
total	108	100



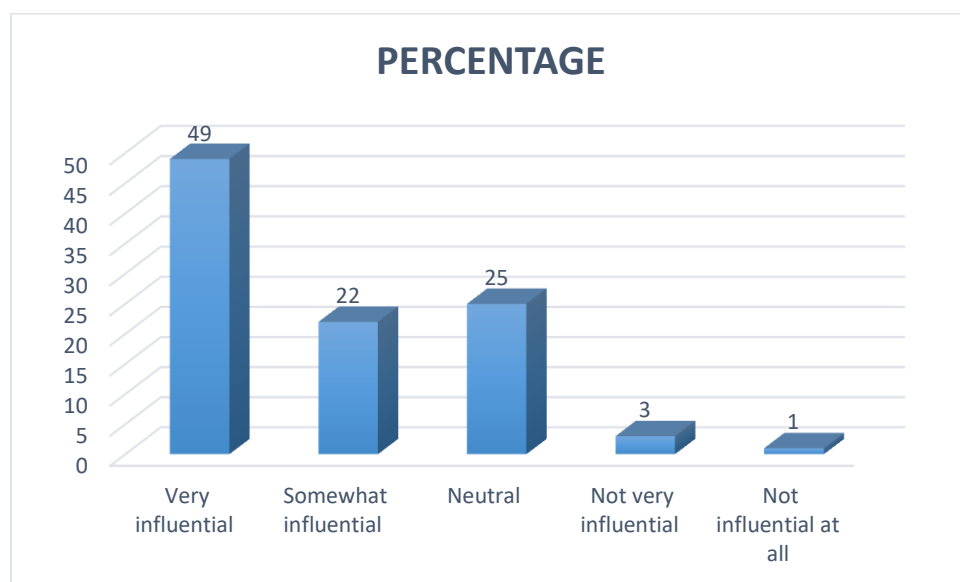
INTERPRETATION :

A significant majority, comprising 71% of respondents, believe that there is enough variety in Ethical menswear options provided by luxury brands in India. However, 29% of respondents expressed a contrasting view, indicating that they do not believe there is enough variety in Ethical menswear options offered by luxury brands in India.

14. How influential are sustainability certifications (e.g., Fair Trade, GOTS) in your purchasing decisions?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
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Very influential	53	49
Somewhat influential	24	22
Neutral	27	25
Not very influential	3	3
Not influential at all	1	1
total	108	100



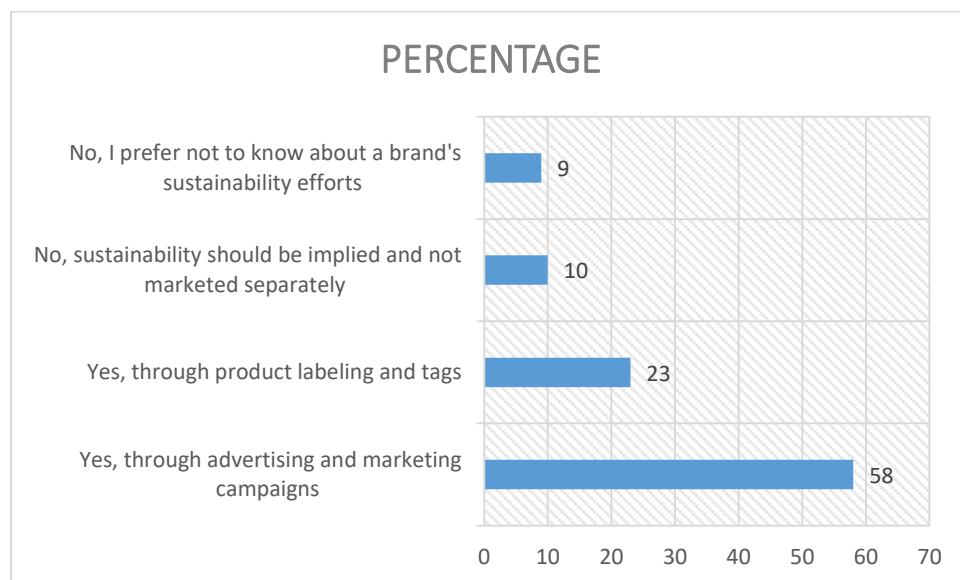
INTERPRETATION :

