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EDITOR'S NOTE

Imagination powers fashion designers, artists, athletes, and inventors alike. These creators are working—often in collaboration—to expand and enhance our world. In this issue of Iconic, we explore how these visionaries collide in dazzling ways. Fashion moves us forward and the sky is the limit when luxury brands are leading the impetus for change. It's an electrifying era in history where anything is possible.



EVP, LUXURY BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES

with a look at their glittering new Manhattan flagship and flurry of fresh launches. We catch a glimpse into how the 128-year-old brand sparkles with Swarovski Created Diamonds, the environmentally friendly diamonds of the future.

A new era is also being ushered in by the female chefs featured in "Taste Makers." All recognized by the James Beard Foundation, they are turning up the imaginative heat on their industry with bold, new ideas. Their stories expand our palates with a greater understanding of culinary authenticity.

Glamour has evolved over the last few decades to include a high degree of comfort, as seen in "Sartorial Shift." Luxury is at the forefront of loosening the tailoring and embracing the informal, and heritage brands now collaborate with street brands to create an elevated casual that feels wearable yet refined.

Likewise, in "For the Love of the Game," the evolution of player style melds with luxury brands to transform pre-game fashion into a crucial part of athletic and celebrity culture. With these looks, the professional sports tunnel, where athletes enter the stadium, is a new take on the fashion runway.

Athletes aren't the only ones showing off their style. The 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris may be one of the most anticipated sports fashion events of the year. "Going for the Gold" shows us LVMH and its maisons luxury fashion. 3D printing increases manufacturing efficiency, minimizes on the podium as the Premium Partner of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Chaumet designed the medals, which even include a piece of the iconic Eiffel Tower. Berluti will dress the French team for the opening ceremonies while Ralph Lauren continues its storied tradition (dating back to 1992) of outfitting Team U.S.A.

Tommy Hilfiger took fashion by storm during the decade through

Dive into the brilliant new era of Swarovski in "Shining Moment," experimentation and innovation. As the trends return, brands are reaching global audiences with their own take on the '90s. We'll also peek at how '90s supermodels are building future empires.

> Fashion is leading through the Age of Technology with its embrace of artistic collaborations and new inventions. "Digital Brushstrokes" shows us luxury virtual sneakers, CGI influencers, and how Gucci became the first major luxury brand to sell an NFT. And in "Riding the Electric Wave," we see how premium brands are introducing EVs into their vehicle lineups.

> The world of fragrance likewise has a long history of pushing boundaries and changing how we experience a product. In "The Smell of Innovation," we travel through time to see how DSM-Firmenich is expanding a technology first discovered in the '80s into the first scent tech that lets us achieve heightened states of emotion.

> Google, a leading tech pioneer, is also venturing into the new frontier of digitizing scent. In "Intelligence That Makes Scents," we see how, though once unthinkable, Google is cataloging trillions of scent molecules using complex algorithms. Applications abound, such as customizing personal scents that adapt to a wearer's mood or multisensory immersive experiences at retail stores.

> In "A New Dimension," brands are revolutionizing the future of sustainable waste, and lets creators experiment with more intricate designs. There's even a boost for faster production time turnarounds with retail supply orders, and this speed can boost the success of pop-up shops.

Luxury fashion houses have always balanced tradition with cutting-edge technology, and now, more than ever, they lead a collective effort to While some '90s fashion traditions continue, others have come inspire innovation. Join me on a journey through our Iconic Collection back around. In "Y2K All Day," we look at how brands like Prada and of retail properties and the futuristic fusion of art, athletics, fashion, and technology. I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I do.

### A New Dimension

BY LAUREN FINNEY HARDEN



commonplace as brands look to be increasingly efficient in manufacturing and experiment with Luxury fashion houses have always been able to more intricate, innovative designs.

and customized designs. "The possibilities with elegant, functional, and efficient shoe. 3D printing are endless, paving the way for much more artistic creativity and innovation for brands More luxury examples abound. Under Georgian luxury houses," she states.

