



## Ozward Boateng OBE

### BUSINESS LEADER

Trailblazing British Fashion Designer Redefining Modern Menswear

Renowned for revolutionizing Savile Row tailoring, Ozward Boateng introduced bold, vibrant designs to classic men's suits. Became the first Black Creative Director of Givenchy Homme in 2003, revitalizing its menswear line globally. His designs have attracted numerous collaborations with high-profile brands like British Airways and Johnnie Walker, blending fashion and innovation.

### Ozward Boateng OBE's 2026 Biography

#### Ozward Boateng OBE; Internationally renowned luxury fashion pioneer and icon.

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- Speaking

#### OZWALD'S SPEAKING THEMES

- ESG Strategy

#### LANGUAGES: English

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In parallel to his career in fashion Ozwald Boateng has demonstrated his creativity through film. He is known for opening each fashion show with a short film depicting the essence of the collection. His skills in writing and directing short films have been critically acclaimed and awarded.

Ozwald Boateng's innovative approach to design has attracted a number of high profile collaborations, such as Coutts & Co, Johnnie Walker and Virgin and most recently the collaboration with the UK's esteemed airline 'British Airways' and Poltrona Frau, furniture.

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## Ozwald Boateng OBE's Videos