A substantial majority of respondents, comprising 49%, perceive sustainability certifications to be "very influential" in their purchasing decisions, indicating a strong reliance on these certifications as indicators of responsible and ethical production practices. Additionally, 22% of respondents find sustainability certifications to be "somewhat influential," suggesting a moderate level of consideration given to these certifications. However, a notable percentage, representing 25% of respondents, expressed a "neutral" stance on the influence of sustainability certifications, while only a small minority indicated that these certifications are "not very influential" (3%) or "not influential at all" (1%) in their purchasing decisions.

15. Would you prefer luxury menswear brands to actively communicate their sustainability efforts to consumers?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes, through advertising and marketing campaigns	63	58

Yes, through product labeling and tags	25	23
No, sustainability should be implied and not marketed separately	11	10
No, I prefer not to know about a brand's sustainability efforts	9	9
total	108	100



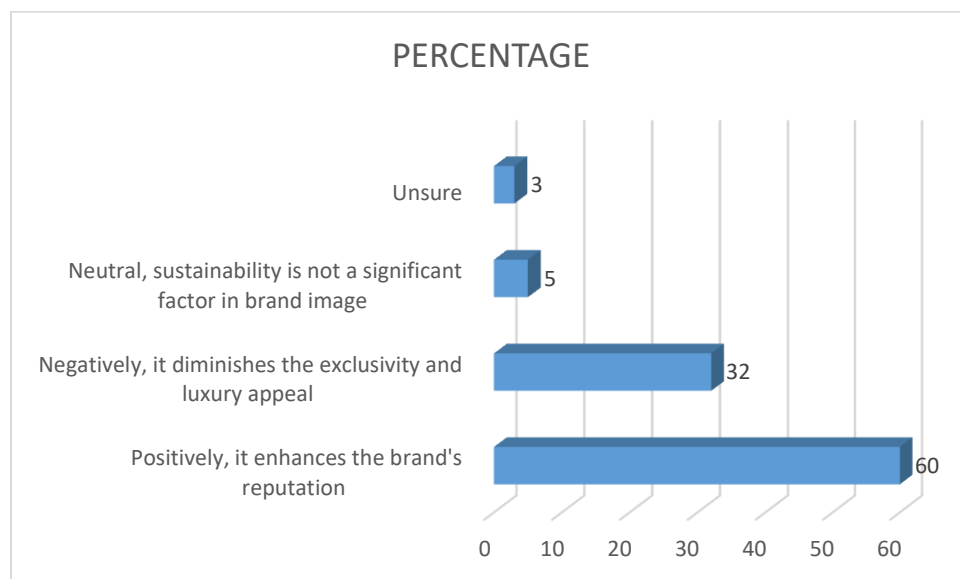
INTERPRETATION :

A majority of respondents, comprising 58%, express a preference for brands to communicate their sustainability efforts through advertising and marketing campaigns, indicating a desire for transparency and awareness-building regarding Ethical practices. Additionally, 23% of respondents prefer sustainability communication through product labeling and tags, suggesting a preference for tangible and easily accessible information at the point of purchase. However, 10% of respondents believe that sustainability should be implied and not marketed separately, while a similar percentage (9%) prefer not to know about a brand's sustainability efforts.

16. How do you think sustainability impacts the overall image and prestige of a luxury menswear brand?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Positively, it enhances the brand's reputation	65	60
Negatively, it diminishes the exclusivity and luxury appeal	35	32

Neutral, sustainability is not a significant factor in brand image	5	5
Unsure	3	3
total	108	100