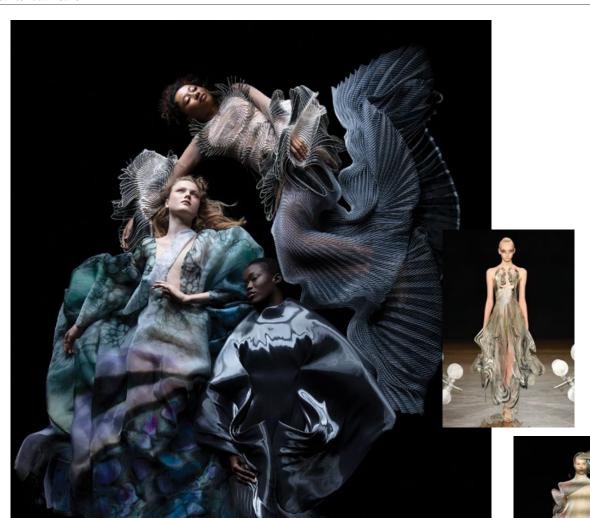
3D printing also allows for faster production collection and summer 2024 eyewear collection. time turnarounds for retail supply orders and can even be used for pop-up shops. It's on-demand One of the greatest boundary-pushers of the 21st

Innovation has always been a hallmark of fashion production," Senders explains. "There are many and a driver for brands, whether through the long-term benefits in design flexibility, waste invention of sewing machines or high-performance reduction, and adaptability, which contribute to fabrics. Now, 3D printing is becoming more a brand's overall appeal and eco-friendly image."

balance tradition and heritage with cutting-edge technology. A good example of this balance "3D printing, or additive manufacturing, creates is Louis Vuitton. The centuries-old brand has objects layer by layer from designs that are used 3D printing in its apparel and accessories, generated digitally," says Dara Senders, an including at the 2024 men's pre-fall show, where independent luxury fashion technology consultant it debuted the LV Cobra shoe. Under the tutelage and designer for North American and European of Louis Vuitton Men's creative director Pharrell markets, who has worked extensively in product Williams, the shoe utilized the foam technology development. Senders says this method appeals to of 3D printing brand Zellerfeld. The shoe retained brands on a creative level, as it allows for intricate the maison's signature iconography, resulting in an

wanting a competitive edge, especially among fashion designer Demna's creative direction, Balenciaga has been experimenting with 3D printing in everything from jackets to dresses for Additionally, as more and more brands add its spring/summer 2024 collection. The brand sustainability practices to their missions, 3D even used 3D printing in a couture collection last printing can significantly reduce waste overall and year for a Joan of Arc-inspired armor dress made be a smart business decision. "It allows for the of resin. Dior has also been experimenting with reduction of material waste by utilizing the exact incorporating 3D technology into its collections, materials needed to create a garment or accessory. such as its winter 2023 Dior Homme footwear





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: IRIS VAN HERPEN, VARIOUS COLLECTIONS 2020

PHOTO BY CARLA VAN DE

SENSORY SEAS DRESS & NAUTILOID DRESS, IRIS VAN HERPEN, "SENSORY SEAS" COLLECTION 2020

PHOTO BY DAVID UZOCHUKWU, COURTESY OF IRIS VAN HERPEN PRIVATE COLLECTION

SUMINAGASHI DRESS, IRIS VAN HERPEN, "HYPNOSIS" COLLECTION 2019

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FROZEN FALLS DRESS AND HEADDRESS, IRIS VAN HERPEN, "SYNTOPIA" COLLECTION 2018



States Christine Macel, the director of the museum, "Iris van Herpen is a visionary 40-year-old designer who creates clothes that go beyond fashion, incorporating all the elements [air, sea, nature, etc.] and appealing to all the senses, combining savoir-faire and technology. She has managed to create a unique world, somewhere between fairy tale and science fiction."

Senders is also a fan of the designer, saying, "van Herpen and her 3D-printed masterpieces are a testament to how this technology can be a game changer for artistic expression and complex garment development in the fashion industry."

While luxury fashion houses have not let go of tradition, they are cognizant of the fact that technology can only help them in terms of sustainability and possibilities. It is clear that 3D printing can work as both an innovation and a solution for fashion brands and designers.





