

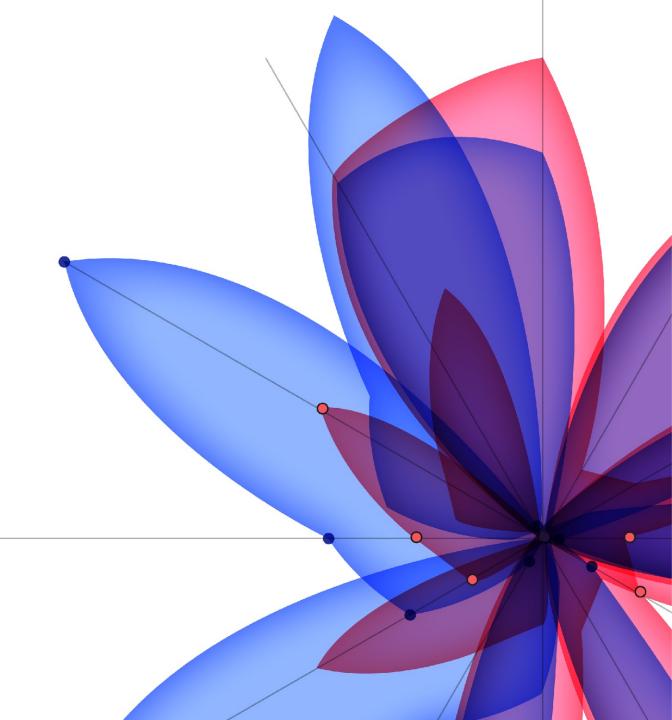
# Introducing The BoF Brand Magic Index

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BoF Insights and Quilt.AI co-created The BoF Brand Magic Index to measure the alignment between the way customers see a brand and the way a brand sees itself. The Index quantifies and ranks 50 global luxury and fashion labels using AI-driven analysis of tens of thousands of social media posts by brands and their customers.

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### Letter From the Editor

Dear BoF Community,

In 2007, BoF began as a blog in the same year that the iPhone launched and just as social media was about to explode into the global consciousness. BoF took part in a wave of innovation that irrevocably transformed the way we connect, communicate and engage with each other — and with the brands that we love. Now, we are on the cusp of another wave of innovation, spurred by the rise of ChatGPT, Dall-E, Midjourney and other generative AI tools. But there is so much more to AI than this.

BoF Insights is pleased to share its first experiment in using AI to solve a set of industry problems that we have been thinking about a lot. As the industry continues its inexorable shift from analogue to digital marketing channels, new challenges — and opportunities — are emerging for fashion brands who are spending more on marketing but are still lacking the right measurement tools.

The BoF Brand Magic Index offers a novel, quantifiable and trackable metric to evaluate a brand's marketing efforts by measuring the distance between brands and their customers. The Index is powered by proprietary AI models from Quilt.AI that are trained on hundreds of millions of cultural expressions to evaluate content shared by brands and their customers on social media.

For our first iteration of this analysis, we have quantified that alignment in the form of a Brand Magic score for 50 global luxury and fashion brands. See that extensive analysis in this report, along with a detailed methodology documenting our approach.

If you find these insights to be thought-provoking, and wish to work with BoF Insights and Quilt.AI, contact insights@businessoffashion.com.

Imran Amed, Founder & CEO

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Brand Magic is a novel, quantifiable and trackable metric to evaluate a brand's marketing efforts by measuring the distance between brands and their customers.



# Three shifts are creating new marketing challenges – and opportunities – for brands

#### 1. Marketing spend is increasing, but measurement tools are still insufficient:

Fashion brands are spending more on digital marketing, but the tools they are using are unable to assess how this marketing resonates with customers as well as the quality of the ensuing social conversation.

#### 2. Brands are communicating across a growing number of channels:

The number of channels that brands are using to reach customers around the world continues to grow, making it harder to measure impact and success.

#### 3. Customers have a higher share of voices in determining brand narratives:

Brands once unilaterally controlled their brand narratives. Today, brands engage in a multi-directional dialogue that is often driven by customers themselves across a variety of social media platforms.





# To address these shifts, BoF Insights and Quilt.AI created a new concept, Brand Magic, which leverages the classical Jungian archetype framework

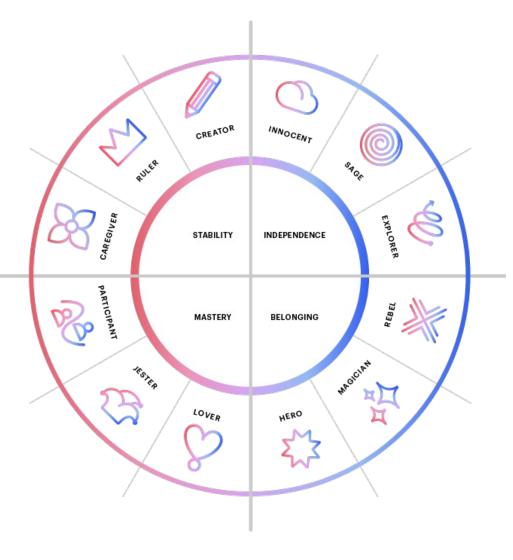
Carl Jung first conceptualised this archetype framework as part of his exploration of universally recognised symbols and themes present in human storytelling and experiences across cultures. He distilled 12 archetypes.

• The 12 archetypes encapsulate discrete ideals and values:

These archetypes are frequently used in brand literature to capture the essence of brand and customer identities.

They symbolise the purpose and value of brands while conveying the motivations of customers and their preferences around engagement.

• The archetypes are organised by their underlying motivations: Each archetype has a unique core value that captures the essence of its desires and behaviours.





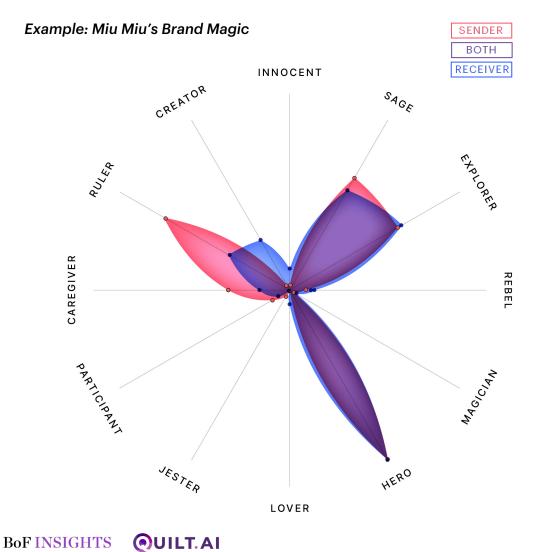
# Each archetype represents different behaviours and motivations

The archetypes are typically grouped into four quadrants based on similar needs for independence, belonging, mastery and stability

Independence	Belonging	Mastery	Stability			
Innocent	Lover	Rebel	Caregiver			
Exhibits happiness,	Creates intimate	Questions authority	Protects and cares			
goodness, optimism	moments and inspires	and breaks the rules;	for others;			
and youth; on the hunt	love, passion and	craves rebellion and	compassionate			
for Utopia or paradise	romance	revolution	and generous			
Sage	Jester	Magician	Ruler			
Helps the world gain	Brings joy to the	Wishes to transform	Creates order			
deeper insight and	world through	dreams into reality;	from the chaos;			
wisdom through	humour, fun and	visionary, spiritual	responsible			
mentoring	irreverence	and innovative	but controlling			
<b>Explorer</b>	Participant	Hero	<b>Creator</b>			
Yearns for travel,	Seeks connection	Makes the world a	Builds things of			
risk, discovery and	and belonging;	better place through	enduring meaning			
the thrill of new	supportive and	bold action, like	and value; imaginative			
experiences	down-to-earth	rescuing and defending	and inventive			



# Using these archetypes, Brand Magic quantitatively measures how aligned brands are with their customers



#### • Brand Magic is powered by proprietary AI models

Brand Magic uses proprietary AI models created by Quilt.AI and trained on hundreds of millions of cultural expressions to evaluate content shared by brands and their customers on social media.

• Brand Magic tells us if customers see a brand the way a brand sees itself

Brand Magic assesses the ideals and values that a brand sends in its marketing as exemplified across Carl Jung's 12 archetypes. It then analyses if and how customers receive those ideals and values based on their social media posts about that brand.

#### We can detect multiple archetypes in each piece of marketing collateral and/or social media content

We use a multi-classification approach in which we can detect multiple archetypes. We also determine the most dominant archetype for a particular brand in its own content and that of its customers who are posting about the brand.

#### We express Brand Magic through spider charts

We use spider charts to plot the archetypes expressed by brands and their customers. The overlapping purple area in these charts indicates where a brand is finding alignment with its customers.



# A few notes on The BoF Brand Magic Index

- The Brand Magic Index is a global analysis that spans customer demographics across social platforms: We analysed over 70,000 data points across Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and Weibo, including customer posts from around the world and from customers of all ages and genders.
- The Index measures a specific period from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023:
  We consider brand content and corresponding customer engagement over a three-month period. Focusing on a discrete window enables us to account for the seasonal nature of fashion and evaluate brand and customer alignment against a point-in-time cultural backdrop.
- Each brand has an 'alignment score' where 100 = 'perfectly aligned':

We quantitatively measure alignment using the Mean Squared Error (MSE). MSE measures the distance between a brand's intended archetype projection and the actual customer perception to deliver an alignment score. The alignment scores are based on the relative presence of all 12 archetypes.

• The results of the Index are dynamic by design:

Alignment is not fixed. Brands can reshape their marketing and reposition themselves in the eyes of their customers.

• The Index is a leading indicator of performance:

The results in the Index are a forward-looking view into how a brand will perform based on the degree to which customers are playing back the positioning that a brand is espousing. Our thesis is that most aligned brands will outperform over the long-term.

• We assess some brands at the level of their Men's and Women's collections if those collections have different creative directors. Brands with different creative directors for Men's and Women's often have different identities and positionings for those collections.

DECREASING LEVEL OF ALIGNMENT



### The BoF Brand Magic Index

SENDER RECEIVER

	BRAND	ARCHETYPE	SCORE		BRAND	ARCHETYPE	SCORE		BRAND	ARCHETYPE	SCORE		BRAND	ARCHETYPE	SCORE		BRAND	ARCHETYPE	SCORE
1	MIU MIU	HERO HERO	95	11	Louis Vuitton - Women's	RULER RULER	86	21	JIL SANDER		82	31	BALENCIAGA		76	41	ALEXANDER MCQUEEN	RULER CREATOR	70
2	GIORGIO ARMANI	NULER HERO	92	12	MONCLER	EXPLORER HERO	86	22	ISABEL MARANT	RULER RULER	81	32	LOUIS VUITTON - MEN'S	RULER RULER	76	42	MAISON MARGIELA		70
3	BOSS	PARTICIPANT	92	13	PRADA		86	23	STELLA MCCARTNEY	RULER HERO	81	33	CELINE		75	43	ZEGNA	EXPLORER PARTICIPANT	
4	DIOR - WOMEN'S	NULER HERO	90	14	TOMMY HILFIGER		86	24	FENDI - WOMEN'S	RULER HERO	80	34	MARC JACOBS		75	44	LOEWE		69
5	CHLOÉ		88	15	SAINT LAURENT		86	25	TOD'S		80	35	BALMAIN		74	45	TOM FORD		69
6	MARNI	PARTICIPANT	88	16	THOM BROWNE		85	26	BOTTEGA VENETA	CAREGIVER CREATOR	79	36	JACQUEMUS	RULER CREATOR	74	46	VALENTINO		69
7	CHANEL		87	17	COACH	PARTICIPANT PARTICIPANT	83	27	CALVIN KLEIN	PARTICIPANT PARTICIPANT	79	37	VERSACE	SAGE HERO	74	47	LANVIN		62
8	GIVENCHY	RULER HERO	87	18	HERMÈS - MEN'S		83	28	LORO PIANA	CAREGIVER PARTICIPANT	79	38	DOLCE & GABBANA		73	48	MICHAEL KORS	EXPLORER PARTICIPANT	
9	BRUNELLO CUCINELLI	CAREGIVER PARTICIPANT	86	19	HERMÈS - WOMEN'S	RULER HERO	83	29	BURBERRY	NULER HERO	78	39	FENDI - MEN'S	HERO HERO	73	49	GUCCI	RULER CREATOR	58
10	DIOR - MEN'S	RULER EXPLORER	86	20	SALVATORE FERRAGAMO		83	30	RALPH LAUREN	PARTICIPANT	78	40	TORY BURCH	PARTICIPANT CREATOR	71	50	DIESEL	HERO PARTICIPANT	

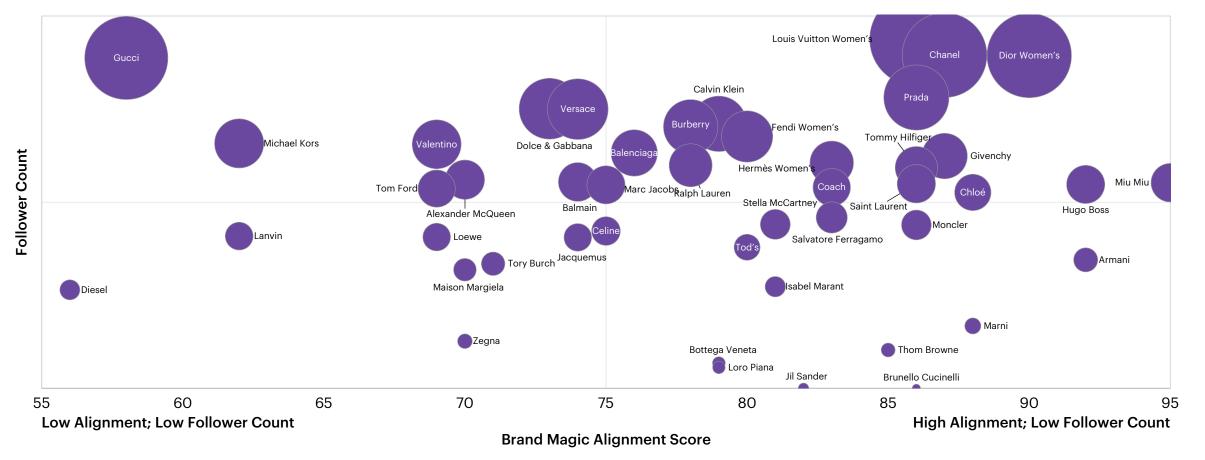
Note: The archetypes depicted here are the dominant archetypes for each brand and its customers; for the complete archetype scoring, see the brand profiles on pages 22-71



# The scale of a brand's following does not correlate with alignment, which is why Brand Magic focuses on the quality of the conversation that a brand and its followers are having

Low Alignment; High Follower Count

High Alignment; High Follower Count



Note: Follower count on the y-axis is the cumulative following across Instagram, TikTok, and Weibo and is shown on a log scale; Dior Men's, Fendi Men's, Hermès Men's and Louis Vuitton Men's are not shown here to simplify the visualisation; Jil Sander and Brunello Cucinelli plot just below the x-axis as drawn here; they have been placed on the x-axis to also simplify the visualisation



# Three interesting key takeaways from The BoF Brand Magic Index

# The most aligned brands are in lockstep with their customers.

- Miu Miu (Score = 95) has experienced a growth spurt after Miuccia Prada injected new creativity into the brand, exuding individuality and confidence that has translated well on social media. Sales were up 50 percent year over year in H2 2023.
- Giorgio Armani (Score = 92) remains under the steady creative leadership of its founder, with a brand image that has remained understandable to his customers. Although Armani is not a 'hot' brand, it is unfailingly consistent in its brand expression.
- Boss (Score = 92) is amid a significant turnaround being led by CEO Daniel Grieder. He has clarified the positioning of its two brands, Boss and Hugo, while leaning into a successful influencer-led strategy to drive awareness. The company raised its 2023 guidance for the second time in August.