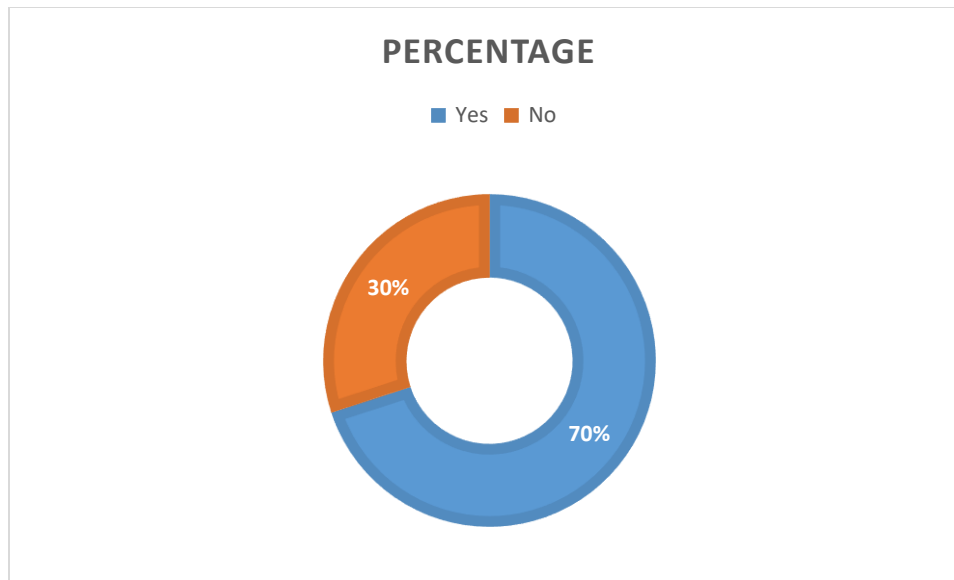


INTERPRETATION :

A majority of respondents, comprising 60%, believe that sustainability positively enhances the brand's reputation, suggesting that environmentally and socially responsible practices contribute to a favorable perception among consumers. Conversely, 32% of respondents express concerns that sustainability may negatively diminish the exclusivity and luxury appeal of a brand, indicating apprehensions about potential trade-offs between sustainability and perceived luxury status. A smaller percentage, representing 5% of respondents, hold a neutral stance, viewing sustainability as not significantly impacting brand image, while 3% are unsure about the relationship between sustainability and brand prestige.

17. Have you ever switched your preference from a non-Ethical luxury menswear brand to a Ethical one?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Yes	78	70
No	32	30
total	110	100



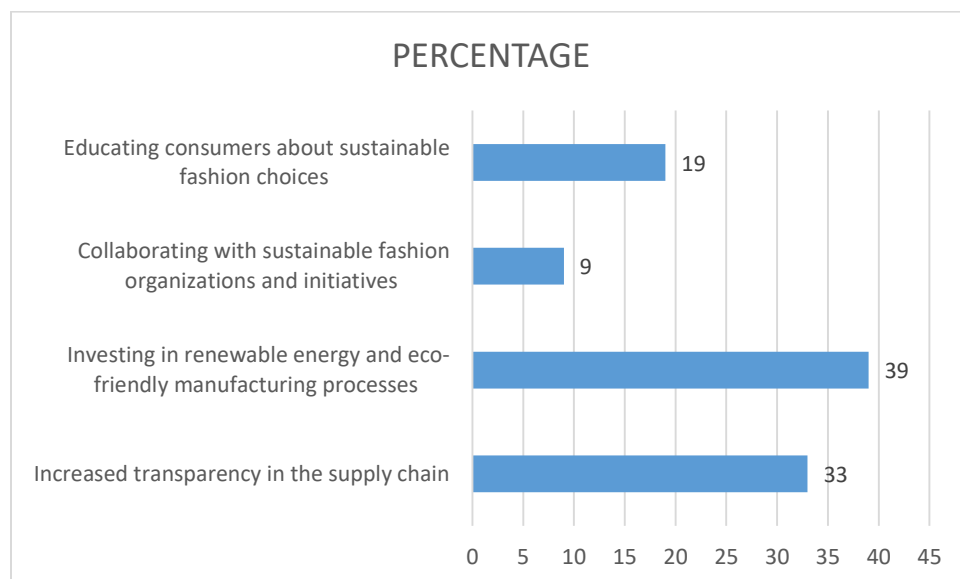
INTERPRETATION :

A significant majority, comprising 70% of respondents, have indeed switched their preference from a non-Ethical brand to a Ethical one, suggesting a growing awareness and preference for brands that prioritize sustainability in their practices. Conversely, 30% of respondents have not made such a switch, indicating either a continued loyalty to non-Ethical brands or a lack of consideration for sustainability as a determining factor in brand preference.

