

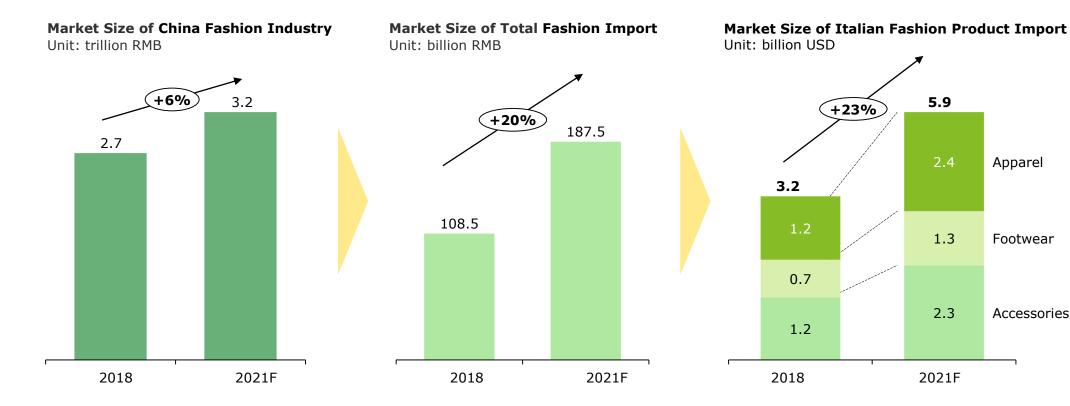
**ITALIAN TRADE AGENCY** 

## **Fashion Report - Executive Summary**

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### Italian fashion import market is forecasted to continue its robust growth due to consumption upgrade and increase e-commerce sales



#### **Key drivers**

- Higher disposable income
- Millennials are willing to spend ٠ more on the fashion products
- Increasing consumption of low-٠ tier cities & the rural areas

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- Increasing awareness of the foreign brands
- Foreign brands are reckoned as high quality & unique design
- Prosperity of cross-border ecommerce

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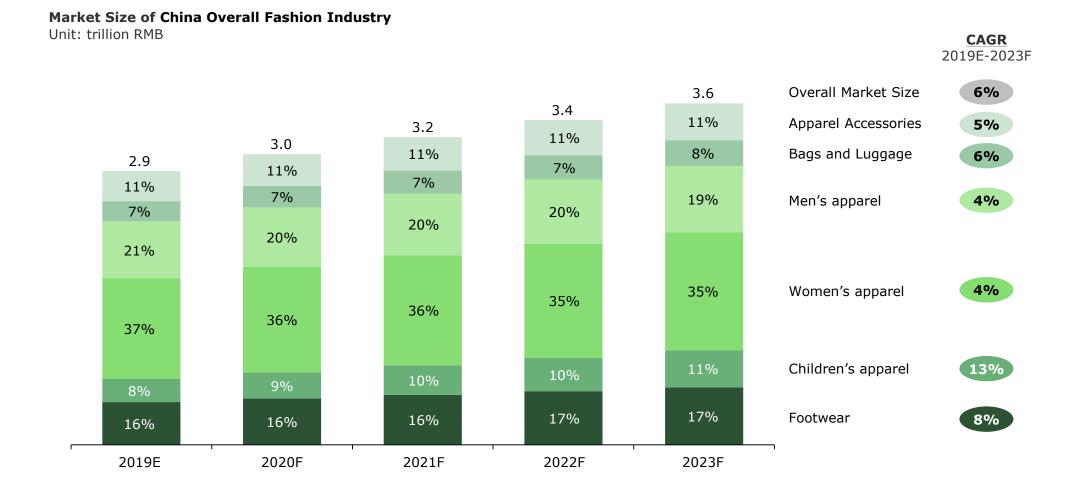
- Chinese consumers pursue the brands with the images such as "craftsman" and "handmade"
- Italian fashions considered to be in sophisticated materials attract Chinese more consumers

