

# DRESSING THE PART

The December party season is here, so brace yourselves for an endless round of weddings, cocktails, dinners and celebrations. Nothing to wear? Take inspiration from five stylish women around the world who show us the dresses they'll be wearing in the run-up to 2016, whatever it may bring. By MALIKA DALAMAL



Leather jacket,  
Karl Lagerfeld at  
Net-a-porter.com

**LONDON**  
**PIA STANCHINA, 31**  
Fashion and luxury manager,  
Google UK

**THE OCCASION:** Winter wedding

**THE LOOK:** "You have to be careful at a wedding in London: no white or black. I'm a sucker for colourful lace, especially when it's Valentino."

**MY STYLE:** "A mix of Paris and Bombay. Think Maharaja meets Chanel."

**PARTY ESSENTIAL:** "A cool cover-up, like a leather biker or denim jacket, to break the formal vibe of an evening outfit."



**THE WINTER WEDDING**



**THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

TINA COON

**MADRID**  
**VANDANA CASTAGNE, 33**

Entrepreneur

**THE OCCASION:** New Year's Eve in the mountains

**THE LOOK:** "New Year's Eve at The Palace Hotel in Gstaad is a glamorous affair and a strictly black-tie event. I plan to bring in 2016 in a show-stopping Thakoon gown with a pair of Kaj Fine Jewellery by Kajal Fabiani earrings and stacks of Suzanne Kalan diamond and ruby bracelets for some serious festive sparkle."

**MY STYLE:** "Timeless and functional."

**PARTY ESSENTIAL:** "I always carry a lip-to-cheek colour stick (NudeStix or Charlotte Tilbury) for easy touch-ups through the night." >



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**NEW YORK**  
**SARIKA RASTOGI, 37**  
**VP of Communications, Lyst**

**THE OCCASION:**

**THE LOOK:** "Mary Katrantzou dresses very much fit with the fun, flirty and girly look I like. Plus, I like short dresses that show off my legs. It's all about emphasising your best assets and hiding the flaws!"  
**MY STYLE:** "I am a total dress girl—I haven't worn jeans since 2006, though I've recently taken to wide-legged trousers."

**PARTY ESSENTIALS:** "I always carry lipgloss and my Samsung S6 to capture Insta moments!"

**THE GALLERY OPENING**

MARY KATRANTZOU



**LONDON**  
**BONNIE TAKHAR, 44**  
**President, Charlotte Olympia**

**THE OCCASION:**

**THE LOOK:** "A modern twist on a classic black dress by Stella McCartney. And it's a great showcase for my shoes."  
**MY STYLE:** "Confident."

**PARTY ESSENTIALS:** "Charlotte Olympia clutch and shoes."

**THE BLACK-TIE BALL**

STELLA MCCARTNEY



**HONG KONG**  
**TARA CHELLARAM, 41**  
**Yoga instructor**

**THE OCCASION:**

**THE LOOK:** "Diane von Furstenberg is my go-to designer for evening wear—her dresses are elegant yet easy to wear and perfect for Hong Kong winters. I always pair them with a Stella McCartney bag—as a vegetarian, I'm a fan of her no-leather policy."

**MY STYLE:** "Casual in the day, but I love lace and embellishment for the evening."

**PARTY ESSENTIAL:**

"I never leave home without a packet of extra-strong mints."

**THE HOLIDAY HOUSE PARTY**

DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

**Bobbi Brown**  
Holiday Collection  
Limited Edition Lip Gloss, Pretty



**VOGUE PICKS**

GIANBA



Pumps, Charlotte Olympia

**VOGUE PICKS**

OSMAN

RAJESH PRATAP SINGH



PANKAJ & NIDHI

**VOGUE PICKS**

CHRISTOPHER KANE



Extra Strong Mints, Trebor

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