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 TOP STORIES  
 THIS WEEK**

# Fallen Angel

**2** VICTORIA'S secret has built its multi-billion-dollar empire on women with va-va-voom curves, rolling out the likes of Heidi Klum and Gisele Bundchen to promote its sexy lingerie.

But the underwear giant's image has taken a beating after shocking pictures of its youngest Angel looking painfully thin emerged last week.

As Candice Swanepoel posed with fellow models Alessandra Ambrosio and Adriana Lima at the preview of the 2011 SWIM Collection in LA, the 22-year-old's stick-thin legs, protruding hip bones and child-sized waist drew gasps from onlookers.

While the South African-born beauty is listed on her official IMG Models card as a US size 8 (an Aussie size 12), that figure couldn't be further from the truth these days.

Candice's rapid weight loss over just three months has sparked real fears for her health, as well as renewed criticism of VS for its increasing use of skeletal models.

Alessandra, 29, came under fire last year when a bikini shoot in St Barts revealed her alarmingly emaciated frame, just a year and a half after the birth of her daughter Anja.

Australian health experts also have grave concerns: Dietician Amanda Clark tells *Grazia*: "Although she has in the past, Candice is definitely not conveying a healthy body image. She needs to shift to the background until she gets her head together."

There is now a growing backlash against agencies who continue to send super-skinny models to castings.

Last week designer Herve Leger revealed he no longer showed his collections at New York Fashion Week because he finds the current crop of models too thin.

"If I had to go back to catwalk presentations I would be in a panic... The models I find are too skinny, too sad," he said.

"Today you go between several [runway shows] and see the exact same type of girl — it just doesn't inspire me."



(L-R) Adriana, Candice, Alessandra and Miranda Kerr at the launch party



A healthier-looking Candice in 2006



Shaper-shrinker Candice between Adriana and Alessandra

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