# The least aligned brands are in transition.

- Lanvin (Score = 62) is still searching for a new identity post Alber Elbaz. Bruno Sialelli, who replaced Elbaz, left last year. The search is on for a new creative director.
- Michael Kors (Score = 62): The "jet set" brand known for its charismatic and energetic founder has become over-reliant on discounting, diluting the brand's appeal.
- Gucci's (Score = 58) performance has flatlined following the exit of Alessandro Michele, who oversaw an unprecedented growth spurt. Customers are awaiting a new creative vision from Sabato de Sarno, who debuts his first collection in September 2023.
- Diesel (Score = 56) has created buzz with industry insiders who are taken with Glenn Martens' designs and ideas, but our data suggests customers have not caught up with his new vision, reinforcing the fact that evolution takes time.

# Most brands signal Ruler as the dominant archetype — and customers Hero.

- Brands are focused on universe-building, defining worlds that they want their customers to desire to inhabit. This ambition aligns to the motivations of the Ruler, who seeks to create order from the chaos. Customers, on the other hand, are asking how they as individuals could or should inhabit that world. This goal aligns to the motivations of the Hero.
- The challenge for brands is how to bridge this gulf — and to otherwise create differentiation versus other brands by leaning into other archetypes.



# BoF Insights and Quilt.AI can work with your brand to create Brand Magic

Fashion brands spend billions on marketing each year. But the CEOs and CMOs responsible for this spend have insufficient data at their disposal to understand:

- How culturally relevant is my brand? How does it connect with the zeitgeist?
- How does the way I see my brand match with the way my customers see my brand?
- Is my marketing working? Am I maximising the ROI of my spend?
- How does my brand and marketing performance compare to that of my competitors?

Brand Magic is an innovative tool for leading brands to assess, on an ongoing basis, how far away they are from being in lockstep with their customers — and how they can get there.

BoF Insights, in partnership with Quilt.AI, works with brands to deliver proprietary and AI-driven analysis of brand and customer behaviour as expressed across thousands of data points on social media. Our analysis is broken down by geography, demography and social media platform — and extends to identifying the right influencers who are quantitatively aligned with a brand's outlook.

If you are interested in working with BoF Insights on such analysis, please reach out to insights@businessoffashion.com.

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# **Detailed Methodology**

#### **Step 1. Brand Content Acquisition**

Quilt.AI extracted content from the most influential social media platforms: Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and Weibo. From each brand's official pages, we pulled a large volume of posts from the past three months, encompassing images, captions, and other relevant metadata. This provided a snapshot of the brand's recent messaging, visual aesthetics, and engagement trends.

#### Step 2. Customer Engagement Analysis

We collected all customer posts and tags related to the 50 brands. To ensure the quality of our data, we employ Natural Language Processing (NLP) and image recognition techniques to filter out spam, marketing and irrelevant content. The purpose of this is to ensure that we get "actual owners" of the various brands.

Once the consumer posts are gathered, they are converted into permanent image URLs suitable for analysis. This refined dataset is then prepared for archetype classification, ensuring each image is mapped to the relevant brand.

Our total sample analysed over 70,000 posts across the various social media platforms. Almost 30% of posts came from North America, 23% Europe, 21% Asia (ex China), 9% China and 17% Rest of the World.

#### Step 3. Visual Archetype Modelling

We ran our proprietary archetype model on the visual content collected from both the brand and customer. This model identifies the dominant archetypes present in the imagery, providing insights into the brand's intended identity and the customers' perception of the brand.

Our model is trained on the 12 archetypes established by psychologists in the early 20th century, and then elaborated upon by brand and marketing experts, as well as academics over the past 50+ years. They are also the underlying framing for many brand equity and analysis models.

It is trained on over a billion data points, and the space of the archetypes is delimited in these data points. To enhance the accuracy of our model, we supplement it with additional image training data for each archetype. We then test the distribution of these archetypes through mathematical representations, ensuring a robust and reliable foundation for the subsequent steps of our analysis.

Source: Quilt.AI





# **Detailed Methodology**

#### Step 4. Gender Al Integration

Incorporating Gender AI into our methodology adds a nuanced layer of understanding, allowing us to discern how gender perceptions and biases might influence brand-consumer interactions.

For our analysis, we leveraged Amazon's gender-based AI model (Amazon Rekognition), a sophisticated tool trained on vast datasets to recognize gender cues in content. Amazon Rekognition's gender detection feature can analyse an image or video and predict the gender of detected faces. It typically returns a label (either "Male" or "Female") along with a confidence score indicating the model's certainty about its prediction. We used this approach to detect the gender of brand and consumer content for brands with separate Creative Directors for men's and women's fashion.

Amazon Rekognition has been trained on vast datasets, which means it generally offers high accuracy. However, like all AI models, it's not infallible and can occasionally make incorrect predictions.

It's essential to approach Gender AI with sensitivity and ethical considerations. While it's a powerful tool, it's crucial to ensure that the insights derived don't perpetuate harmful stereotypes or biases. Our methodology prioritises ethical AI practices, ensuring that our insights are both accurate and respectful.

#### **Step 5. Statistical Calculations**

Using the data processed in the previous steps, we first determine the archetypal makeup of each brand. This involves analysing the frequency of each archetype in the brand's content, and comparing this with the frequency of archetypes in consumer content to understand how consumers perceive the brand.

Once we have a clear understanding of the brand's archetypal landscape, we quantitatively measure alignment by calculating a "alignment score" using the Mean Squared Error (MSE).

MSE measures the distance between the brand's intended archetype projection and the actual customer perception. This measures the average squared differences between the brand's projected archetypes and the consumers' perceived archetypes. A lower MSE indicates better alignment.

#### Source: Quilt.AI





# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- What is Brand Magic? Brand Magic is the degree of alignment between how a brand presents itself in the world via its marketing and how a customer plays back the brand in their own content about the brand.
- Is this Index global? Yes, The BoF Brand Magic Index is global. We conducted analysis across geographies, including content from customers from around the world.
- How does Brand Magic correlate with a brand's financial performance? Over the long-term, we believe that Brand Magic is a leading indicator of financial performance. Brands that are consistently aligned with their customers will outperform brands that are consistently misaligned with their customers.
- How did you select the 50 premium and luxury brands in the Index? We referenced a variety of quantitative and qualitative factors to decide which brands to include in this iteration of the Index. We primarily focused on brands that generate at least \$300M in annual revenue and those that drive a high volume of online fashion conversation.
- What time period did you analyse? For each brand, we analysed social media data over a three-month period beginning in May 2023 and ending in July 2023. We focused on a three-month period because fashion is a seasonal business, and campaign messaging and imagery (and the implicit brand positioning therein) varies over the course of a year.
- What data did you use in the analysis that underpins the Index? Brand and customer posts from Instagram (73%), TikTok (16%), YouTube (5%) and Weibo (6%) form the underlying dataset.
- What content media did we analyse? We analysed images and videos.



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- How did you choose the 12 archetypes to analyse? The noted psychologist Carl Jung conceptualised the archetype framework we used in this analysis. We used this framework given its ubiquity in brand marketing.
- How do you account for marketing nuances in different geographies and across different demographics? Quilt.AI's proprietary AI models are trained on global datasets that can account for the nuances of expression across geographic and demographic cultures. The receiver data has also been collected on a global scale. Country-specific archetype expressions vary in degree but not in kind a deeper look into the archetype per brand and per country can be made upon request.
- How do you account for differences in follower size and post frequency? First, we ensured that each brand included in the Index had a minimally viable sample of data in our dataset. More broadly, we refer readers to page 11 in which we analysed the scale of a brand's social media following versus its Brand Magic alignment. We did not observe a clear correlation between the scale of a brand's social following and alignment, and this is why Brand Magic focuses on the quality of the conversation that a brand's followers are having.
- Why did you break some brands into two but not others? We disaggregated brands that have separate creative directors for their Men's and Women's collections. For those brands, we appreciate that these separate creative directors drive different visual identities and brand positionings. Accordingly, we sought to analyse those brands at the level of those collections. We refer readers to page 15-16 for more detail on our methodology.

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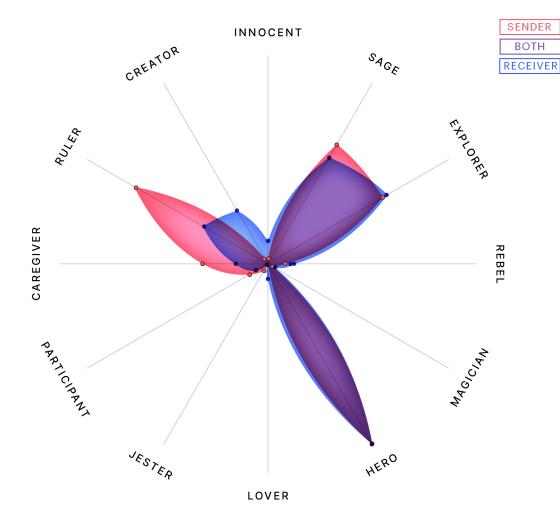
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# We represent Brand Magic using spider diagrams

**Sender:** The sender data is content created by the brand itself. The points on the spider diagram indicate the strength of expression from brands' social posts against each of the 12 archetypes.

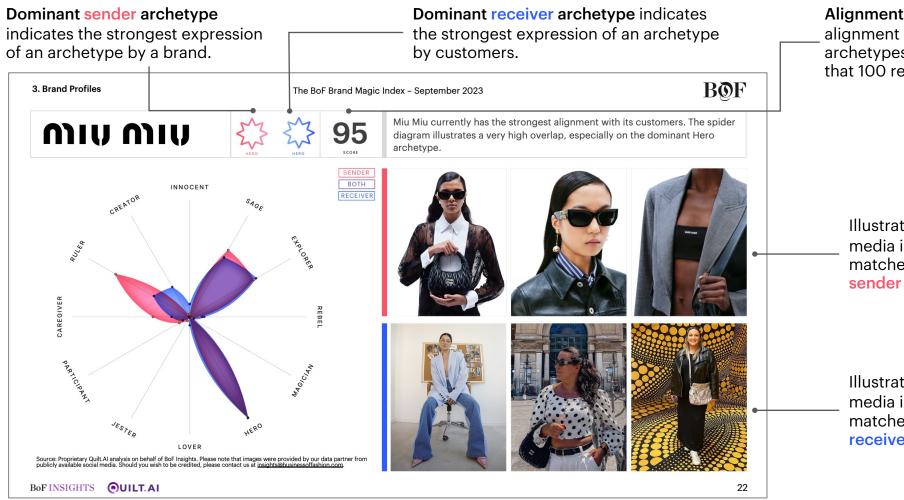
**Receiver:** The receiver data is content from customers that reference the brand. The points on the spider diagram indicate the strength of expression from customers' social posts against each of the 12 archetypes.



Sender & Receiver (Both): This plot indicates the overlap between sender and receiver data. It is the degree of alignment between brand content and customer content on social media, as it relates to which archetypes are being expressed by brands and customers, respectively.



# We have created a profile page for each brand in our ranking



Alignment score indicates the degree of alignment between sender and receiver archetypes. This score is normalised such that 100 represents perfect alignment.

Illustrative social media images matched to dominant sender archetype

Illustrative social media images matched to dominant receiver archetype

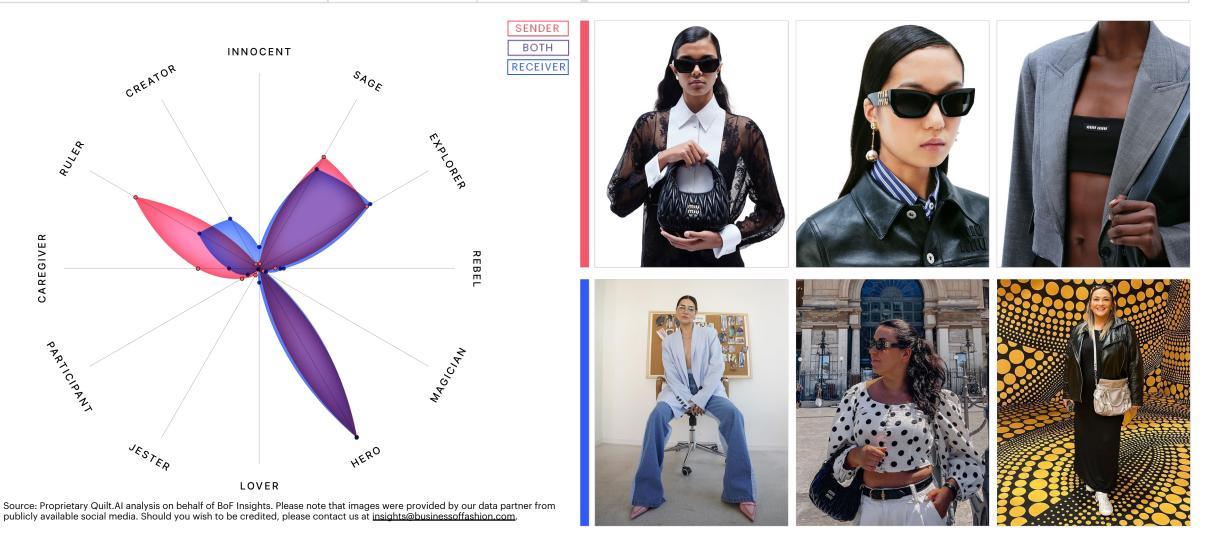




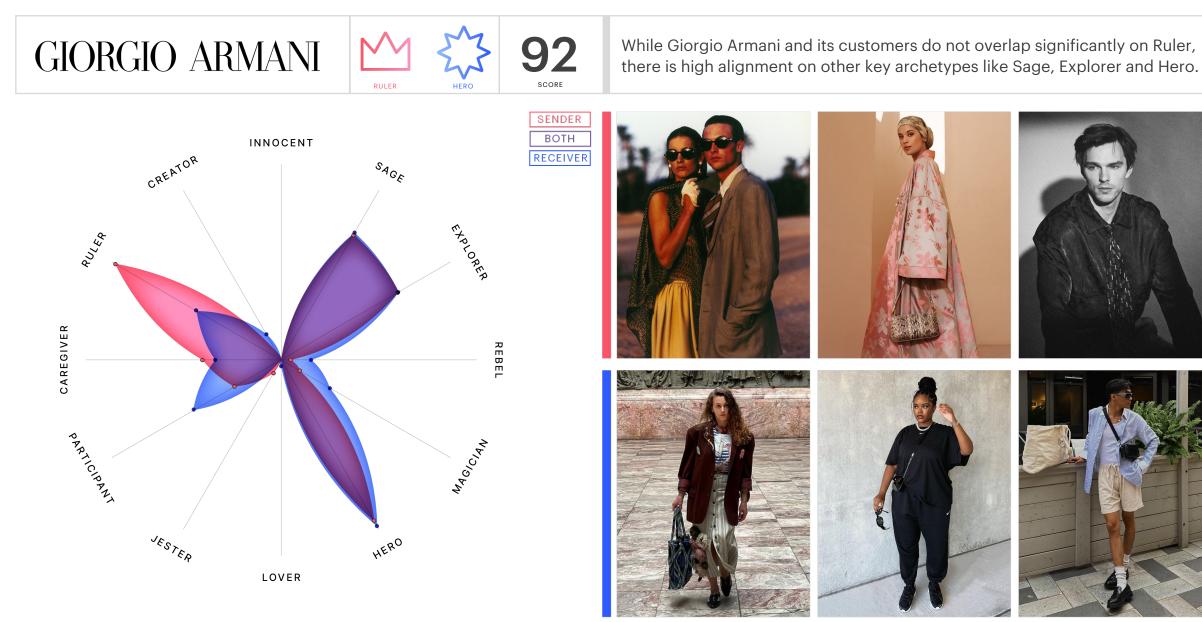


HERO

Miu Miu currently has the strongest alignment with its customers. The spider diagram illustrates a very high overlap, especially on the dominant Hero archetype.