18. What additional steps do you think luxury menswear brands can take to improve sustainability practices in India?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Increased transparency in the supply chain	36	33
Investing in renewable energy and eco-friendly manufacturing processes	42	39

Collaborating with Ethical fashion organizations and initiatives	10	9
Educating consumers about Ethical fashion choices	20	19
total	108	100



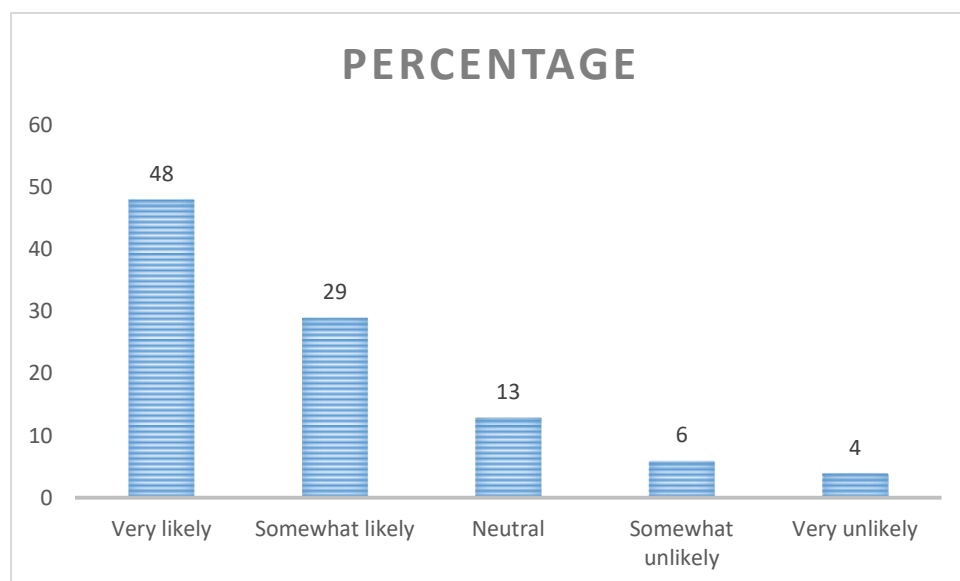
INTERPRETATION :

The majority, representing 39%, advocate for brands to invest in renewable energy and eco-friendly manufacturing processes, emphasizing the importance of reducing environmental impact throughout the production cycle. Additionally, 33% of respondents highlight the significance of increased transparency in the supply chain, underscoring the need for brands to provide clear and comprehensive information about sourcing and production practices. Furthermore, 19% of respondents believe that educating consumers about Ethical fashion choices is crucial, A smaller percentage, comprising 9% of respondents.

19. How likely are you to support a luxury menswear brand that actively promotes sustainability?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Very likely	52	48
Somewhat likely	32	29
Neutral	14	13
Somewhat	6	6

unlikely		
Very unlikely	4	4
total	108	100



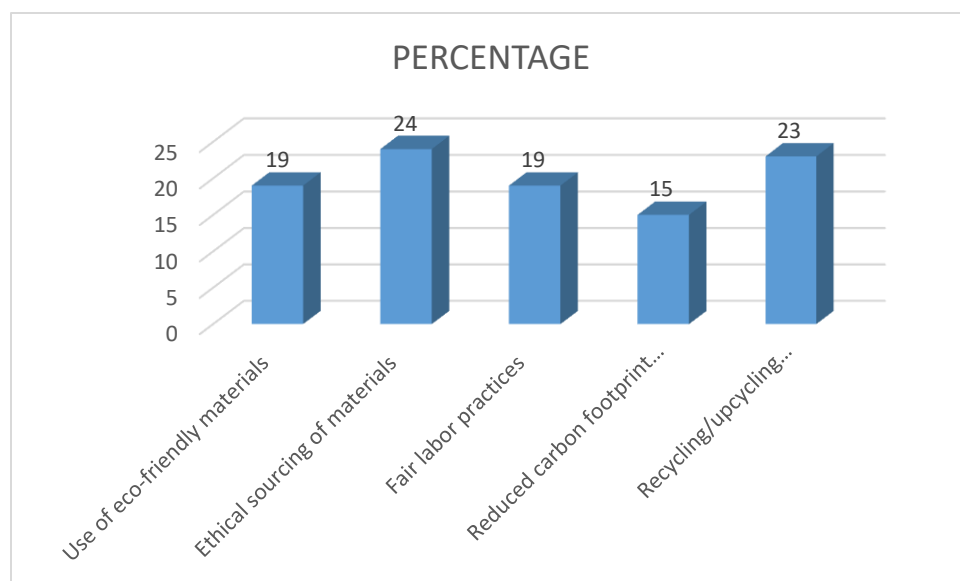
INTERPRETATION :