Apparel

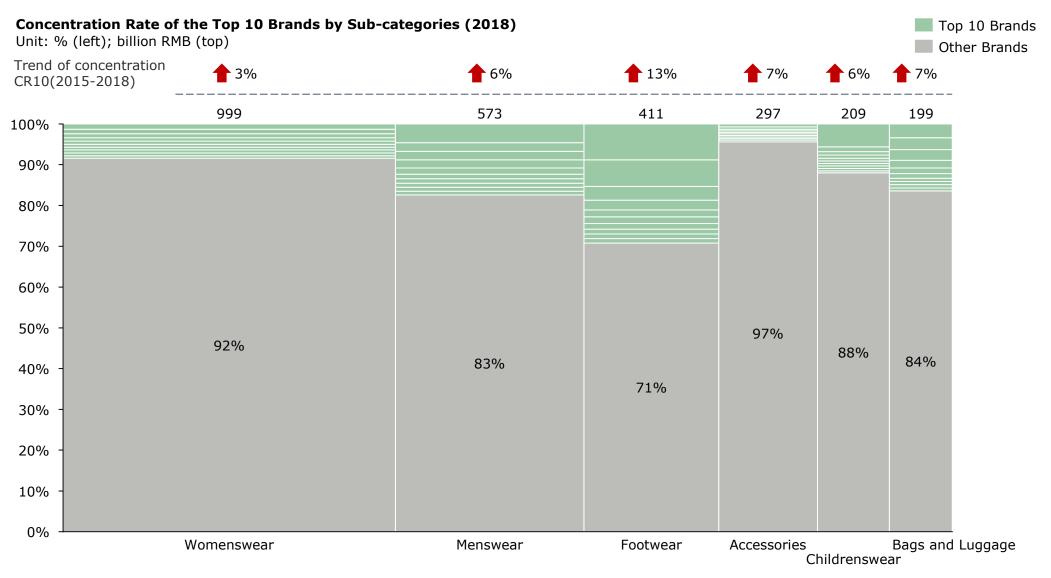
Footwear

Accessories<sup>1</sup>

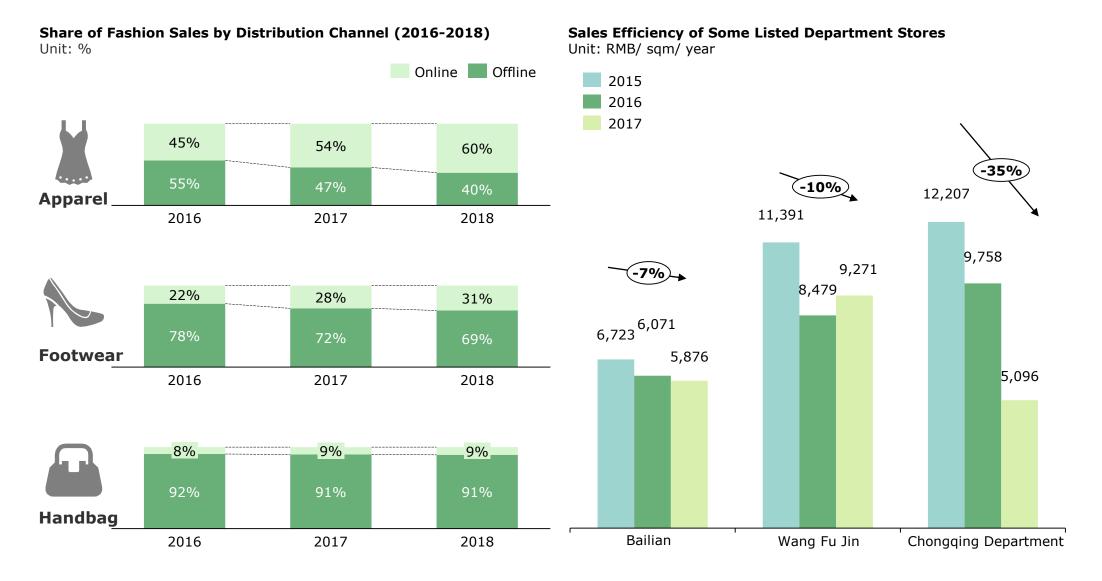
China overall fashion industry will continue to grow, of which Children's apparel and Footwear share the highest growth rate



# China's fashion industry is fragmented, however, consolidation has been noticed in the past 3 years



Fashion products, apparel in particular, are leveraging online channel more than ever, which also effected the sales efficiency of traditional channels



There are various entry approach and channel mix for Italy fashion SMEs to choose when entering China

		•	Outbound Investment to China					
Entry approach Channel Focus		1 Cross-border E-Commerce	2 Export	3 Licensing	4 Franchise	5 Joint Venture	6 WOFE	
A Online	Official Website	<ul> <li>Consumer order on official website</li> <li>Shipment from Italy to consumer directly</li> </ul>	The brand owner sells the product directly to Chinese importers at a discounted price As soon as the shipment is exported, brand owner no longer has control over the products, including how they are sold <i>May have</i> oversea- online/local offline channel conflict	owner givesownerlicensee thescreetauthority offranceusing its brandpartinprefetAs long as theexistillicensingdistriterms arechanneagreed bysuppletboth parties,presetcan chooseThe backwhicheverownerchannel that itprovisees fitsuppletSome licensemarkagreementbrancemay allowmanalicensee tostoremanufacturevisual	The brand owner should screen its franchise partner	<ul> <li>Self-run website built by the newly established JV company</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Self-run website built by the newly established company</li> </ul>	
	Flagship Store on Online Platform				preferably with existing distribution channel and supply chain presence The brand owner usually provide support or advice on marketing, branding, management, storefront visual interface, etc.	<ul> <li>Self-run flagship store Preferably leverage JV partner's capability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Self-run flagship store on Tmall or JD</li> </ul>	
	Online Distributor	<ul> <li>Consumer order on CE<sup>1</sup> platform</li> <li>Shipment from Italy to consumer directly</li> </ul>						
B Offline	Department Store					<ul> <li>Having own counter and share profit with dept. store</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Having own counter and share profit with dept. store</li> </ul>	
	Shopping Mall					<ul> <li>Pay rental to shopping mall</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pay rental to shopping mall</li> </ul>	
	Standalone Store					<ul> <li>Set up own standalone store</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set up own standalone store</li> </ul>	
	Collection Store			<i>May have oversea- online/local offline channel conflict</i>		<ul> <li>Sell the products to local distributors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sell the products to local distributors</li> </ul>	

Note: 1. CE stands for Cross-border E-Commerce Source:

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