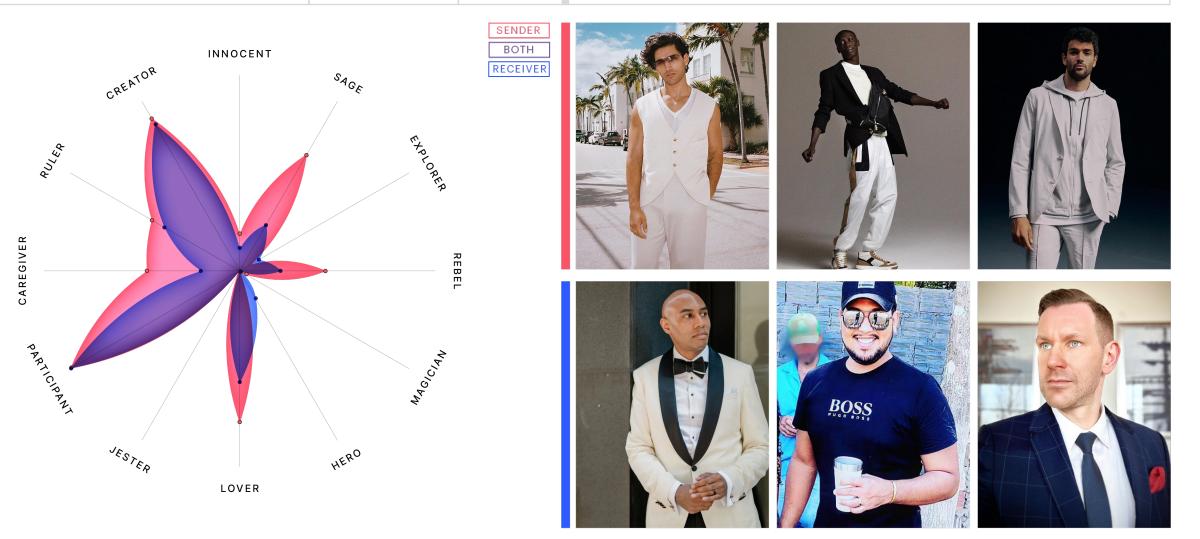




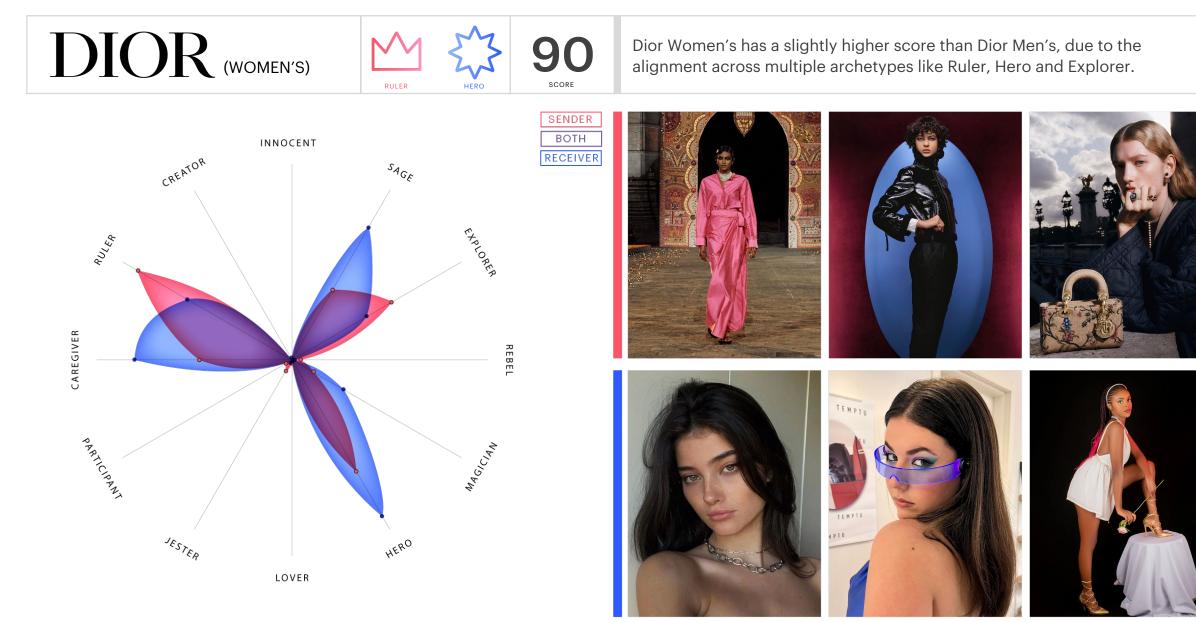




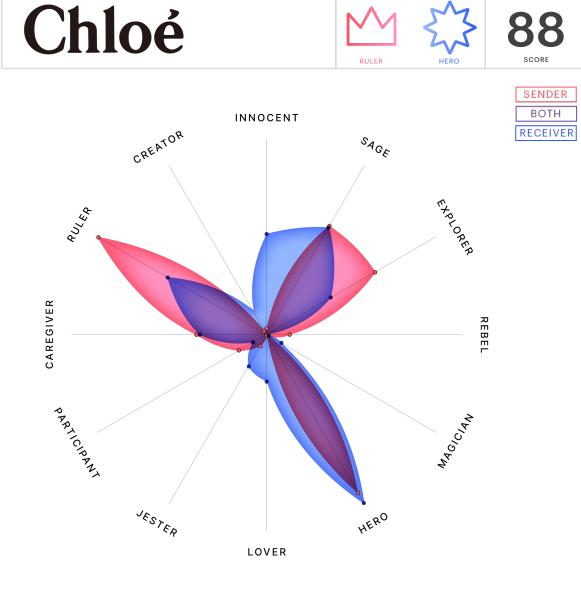
Boss is not only highly aligned with its customers on the dominant archetype of Participant, but also on the Creator and Lover archetypes.



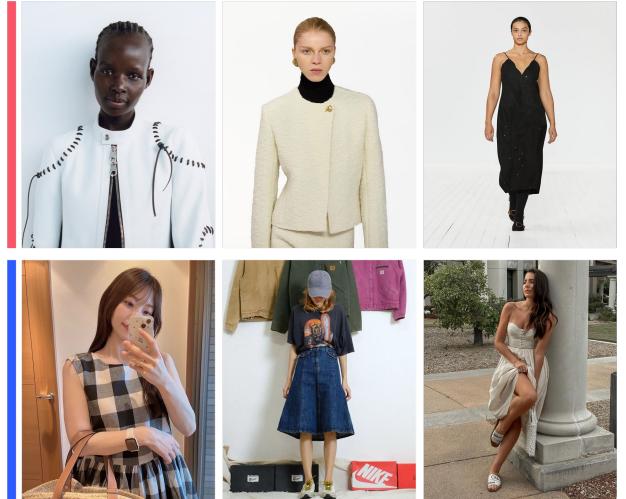




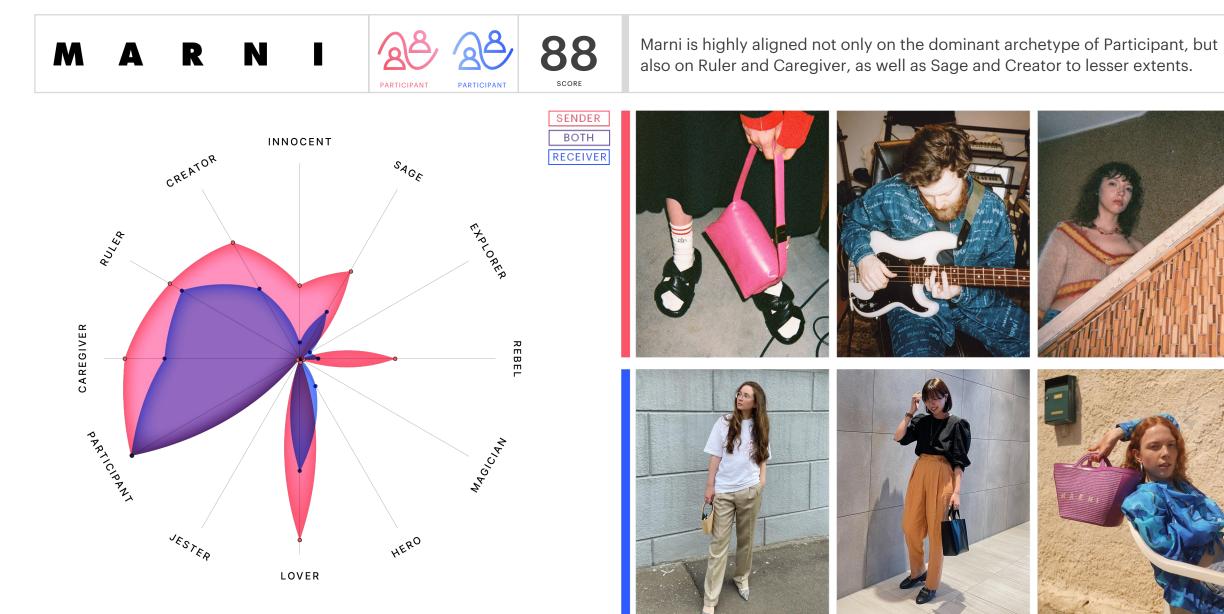




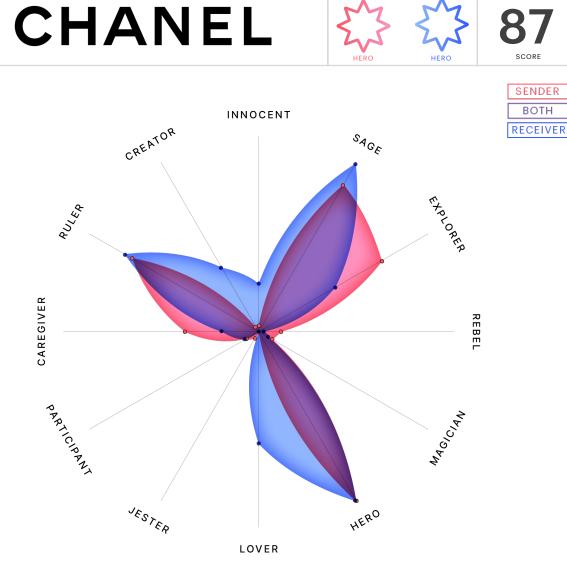
Chloé has a very high alignment with its customers on the Hero archetype, but there is a marketing opportunity to further deploy the Innocent archetype.



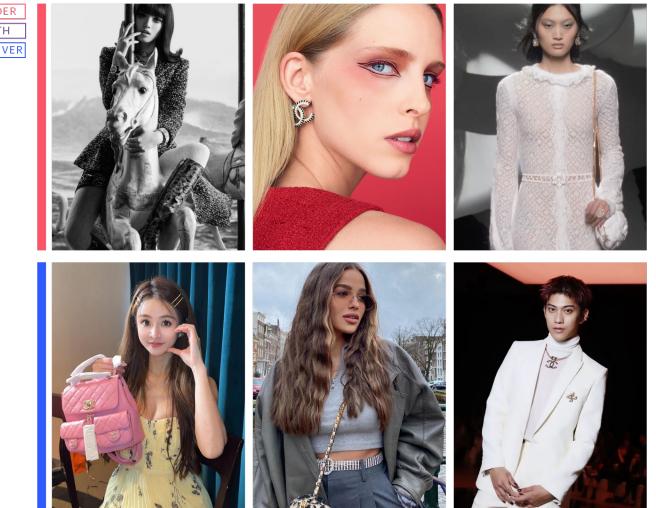




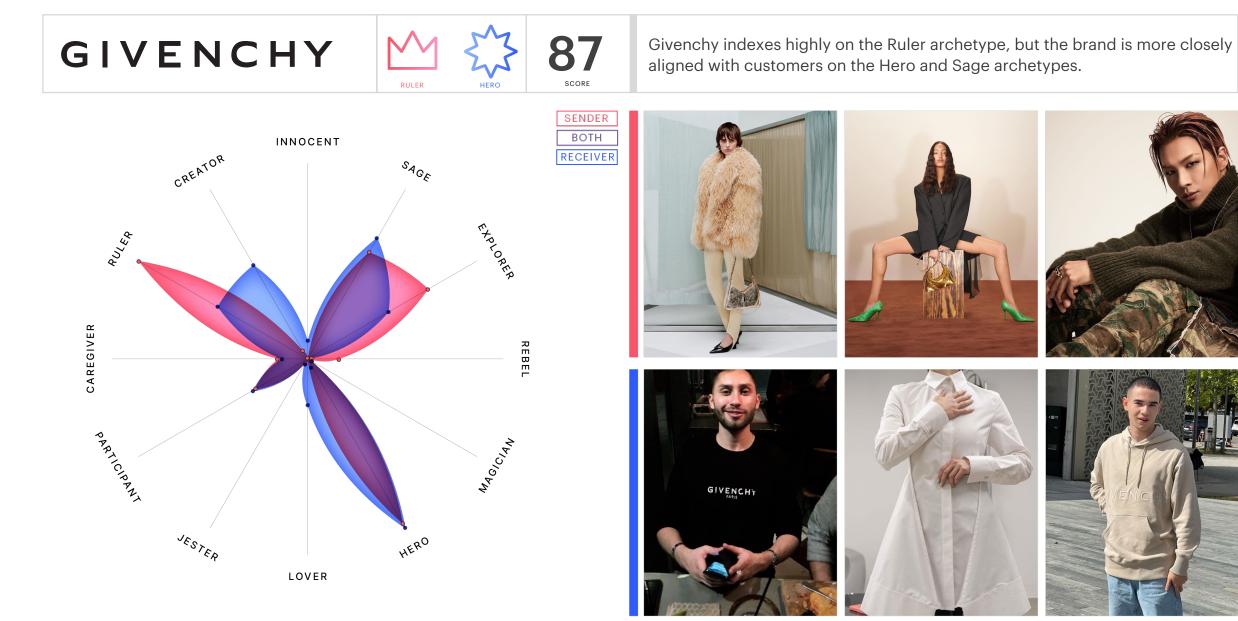




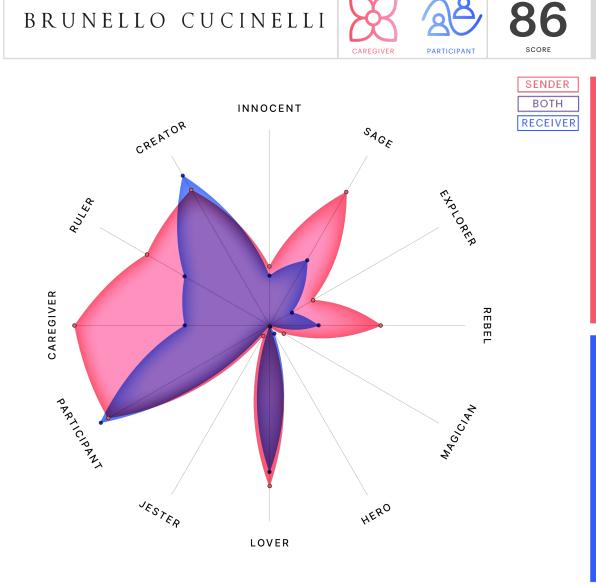
Chanel is highly aligned with its customers on Hero, Ruler and Sage. However, customers feature Lover, which is underutilised by Chanel today.