A significant majority, comprising 48% of respondents, expressed being "very likely" to support such brands, demonstrating a high level of commitment to sustainability-driven purchasing decisions. Additionally, 29% of respondents stated that they are "somewhat likely" to support brands that actively promote sustainability, indicating a moderate level of interest and willingness to prioritize environmentally friendly options. A smaller percentage, representing 13% of respondents, expressed a "neutral" stance on the matter, while 6% indicated being "somewhat unlikely" and 4% stated being "very unlikely" to support such brands.

20. Which Ethical practices are you most aware of in the menswear fashion industry?

OPTIONS	RESPONSES	PERCENTAGE
Use of eco-friendly materials	20	19
Ethical sourcing of materials	26	24
Fair labor practices	21	19
Reduced carbon footprint in	16	15

production		
Recycling/upcycling initiatives	25	23
total	108	100



INTERPRETATION :

The highest percentage of respondents, comprising 24%, are most aware of ethical sourcing of materials, indicating a strong recognition of the importance of responsible supply chain practices. Recycling/upcycling initiatives closely follow, with 23% of respondents indicating awareness of these efforts to minimize waste and promote circularity in fashion production. Additionally, fair labor practices and the use of eco-friendly materials are equally recognized by 19% of respondents each, highlighting a balanced understanding of social and environmental sustainability aspects. Reduced carbon footprint in production garnered awareness from 15% of respondents, indicating a somewhat lower level of familiarity with efforts to minimize environmental impact during the manufacturing process.

Chapter 5

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

FINDINGS:

- The age group of 35-44 constitutes the largest segment of respondents, representing 38% of the sample, followed by the 18-24 age group at 20%.

- Male respondents dominate the sample, comprising 64%, while females constitute 36%.
- Business professionals and creative professionals are equally represented, each comprising 33% of respondents, followed by students at 23%.
- The majority of respondents (33%) make annual luxury menswear purchases, followed closely by quarterly purchases at 23%.
- Brand reputation ranks highest as the primary influencing factor for purchasing decisions, cited by 48% of respondents.
- A significant majority (72%) are aware of sustainability initiatives undertaken by men's luxury fashion brands in India.
- 36% of respondents consider themselves very well-informed about sustainability practices in the industry.
- 33% of respondents deem sustainability to be very important when purchasing menswear items.
- A combined 38% of respondents are willing to pay a premium for sustainably produced luxury menswear.
- Recycled materials (33%) and ethically sourced leather (31%) are the most preferred Ethical materials.
- 33% of respondents are very familiar with Ethical practices, while 19% are not very informed.
- Environmental impact (36%) and transparency in the supply chain (33%) are the most important aspects of sustainability for respondents.
- A majority (71%) believe there is enough variety in Ethical menswear options offered by luxury brands in India.
- Sustainability certifications are very influential for 49% of respondents in their purchasing decisions.
- 58% prefer luxury menswear brands to communicate their sustainability efforts through advertising and marketing campaigns.
- For 60% of respondents, sustainability positively enhances the brand's reputation.
- 70% of respondents have switched their preference from non-Ethical to Ethical luxury menswear brands.

- Investing in renewable energy and eco-friendly manufacturing processes (39%) and increased transparency in the supply chain (33%) are key steps identified by respondents to improve sustainability practices.
- 48% are very likely to support luxury menswear brands that actively promote sustainability.
- Ethical sourcing of materials (24%) and recycling/upcycling initiatives (23%) are the most recognized Ethical practices among respondents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Luxury brands should prioritize the use of Ethical materials such as organic cotton and recycled fabrics to minimize environmental impact and meet consumer demand for eco-friendly products.

