

7'2"

A full-page photograph of Alexis Ajinca, a basketball player, dressed in a light blue suit and a patterned scarf. He is holding a yellow Spalding NBA basketball on his right hand. The background is a solid orange color. Large, faint text '7'2"' is visible in the upper right corner.

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## HE GOT GAME... & STYLE >>

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Hailing from Saint-Etienne, France, Alexis Ajinca, the 7'2 NBA baller for the New Orleans Pelicans and married father of two boys chops it up with KRAVE Magazine to discuss basketball, his style, who's killing the fashion scene in sports and the ultimate dream team.

A man with short dark hair and a goatee is smiling broadly. He is wearing a teal and white long-sleeved shirt and white shorts. He is sitting on a yellow stool against a solid blue background. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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**When did you start your NBA career?**

I actually played ball in France, and in 2008 I was drafted into the NBA. I played for the Charlotte Bobcats for two years, then the Dallas Mavericks and in 2013 I was drafted to the New Orleans Pelicans.

**What career outside of sports would you have pursued if you never were drafted?**

Probably something dealing with business management.

**How do you feel about your sons pursuing a career in sports?**

Naturally, I believe they will want to get involved in sports, but I will support any [career] choice they make. They [my sons] are already showing athletic abilities.

**How do you handle fans when you are out and about, solo or with the family?**

I am a homebody and enjoy time with the family. However, when I am out and I get recognized, most times, the fans are respectful... especially when they [the fans] see me with my wife and kids; I don't mind giving an autograph.

**Okay, let's shift a bit and let me ask, what is one item a man must always have in his wardrobe?**

A suit; a man must always have a suit.

**How would you describe your style? How much did growing up in Europe, specifically France, influence your fashion sense?** My personal style definitely different, if I see something I like, I rock it. I am not caught up in labels or name brands. I would say my style is out the box, different and whatever is comfortable to me.

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**What's the one fashion trend you would never be caught in?**

Skinny jeans... no way!

**You're 7'2", how does that affect your ability to find clothing**

**you like?** I have a tailor I work with, so I am able to get my wardrobe to accommodate my height and frame.

**Who would you say is the most fashionable person in the**

**NBA/NFL?** D. Wade and of course, everybody's pick Cam Newton. He is not afraid to be stylish and unique.