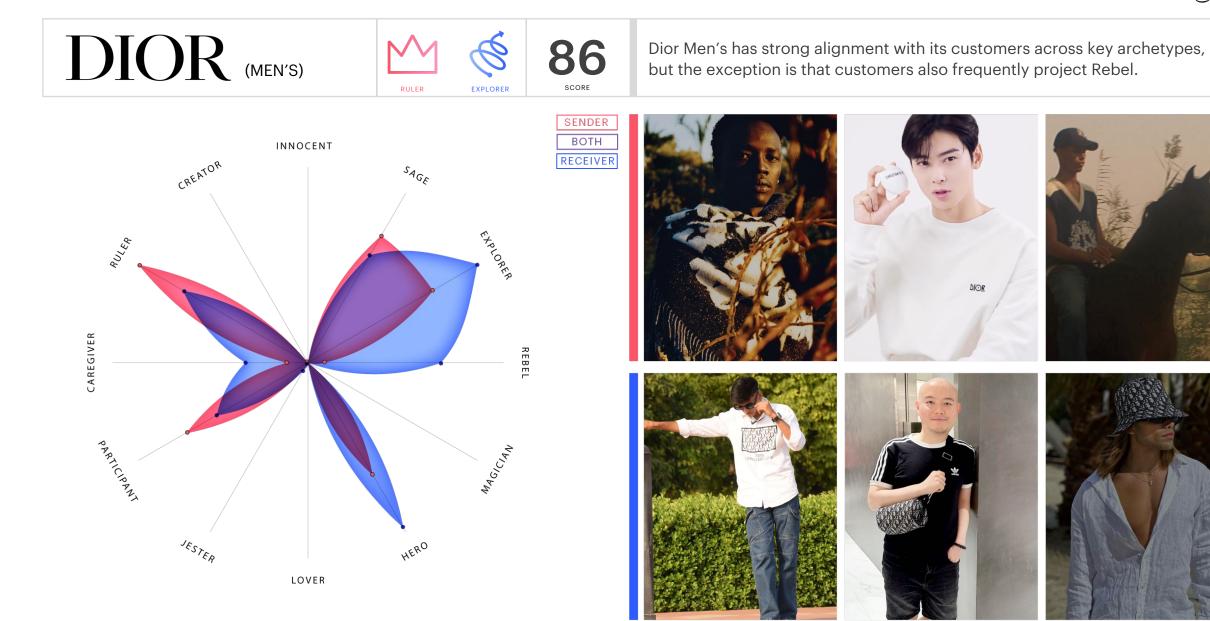




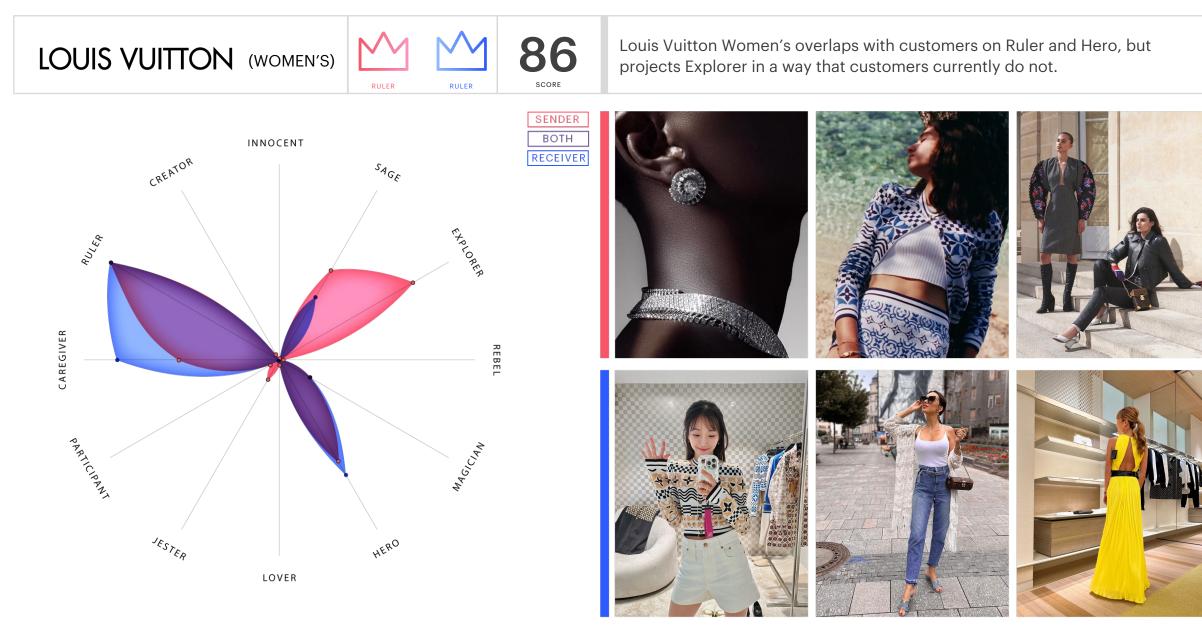
Brunello Cucinelli is primarily projecting the Caregiver archetype, but the

greatest alignment with customers is seen in Participant, Lover and Creator.





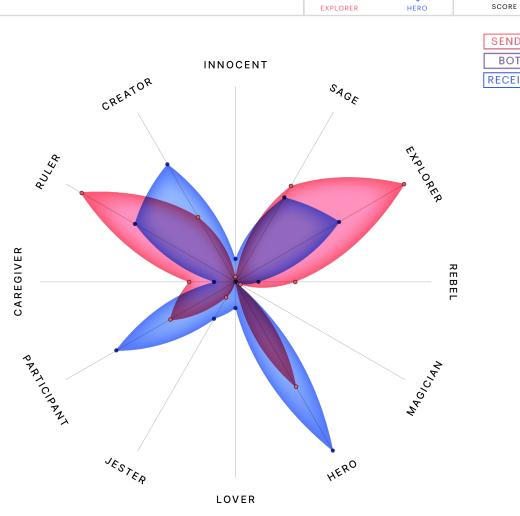




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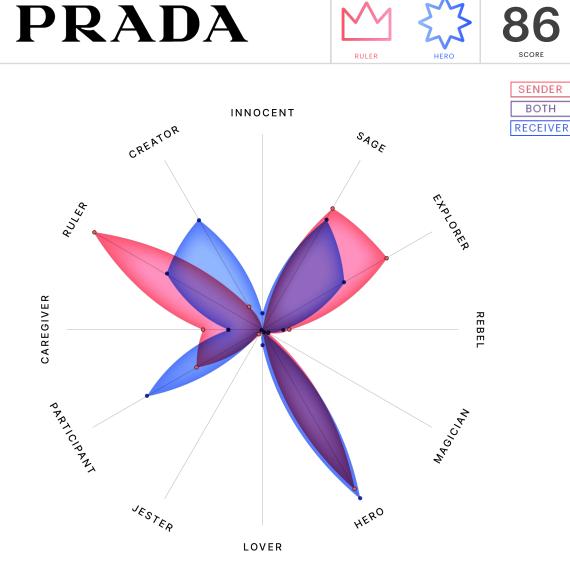




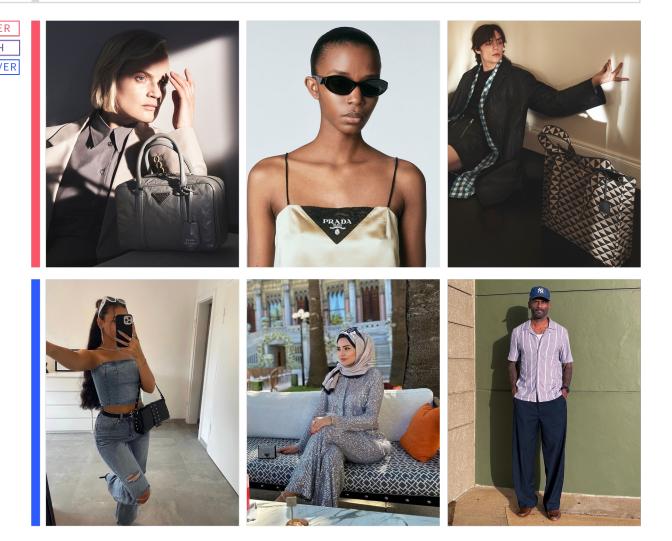
Moncler has strong overall alignment, but the brand over-indexes on Ruler and Explorer, while customers tend to express Hero and Creator instead.



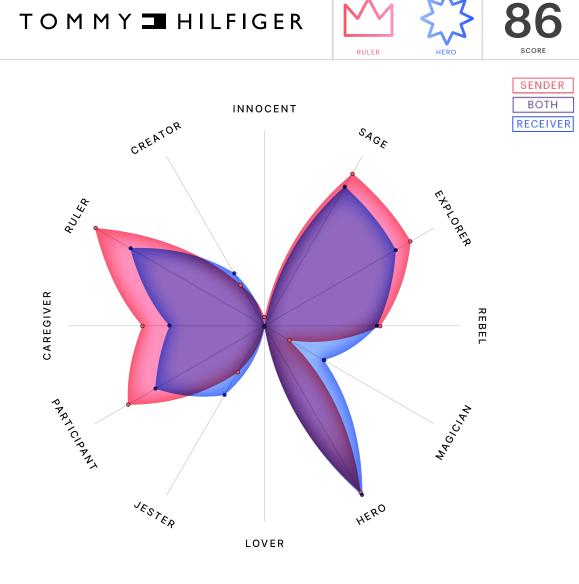




Prada is highly aligned with its customers on the Hero archetype. But Prada's dominant Ruler archetype is overextended while Creator is underexplored.





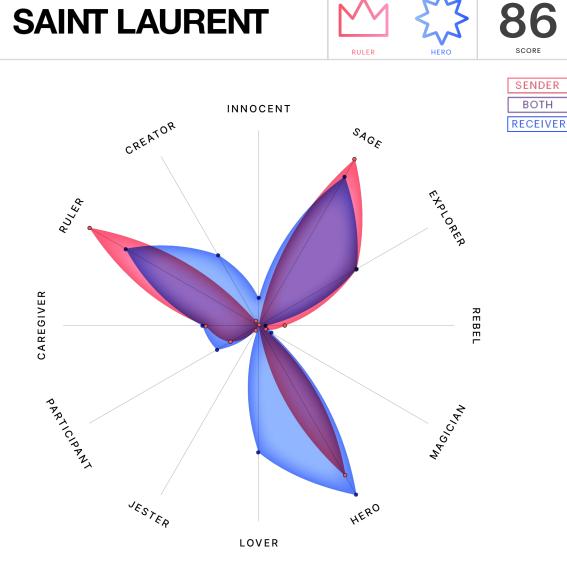




Tommy Hilfiger currently has strong overall alignment with its customers, but

some gaps exist in Ruler, Participant, Sage and Explorer.





Saint Laurent has strong alignment on key archetypes like Sage, Explorer, Hero and Ruler. However, customers also significantly express Lover and Creator.







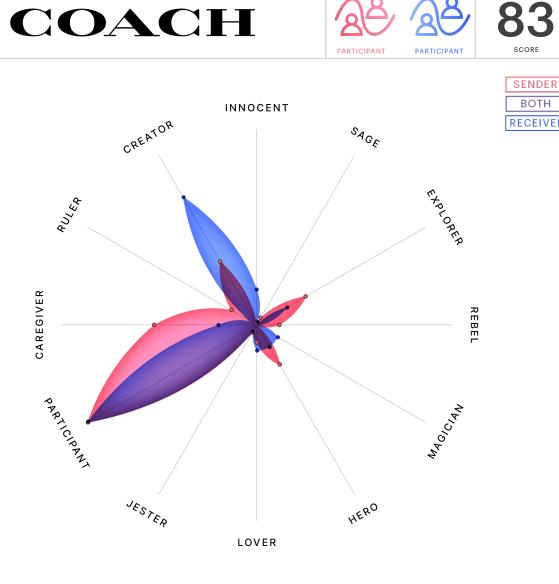


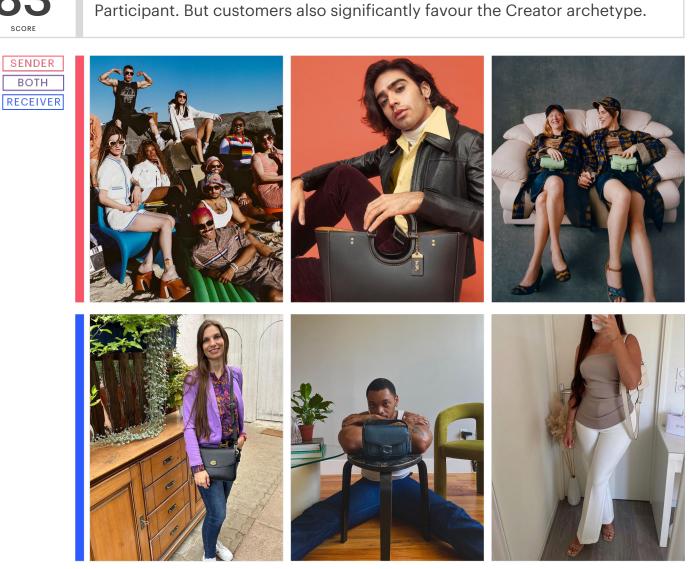
Thom Browne's dominant archetype of Caregiver is reflected to a lesser extent by customers; however, there is overlap on Ruler, Participant, Lover and Creator.



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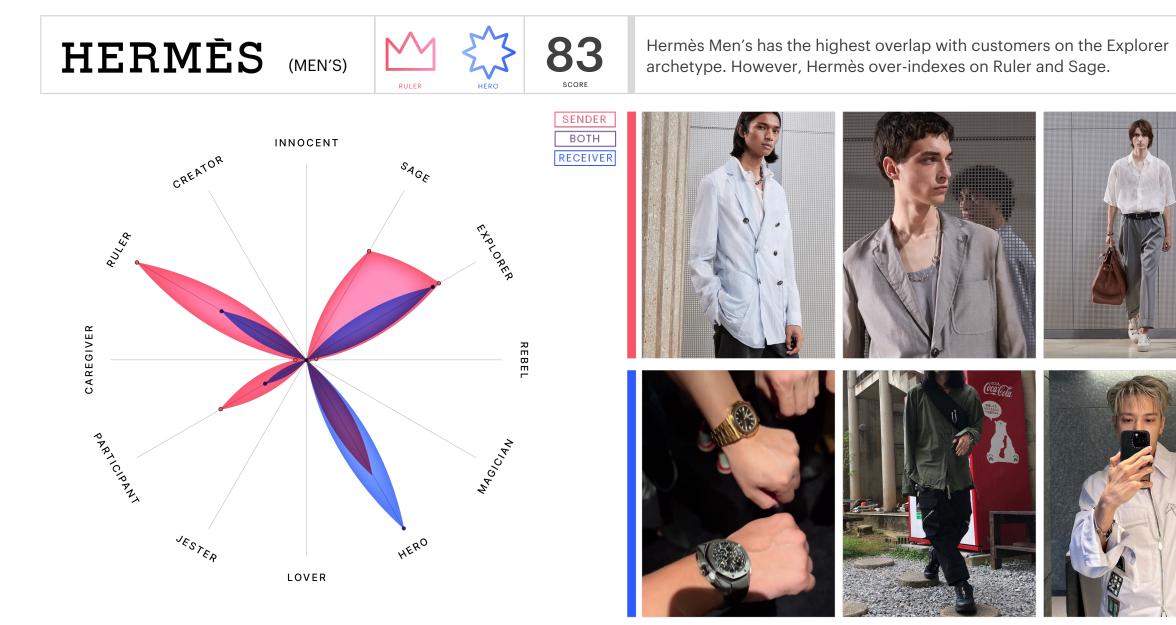