- Brands should increase transparency in their supply chains, providing detailed information about sourcing, production, and labor practices to build trust and credibility among consumers.
- Luxury brands can obtain and promote recognized sustainability certifications such as Fair Trade and GOTS to validate their commitment to ethical and environmentally responsible practices.
- Educate consumers about the importance of Ethical fashion choices and the environmental and social impacts of their purchasing decisions through marketing campaigns, product labeling, and brand communications.
- Brands should invest in renewable energy sources and implement eco-friendly manufacturing processes to reduce carbon emissions and minimize their environmental footprint.
- Partner with Ethical fashion organizations and initiatives to drive collective action, share best practices, and support innovation in sustainability within the industry.
- Continuously evaluate and improve sustainability practices through ongoing research, innovation, and stakeholder engagement to adapt to evolving consumer preferences and industry standards.
- Develop effective communication strategies to transparently convey sustainability efforts to consumers through advertising, marketing campaigns, and product labeling, fostering consumer trust and loyalty.
- Increase the variety of Ethical menswear options offered by luxury brands to cater to diverse consumer preferences and ensure accessibility to eco-friendly products across different styles and price points.
- Prioritize fair labor practices and ethical sourcing of materials to ensure the well-being of workers and uphold social responsibility standards throughout the supply chain.

CONCLUSION:

This study provides a comprehensive understanding of the sustainability practices within the men's luxury apparel industry in India, presenting vital information regarding consumer perspectives, preferences, and actions. The results indicate an increasing recognition and

enthusiasm for sustainability among customers, with a substantial number expressing a readiness to prioritize ecologically and socially responsible practices when making purchase choices.

Luxury businesses can take advantage of this trend by allocating resources towards Ethical materials, transparent supply chains, and ethical labour practices in order to satisfy consumer demand and promote positive transformation within the sector. Nevertheless, the study also emphasizes the necessity for ongoing enhancement and instruction to tackle restrictions such as limitations in sample size, bias in responses, and discrepancies in different regions. By adopting sustainability as a fundamental principle and incorporating it into their operational strategies, high-end menswear labels may not only bolster their brand image and foster customer loyalty but also actively contribute to the overarching objective of establishing a more Ethical and ethical fashion sector in India.

Chapter 6

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

7. Limited sample size may not fully represent the diversity of perspectives within the target population.
8. Reliance on self-reported data could introduce response bias and inaccuracies.
9. Lack of longitudinal data limits the ability to assess changes in attitudes and behaviors over time.
10. The study may overlook regional variations in sustainability awareness and practices across India.
11. Potential language barriers in survey administration could exclude certain demographics.
12. The study may not capture the perspectives of individuals with limited access to luxury menswear or sustainability education.

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ANNEXURES

QUESTIONNAIRES:

1. Age:

- a) 18-24
- b) 25-34
- c) 35-44
- d) 45-54
- e) 55+

2. Gender:

- a) Male
- b) Female

3. Occupation:

- a) Business Professional
- b) Student
- c) Entrepreneur
- d) Creative Professional (e.g., artist, designer)

4. How frequently do you purchase luxury menswear items?

- a) Monthly
- b) Quarterly
- c) Annually
- d) Occasionally
- e) Never

5. What factors influence your decision to buy luxury menswear?

- a) Brand reputation
- b) Price
- c) Style and design
- d) Sustainability practices

6. Are you aware of any sustainability initiatives undertaken by men's luxury fashion brands in India?

- a) Yes
- b) No

7. How familiar are you with sustainability initiatives in the men's luxury fashion industry?

Very familiar

Somewhat familiar

Not very familiar

Not familiar at all

8. How important is sustainability to you when purchasing menswear?

- a) Very important
- b) Somewhat important
- c) Neutral
- d) Not very important

e) Not important at all

9. Would you be willing to pay a premium for sustainably produced luxury menswear?

a) Yes, definitely

b) Yes, but within a certain limit

c) Maybe, depends on the brand

d) No, sustainability doesn't affect my purchasing decisions

e) No, I prioritize price over sustainability

10. Which Ethical materials or practices would you prefer in luxury menswear?

a) Organic cotton

b) Recycled materials (e.g., polyester, nylon)

c) Ethically sourced leather

d) Ethical manufacturing processes (e.g., zero waste, renewable energy)

