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The long road to Paris Fashion Week

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PARIS (CNN) - As Paris wraps up its prêt-à-porter shows for the Autumn-Winter 2014/15 collection, young designers from across the globe are hoping to make it up one more rung of a desperately steep ladder.

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Tradition, quality materials, creativity and global exposure make Paris the ultimate and most desired platform for young and established designers alike.

International buyers and the press tend to stay in the city longer than in New York or London and have time to visit the showrooms and recent platforms that have been created to showcase young designers, such as Designers Apartment,