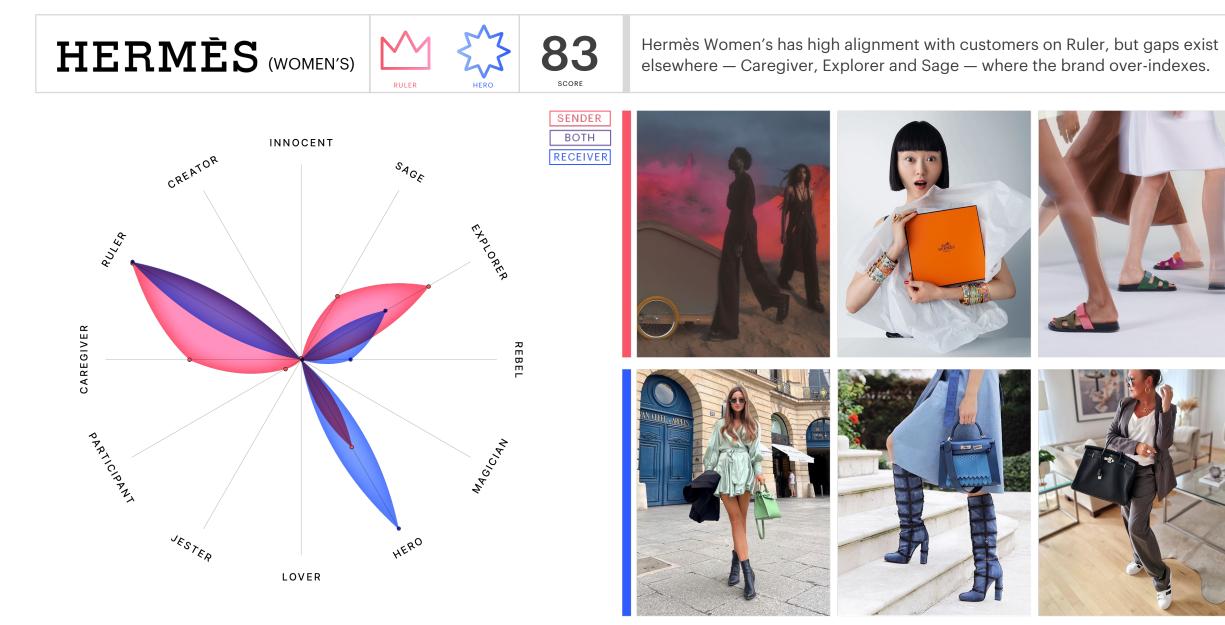
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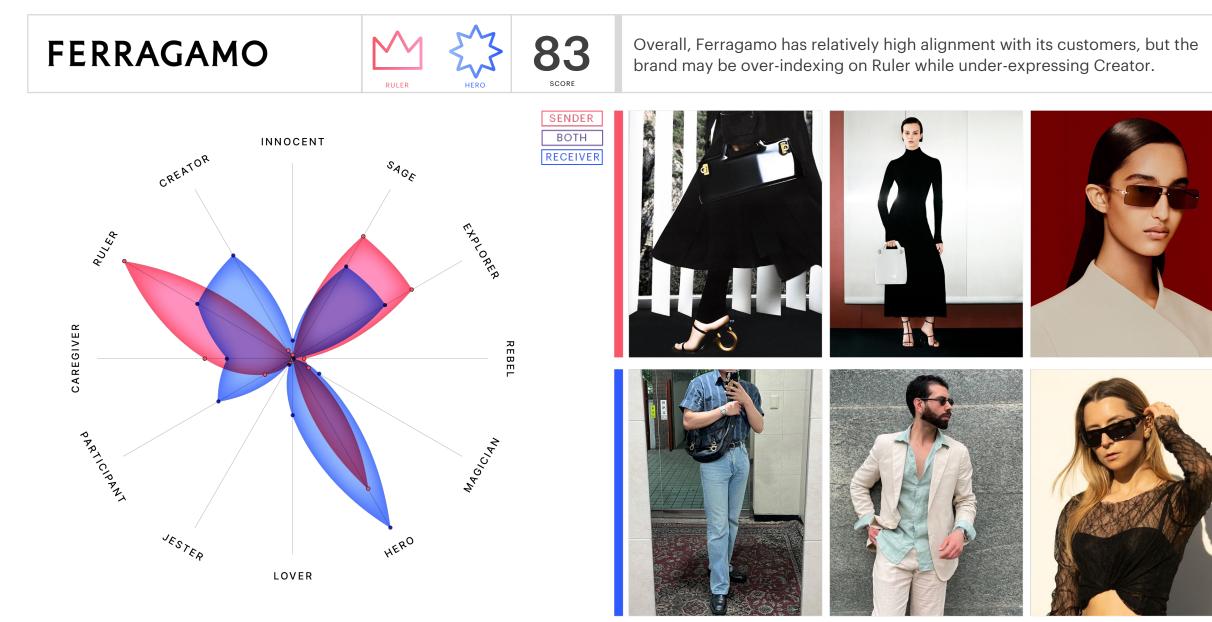
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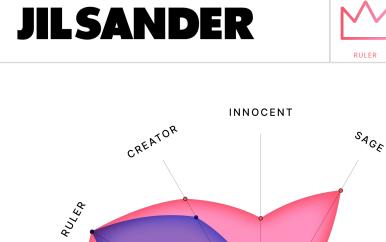




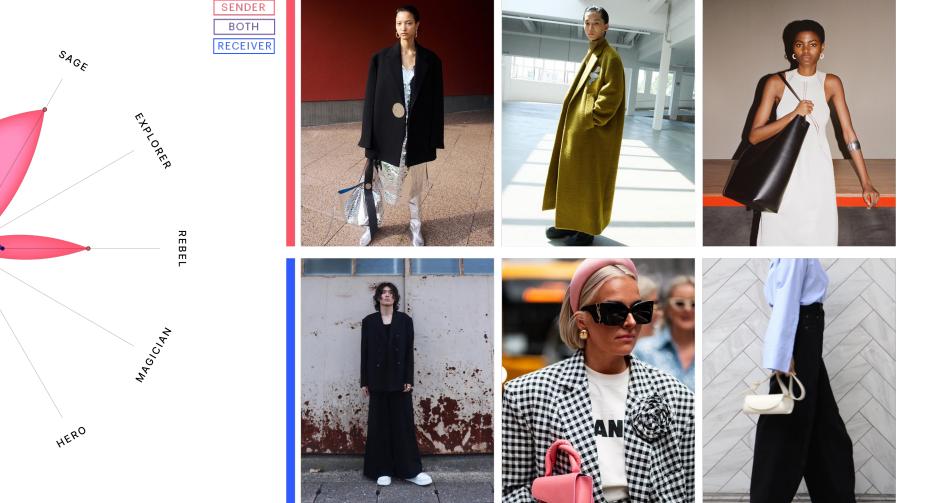
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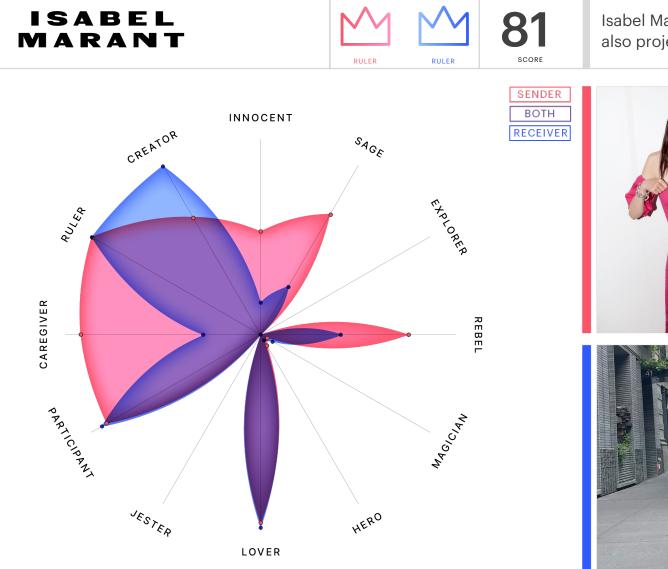


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Isabel Marant is very aligned on Ruler, Participant and Lover, but the brand also projects Caregiver, Sage, Rebel and Innocent more than its customers.

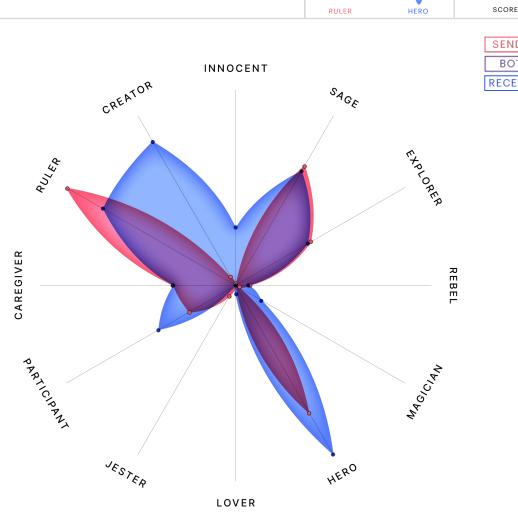


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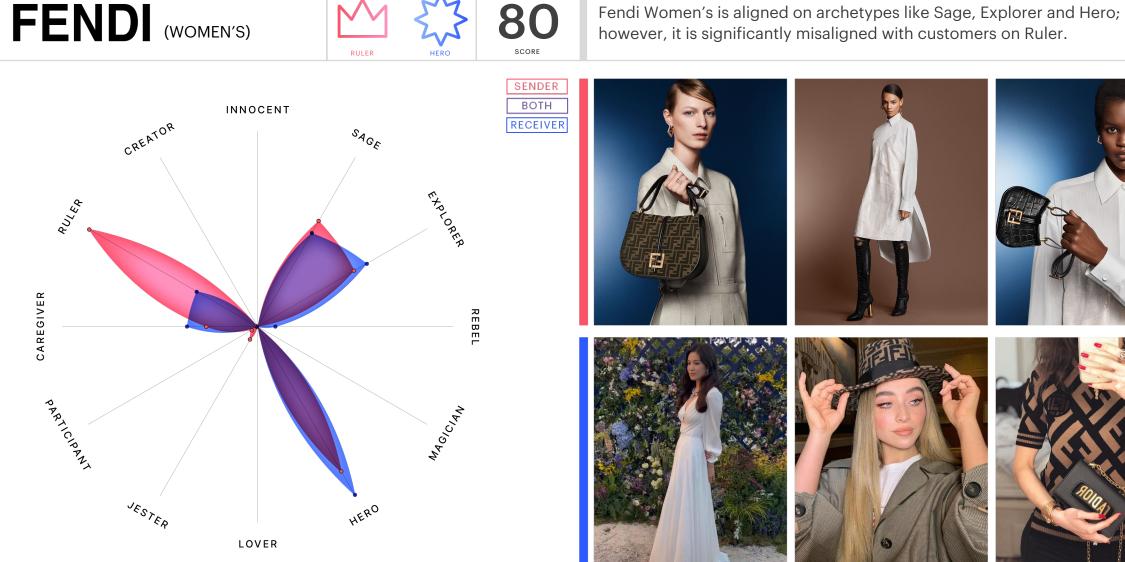


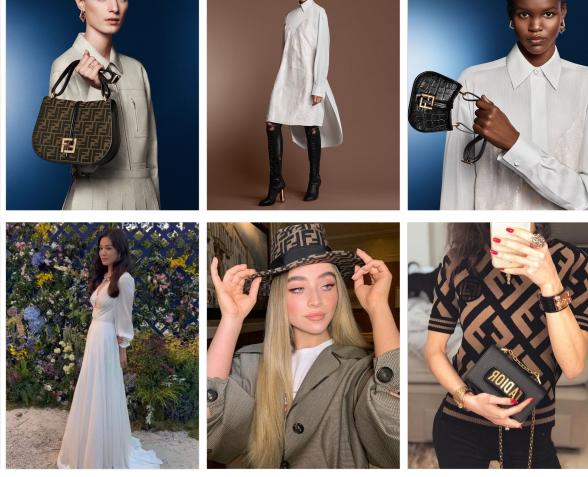
Stella McCartney is aligned on archetypes like Sage and Explorer, but the dominant archetypes are slightly misaligned, with greater misalignment on Creator.



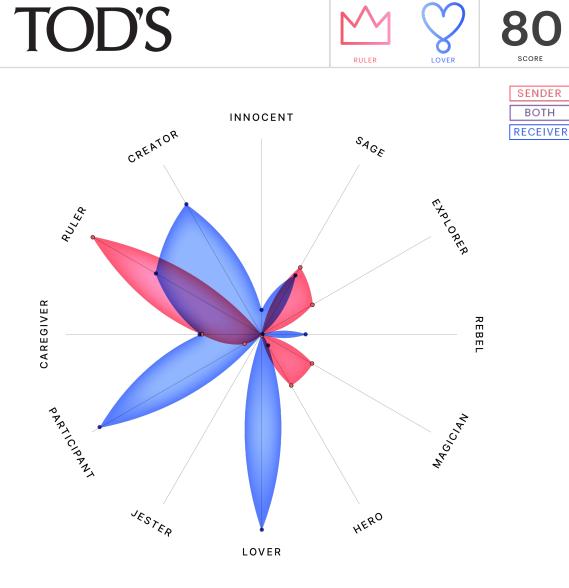
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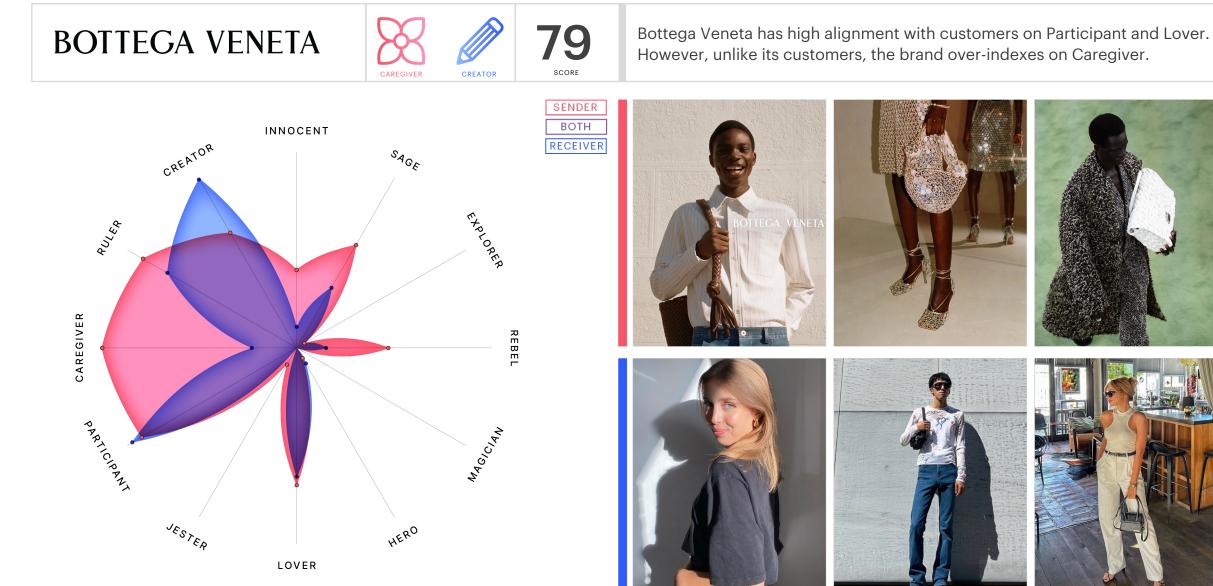




Tod's over-indexes on Ruler, while customers significantly display Participant, Lover and Creator in ways that are currently underrepresented by the brand.