11. How well-informed do you feel about Ethical fashion practices in the men's luxury fashion industry?

a) Very well-informed

b) Somewhat informed

c) Neutral

d) Not very informed

e) Not informed at all

12. Which aspect of sustainability is most important to you in menswear?

- a) Environmental impact
- b) Social responsibility (e.g., fair labor practices)
- c) Transparency in the supply chain
- d) Animal welfare

13. Do you think there is enough variety in Ethical menswear options offered by luxury brands in India?

- a) Yes
- b) No

14. How influential are sustainability certifications (e.g., Fair Trade, GOTS) in your purchasing decisions?

- a) Very influential
- b) Somewhat influential
- c) Neutral
- d) Not very influential
- e) Not influential at all

15. Would you prefer luxury menswear brands to actively communicate their sustainability efforts to consumers?

- a) Yes, through advertising and marketing campaigns
- b) Yes, through product labeling and tags

- c) No, sustainability should be implied and not marketed separately
- d) No, I prefer not to know about a brand's sustainability efforts

16. How do you think sustainability impacts the overall image and prestige of a luxury menswear brand?

- a) Positively, it enhances the brand's reputation
- b) Negatively, it diminishes the exclusivity and luxury appeal
- c) Neutral, sustainability is not a significant factor in brand image
- d) Unsure

17. Have you ever switched your preference from a non-Ethical luxury menswear brand to a Ethical one?

- a) Yes
- b) No

18. What additional steps do you think luxury menswear brands can take to improve sustainability practices in India?

- a) Increased transparency in the supply chain
- b) Investing in renewable energy and eco-friendly manufacturing processes
- c) Collaborating with Ethical fashion organizations and initiatives
- d) Educating consumers about Ethical fashion choices

19. How likely are you to support a luxury menswear brand that actively promotes sustainability?

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Neutral

Somewhat unlikely

Very unlikely

20. Which Ethical practices are you most aware of in the menswear fashion industry?

Use of eco-friendly materials

Ethical sourcing of materials

Fair labor practices

Reduced carbon footprint in production

Recycling/upcycling initiatives

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Sustainability: The practice of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, encompassing environmental, social, and economic considerations.

Luxury Fashion: High-end clothing and accessories characterized by superior quality, craftsmanship, exclusivity, and often high price points.

Men's Fashion: Clothing, accessories, and styles specifically designed and marketed for men.

Ethical Sourcing: The procurement of materials and labor in a manner that respects the rights and well-being of workers, communities, and the environment.

Eco-Friendly Materials: Materials that are sustainably sourced, renewable, biodegradable, or have minimal environmental impact throughout their lifecycle.

Fair Trade: A movement advocating for better trading conditions and fair wages for producers, particularly in developing countries, to promote Ethical livelihoods and community development.

Carbon Footprint: The total amount of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide, emitted directly or indirectly by human activities, typically measured in equivalent tons of CO₂.

Upcycling: The process of transforming waste materials or unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality or environmental value.

Recycling: The conversion of waste materials into reusable materials to prevent waste accumulation and reduce resource consumption.

Transparency: The practice of openly disclosing information, such as supply chain processes, environmental impacts, and labor practices, to stakeholders.

Certifications: Official labels or credentials granted by independent organizations verifying compliance with specific sustainability standards or criteria.

Circular Economy: An economic model aimed at minimizing waste and maximizing the lifespan of products through strategies such as recycling, reuse, and repair.

Fast Fashion: A business model characterized by rapid production cycles and frequent releases of new clothing collections, often resulting in environmental degradation and unethical labor practices.

Slow Fashion: An approach to fashion consumption and production that emphasizes quality, durability, and sustainability over trends and mass production.

Supply Chain: The network of organizations, individuals, resources, activities, and technology involved in the creation and distribution of a product, from raw material sourcing to final delivery.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): The ethical and transparent business practices that contribute to Ethical development, encompassing environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic prosperity.

Environmental Impact: The effects of human activities on the natural environment, including pollution, resource depletion, habitat destruction, and climate change.