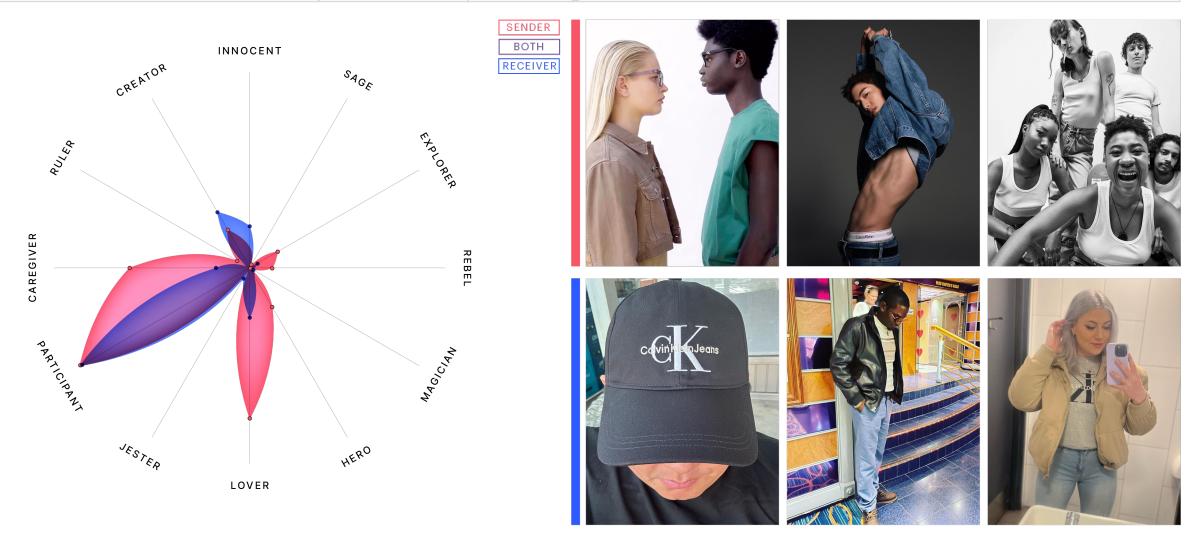
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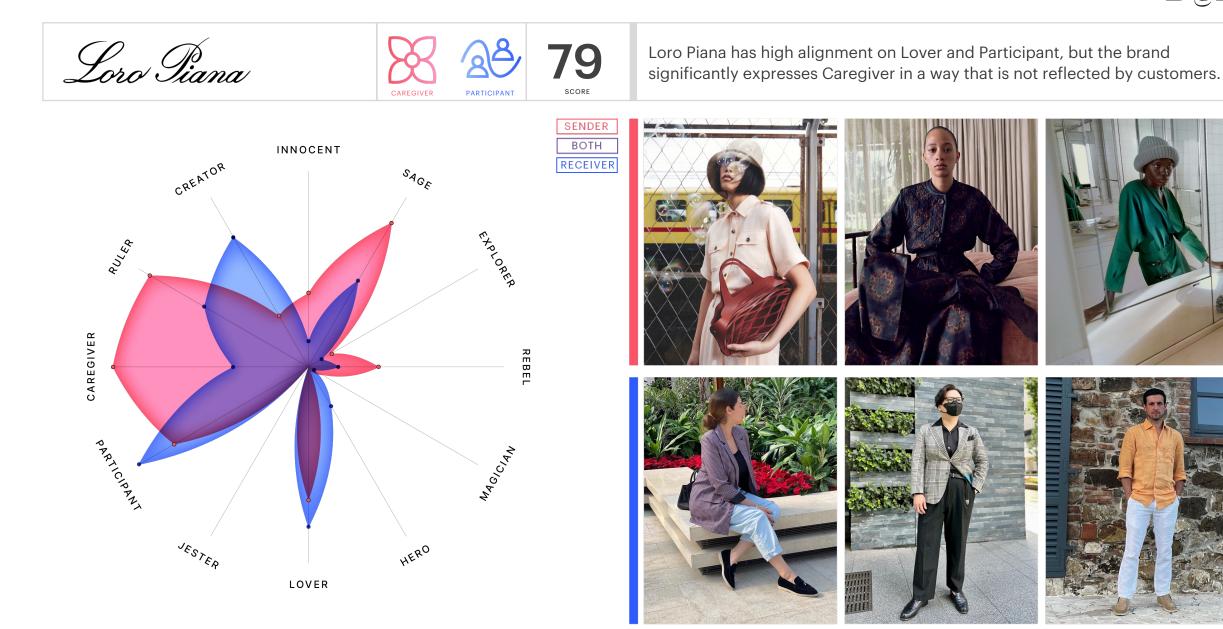


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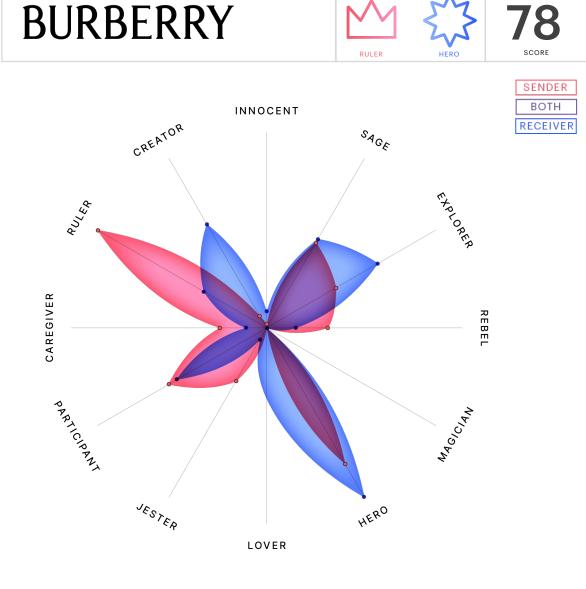
Calvin Klein has high alignment on the dominant archetype of Participant. However, the brand projects Lover and Caregiver in ways not reflected by customers.

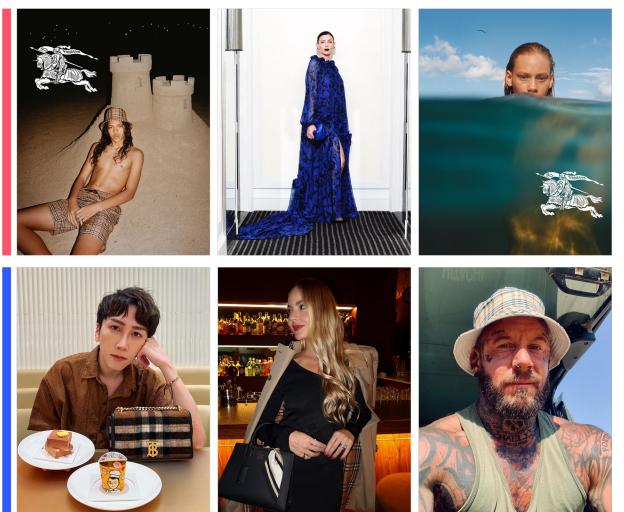








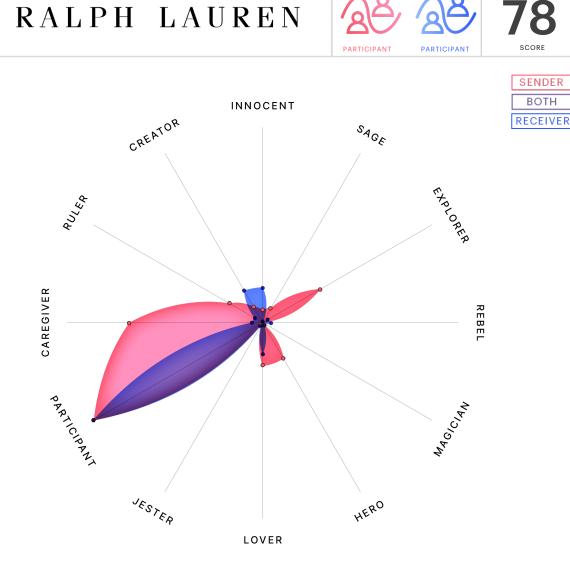




Burberry aligns with customers on archetypes like Sage, Participant and Hero.

But the brand's dominant Ruler archetype is not reflected by customers.



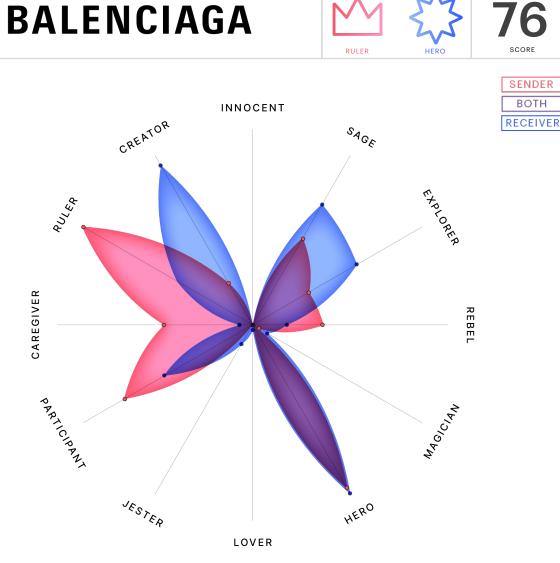




Ralph Lauren is very aligned with customers on the dominant archetype of

Participant. However, it is less aligned elsewhere, from Caregiver to Explorer.





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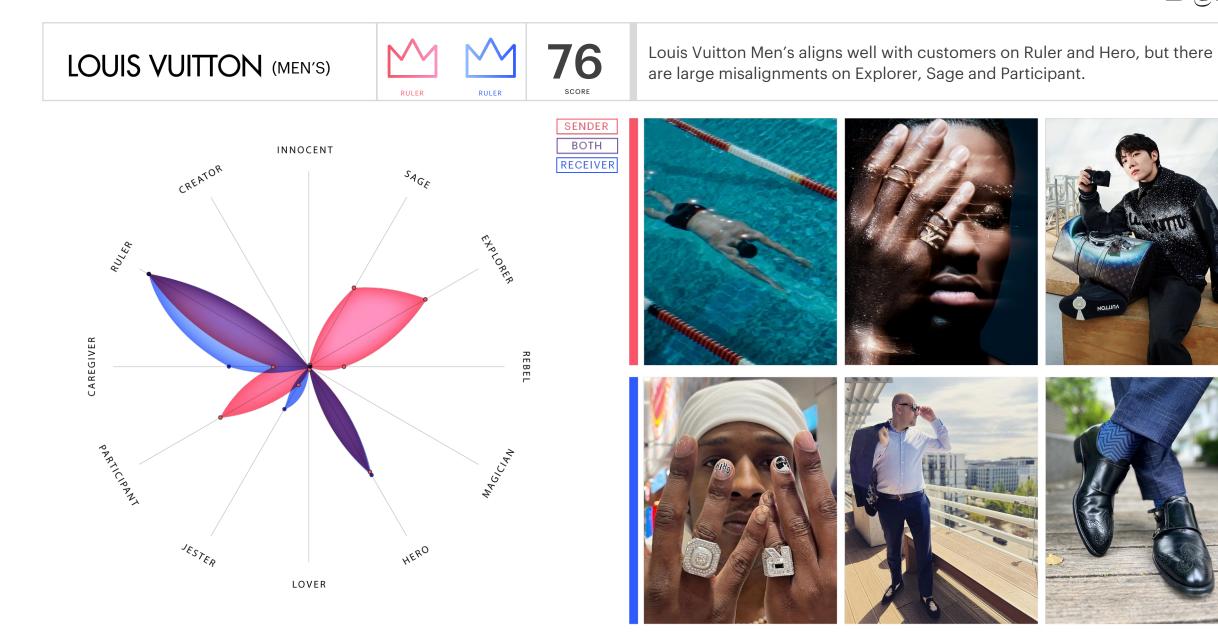
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Balenciaga is very aligned on the Hero archetype, but the brand also expresses Ruler and Participant while customers are projecting Creator.

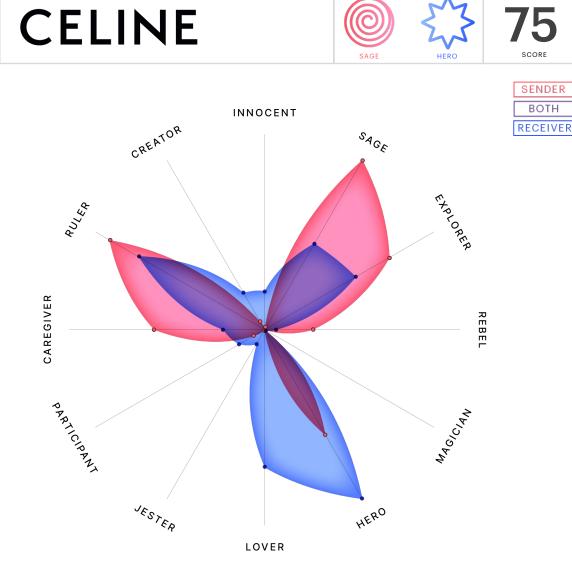
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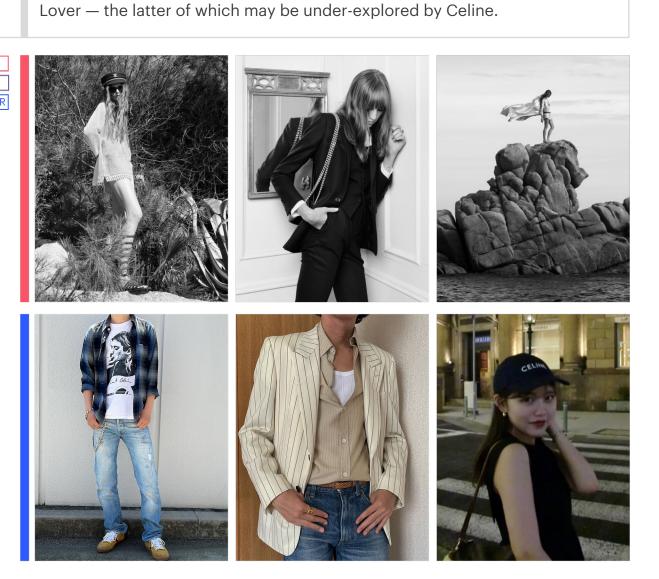




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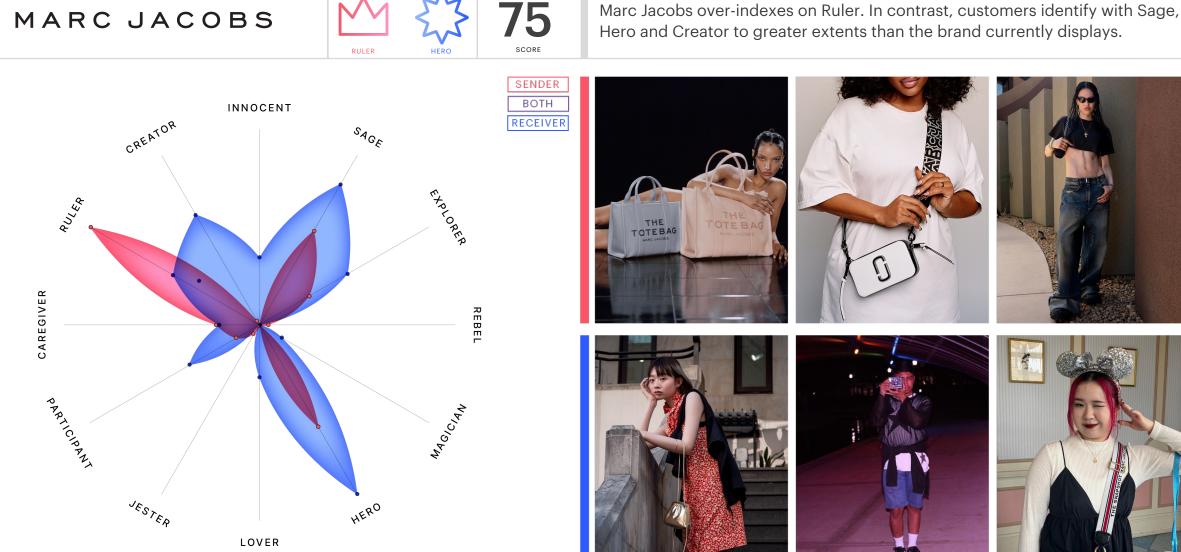




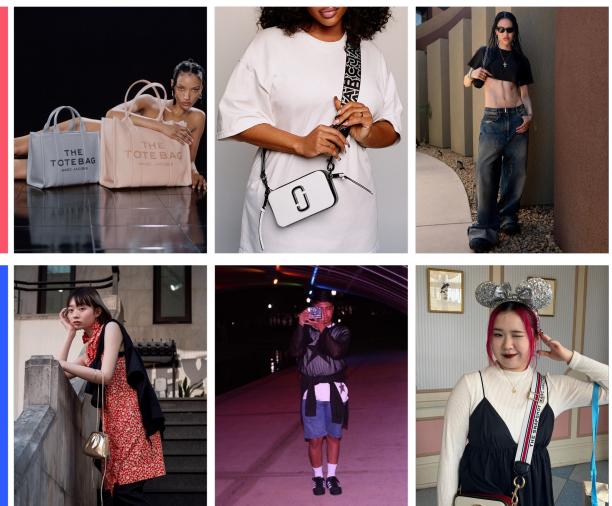


Celine over-indexes on Sage, while customers significantly express Hero and





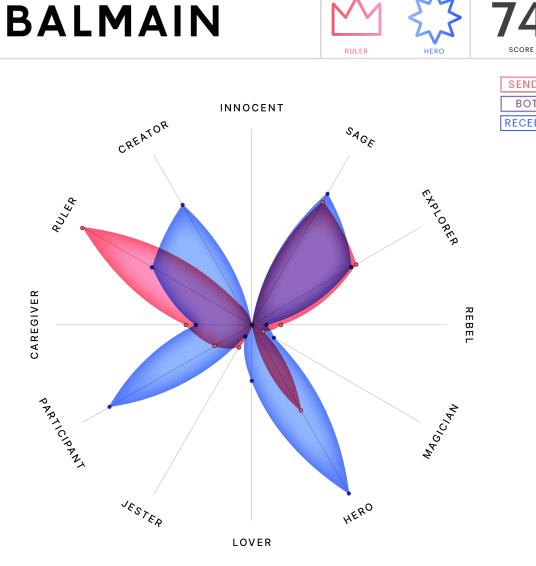
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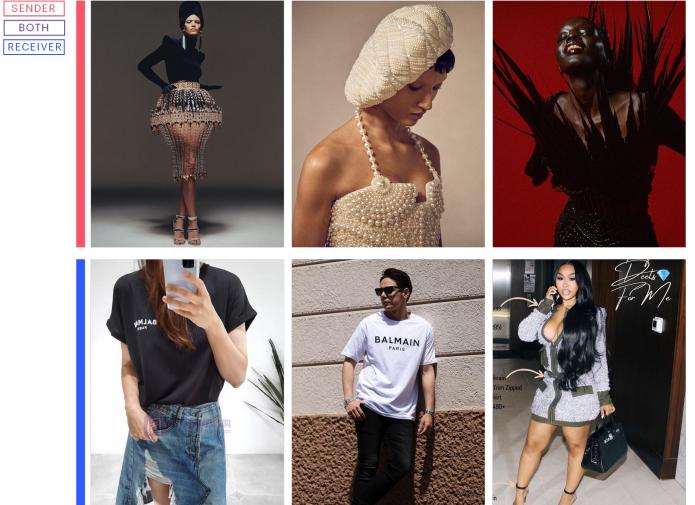
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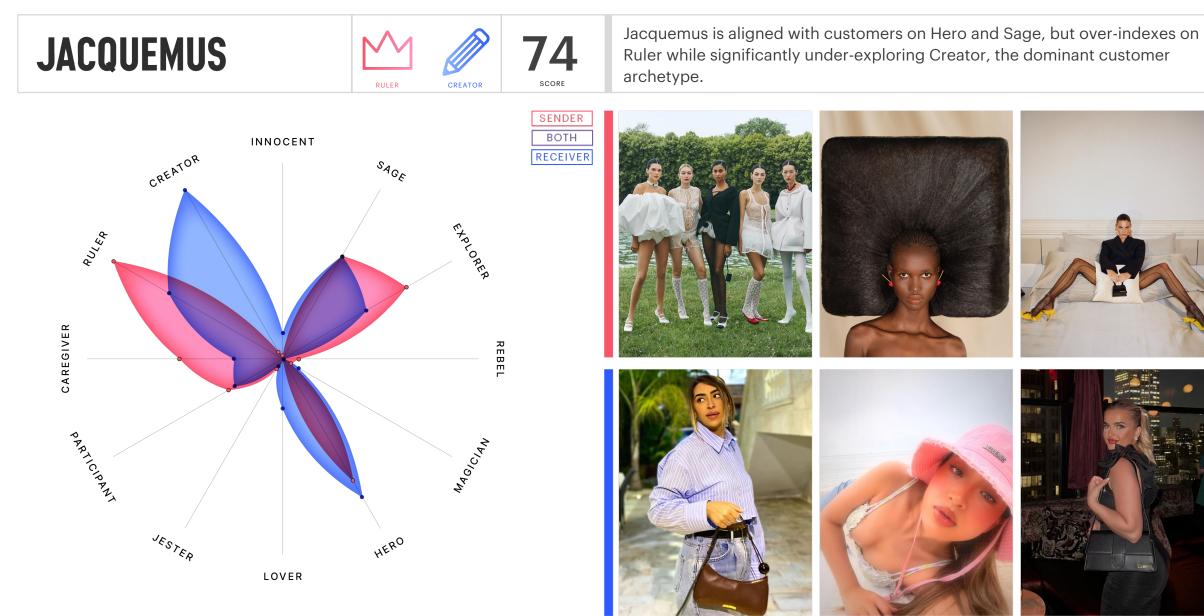




Balmain is aligned with customers on Sage and Explorer, but the brand overindexes on Ruler while customers more frequently project Hero, Participant and Creator.







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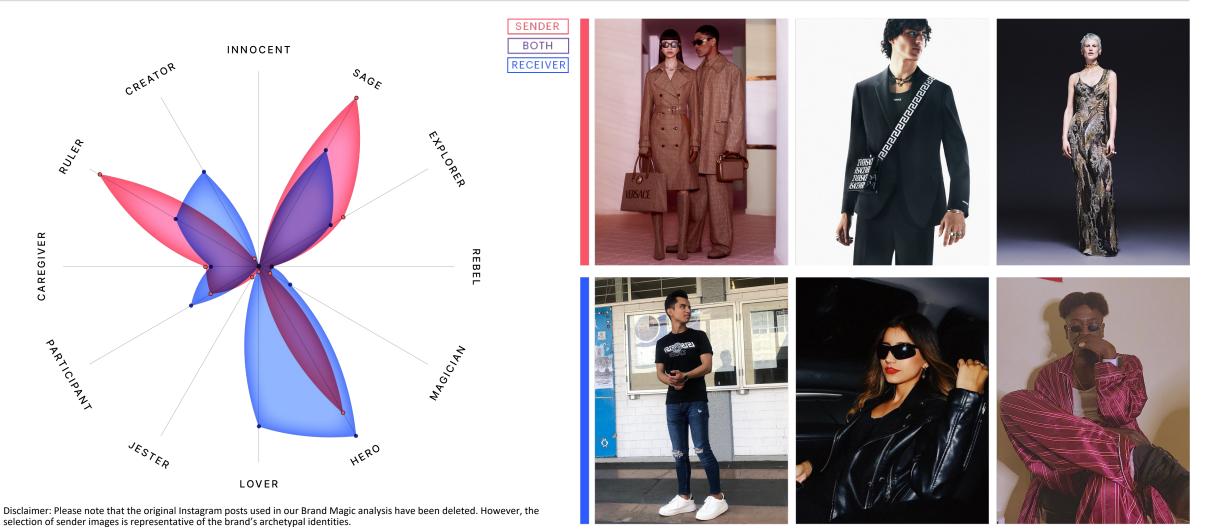
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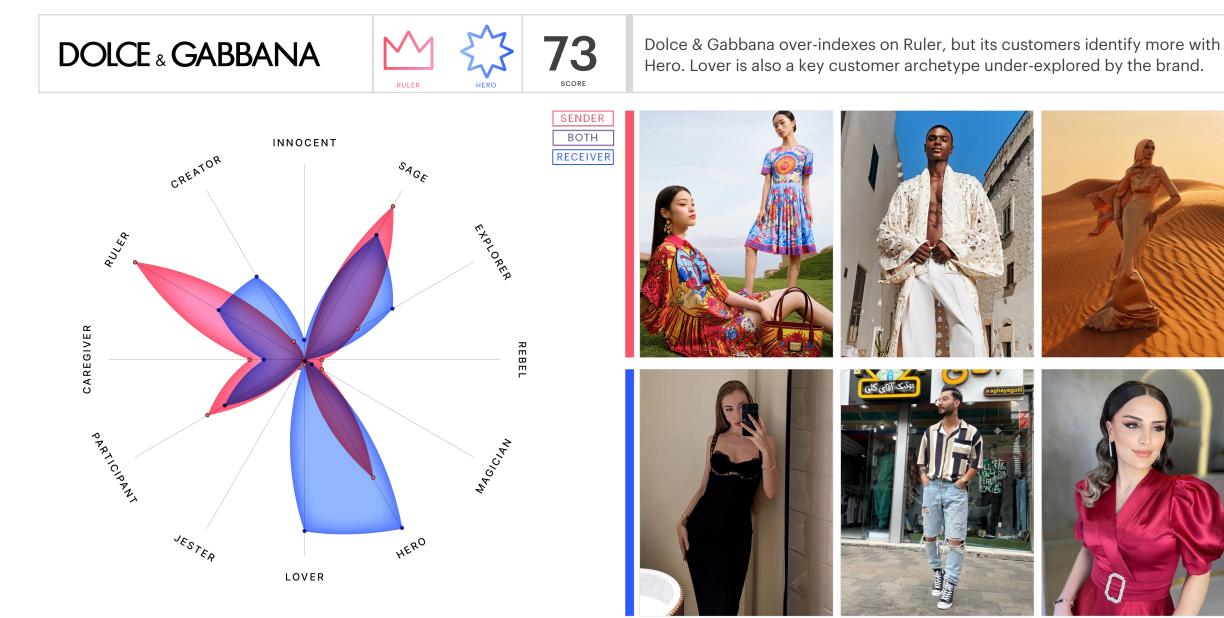




Versace is aligned with customers on the Hero archetype, but it projects Sage and Ruler while its customers identify more with Lover and Creator.







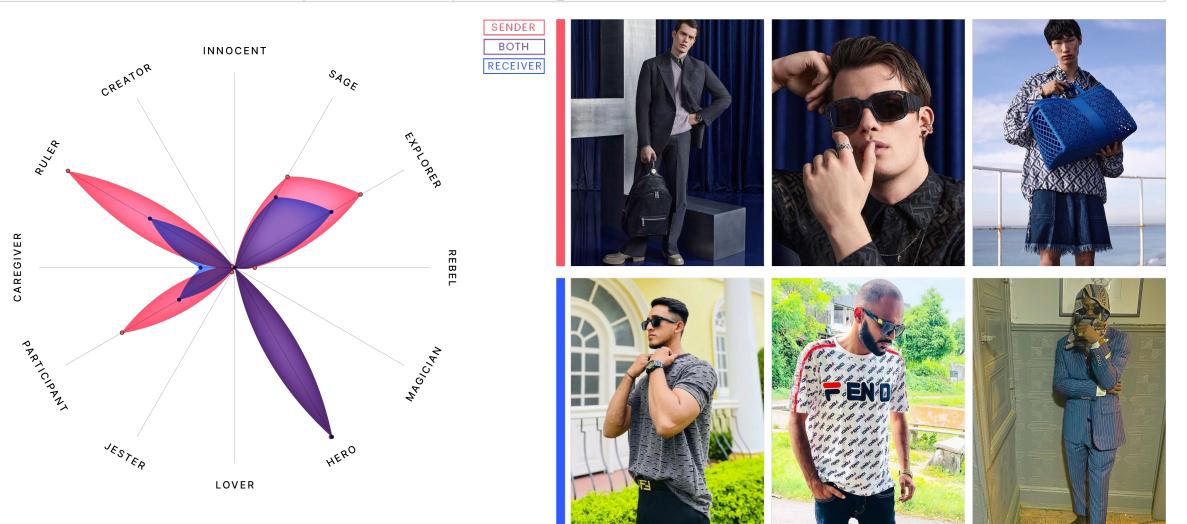




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While the dominant brand and customer archetypes are the same (Hero), Fendi Men's lower overall score is due to less alignment among other archetypes.

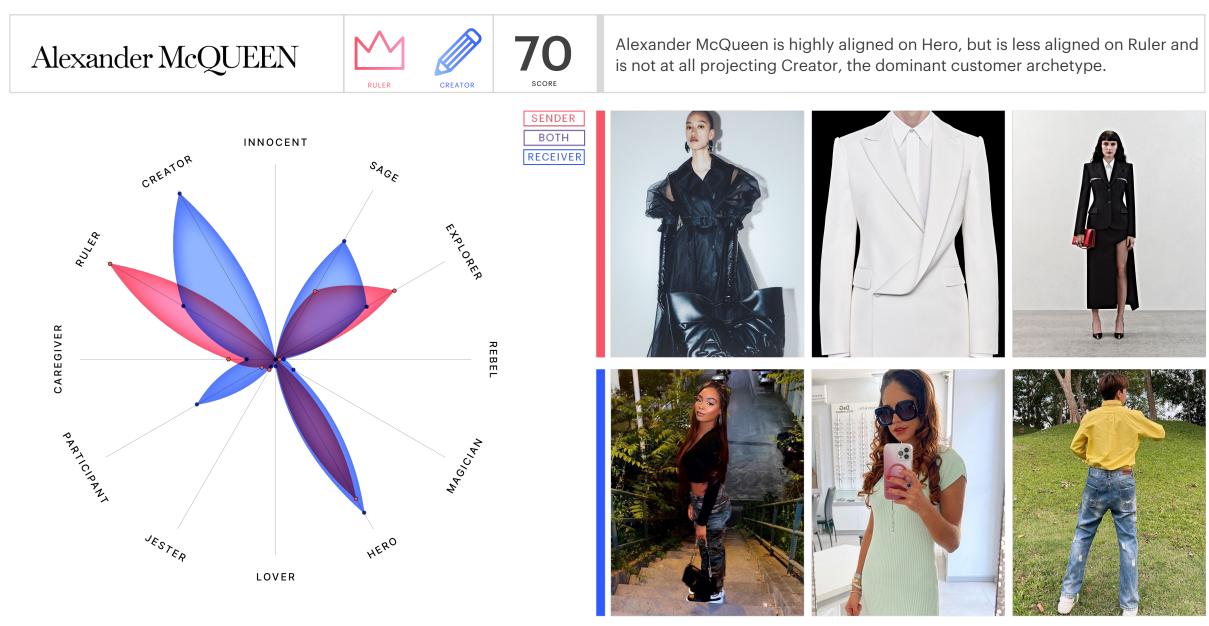






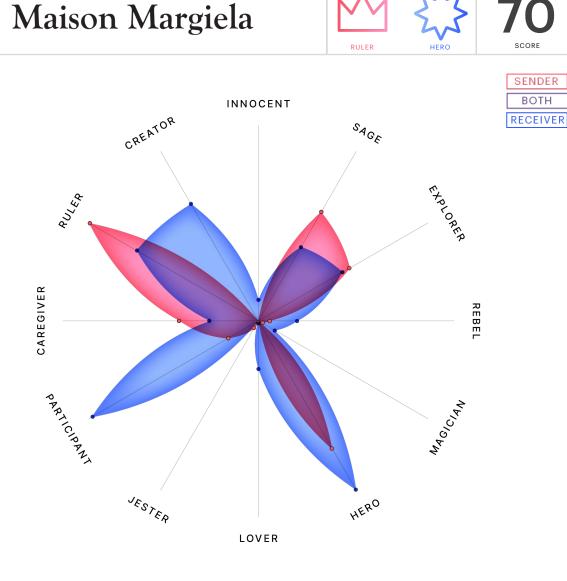
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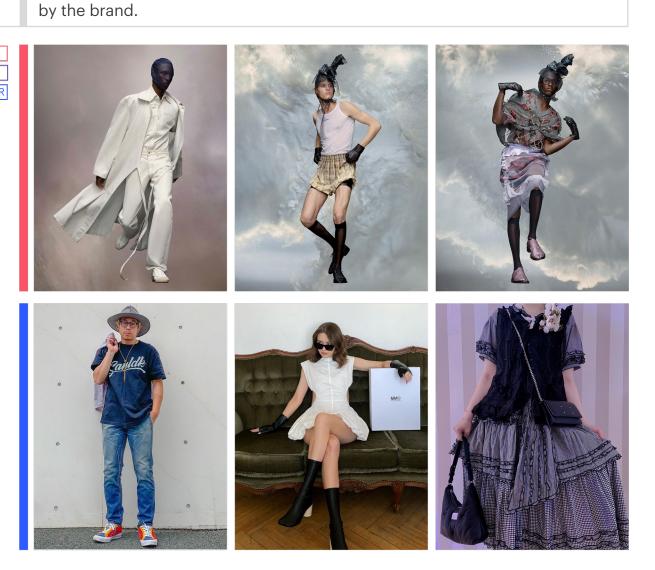




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Maison Margiela projects Ruler and Sage more than its customers, though it is

aligned on Explorer. However, Participant and Creator are underrepresented







Zegna over-indexes on Explorer, Ruler, Hero and Sage, with customers primarily projecting Participant and Creator.

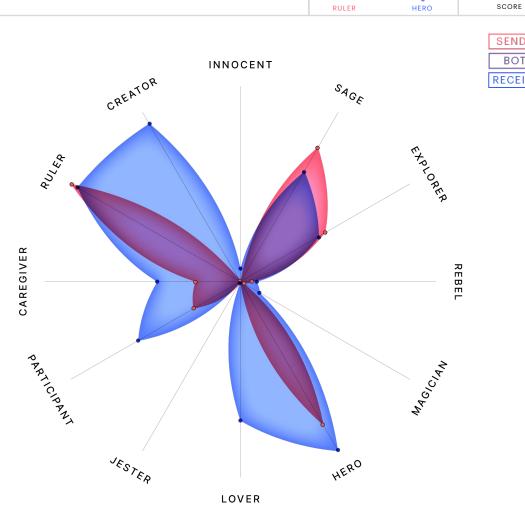


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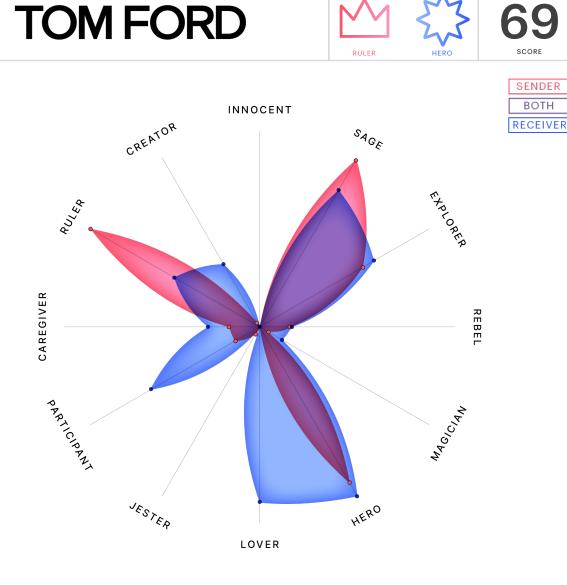


Loewe aligns with customers on Ruler, Explorer, Sage and Hero but has a low score due to under-exploring Creator and Lover, key customer archetypes.



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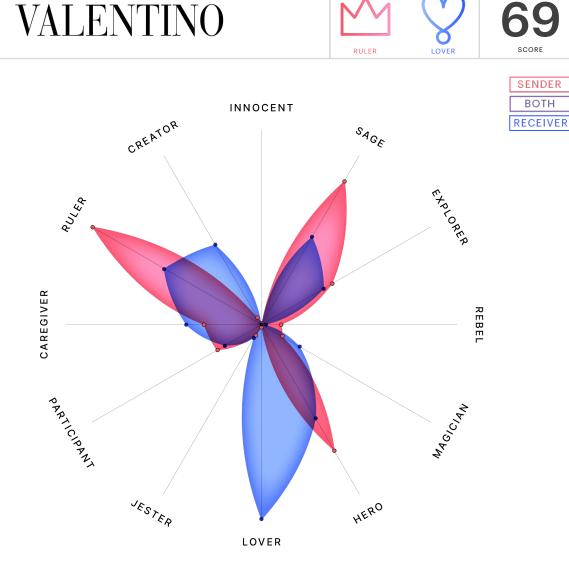




Tom Ford aligns with its customers on Hero, Explorer and Sage (to a lesser

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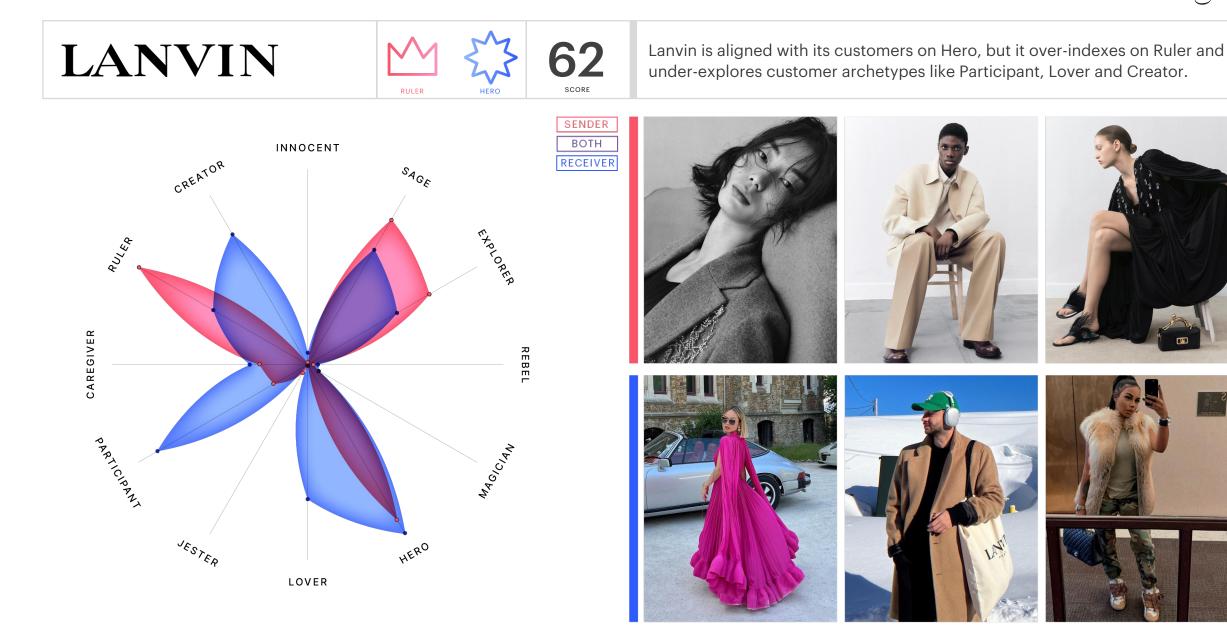


Valentino over-indexes on Ruler and Sage, while customers identify primarily with Lover — an archetype under-explored by the brand.

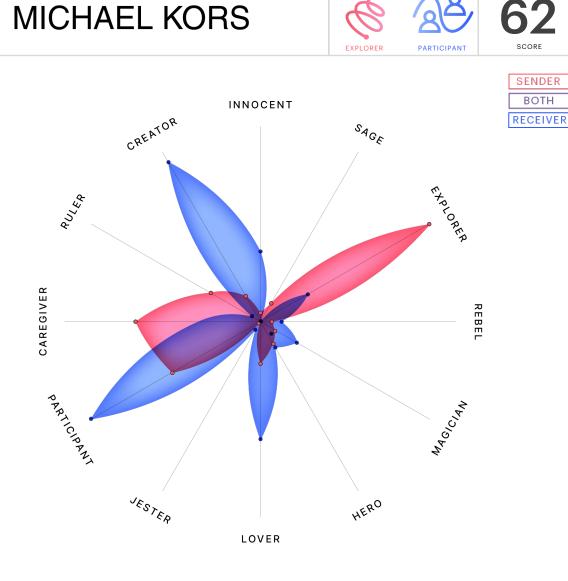


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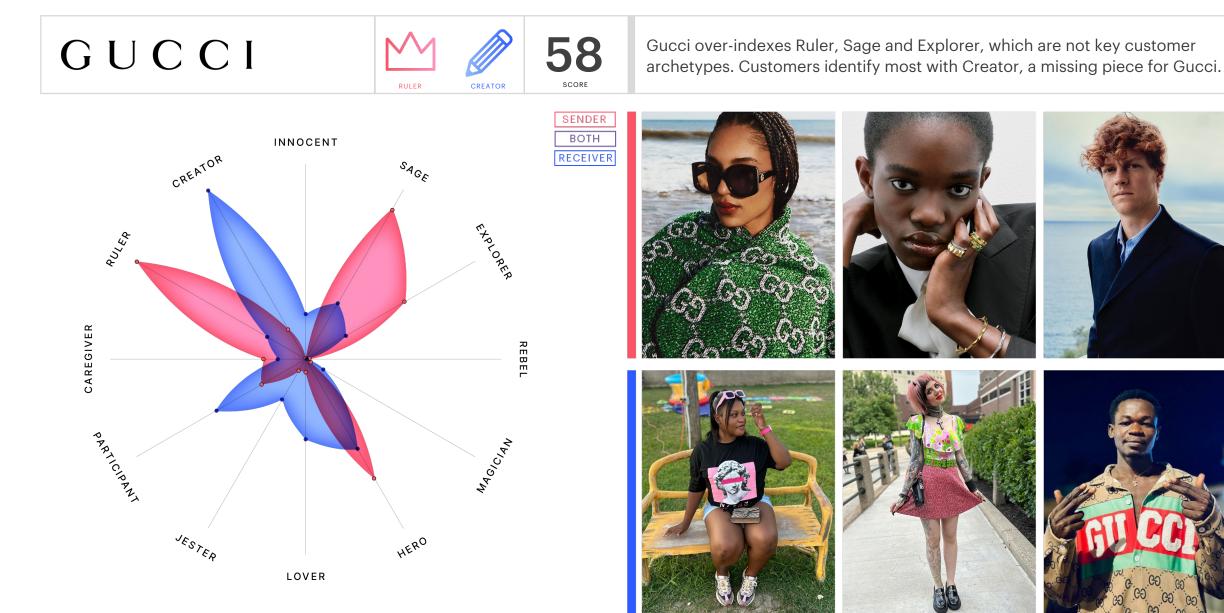


Michael Kors' dominant archetype is Explorer, which is not a major customer archetype. The brand under-indexes on Participant and Creator.



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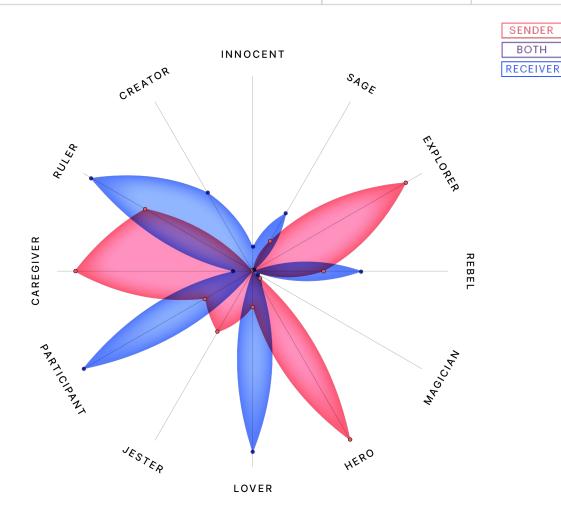


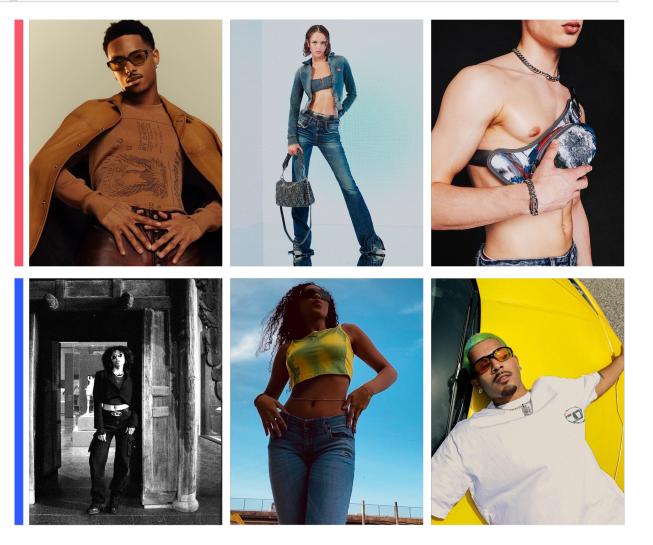






Diesel is the lowest scoring brand because it over-indexes on Hero, Explorer and Caregiver while customers identify with Participant, Lover and Ruler.





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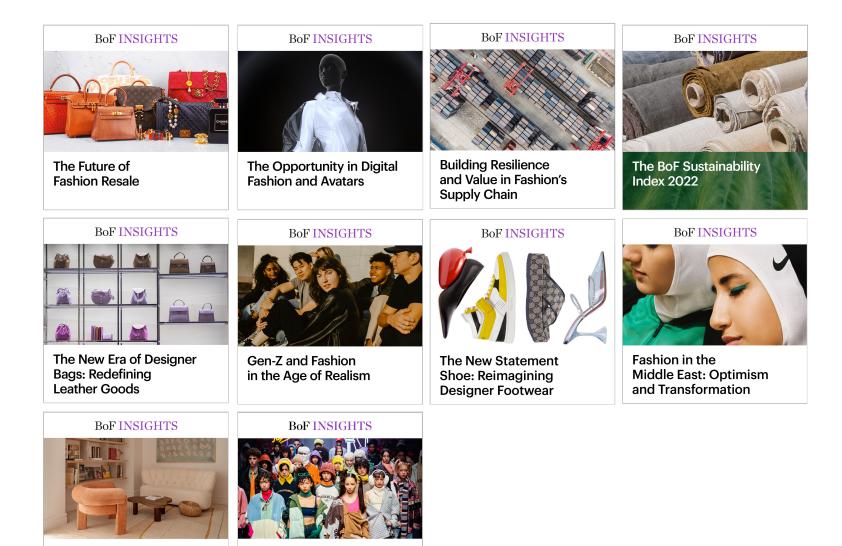
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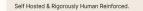
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