### For the Love of the Game

Now more than ever, professional athletes are the

BY LAUREN FINNEY HARDEN

KIM KARDASHIAN AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SKIMS BEING NAMED THE OFFICIAL UNDERWEAR PARTNER OF THE NBA, THE WNBA, AND USA BASKETBALL



While red carpet photos have kept the public hungry for bought brand and the NBA—whose viewership is 70% celebrity style for years, there's a new canvas for fashion: the male—and vice versa. SKIMS is also the official underwear professional sports athlete. Sports players are the ultimate influencers today, with PwC projecting sports marketing sponsorships to grow to a massive \$109.1 billion by 2030. A professional athlete's influence goes far beyond their games and matches. For example, Portuguese professional soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo is the most followed person on Instagram, with over 620 million followers. Argentine professional soccer player Lionel Messi is the second most followed on Instagram, with more than 500 million followers. And now that media is more multifaceted, professional athletes can showcase personality and style beyond the sports arena, and luxury brands are leveraging the exposure to create impactful relationships with athletic stars.

Professional athletes promote everything from cars to video games, but fashion partnerships are some of the newest and most coveted collaborations. Kim Kardashian's brand SKIMS launched a menswear line and featured athletes like Brazilian soccer player Neymar Jr. and NBA player Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. The campaign was followed up with a multiyear deal as the official underwear partner of the NBA. The move hopes to see crossover between a predominantly female- traditional fashion channels."

sponsor of the WNBA.

BOSS, once seen as a suiting brand only, is successfully experimenting with using female athletes to bolster its brand in mediums ranging from motorsports to golf and even debuted an equestrian line for fall/winter 2023. Alica Schmidt, a German track-and-field star with 5 million Instagram followers, is a BOSS athlete. She competes in BOSS performance wear, attends the brand's events, and even walks in runway shows, helping the brand reach female audiences. According to the brand, womenswear is currently outpacing other categories.

Speaking to Business of Fashion in its case study titled "Fashion's New Rules For Sports Marketing" by Daniel-Yaw Miller, Jacqueline Windsor, the head of retail at PwC U.K., says a modern brand is defined by authenticity and experiences. "Sports really help brands to play with these intangible levers," Windsor explains. "The newness and continually fresh storylines that come with sports help to generate excitement, while athletes help brands reach communities they may not previously have accessed through

SPOTLIGHT

WASHINGTON WIZARDS' KYLE KUZMA ARRIVES AT THE ARENA WITH A LIMITED EDITION AUDEMARS PIGUET TIMEPIECE

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NAOMI OSAKA IN LOUIS VUITTON AT THE 2021 MET GALA "IN AMERICA: A LEXICON OF FASHION" PHOTO BY TAYLOR HILL/ WIREIMAGE





JAYLEN BROWN OF THE BOSTON CELTICS ARRIVES WITH A GUCCL SAVOY DUFFLE BAG CUSTOMIZED WITH HIS INITIALS AND FLUORESCENT DETAILS PHOTO BY JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA/GETTY

Brands are also in it for the long haul, offering multimilliondollar, multiyear contracts for athletes to be associated with them. Tennis player Jannik Sinner has a long-term Gucci deal worth millions, and tennis player Naomi Osaka entered one with Louis Vuitton in 2021, which was rumored to be a seven-figure deal.

While brands and athletes are keen to work with each collaboration. A more organic, on-the-ground marketing style is found in the tunnel walk, which has become a hotbed for capturing well-dressed athletes like the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts and WNBA player Dearica Hamby. These pathways connecting locker rooms to arena or stadium entrances are a crucial part of athletic culture, where players get to show off personal style and shape their public image while promoting the luxury brands they love or have partnerships with.

Krista Roser, a Nashville-based stylist who has worked with players like former Tennessee Titan Taylor Lewan, says that the pandemic supercharged the public interest in player fashion, adding fuel to the fashion fire and lifting brands at a time when traditional mediums like red carpets and events were inactive. Players leaned into it, too. "Athletes are creative, fashionable people who have to wear uniforms to work. This gives them a chance to show their personality away from the team," says Roser.

All games are opportunities for players to project their public image and for brands to get exposure, amplifying their cachet and allowing customers to have a reference point when shopping. There's also an opportunity for a brand to diversify the types of looks seen in public, namely streetwear. "Brands can be more versatile and show the scope of their designs," Roser explains. She adds that an extra benefit is the immediacy—the shopper can buy something they saw on other on larger scales, there are other opportunities for an athlete the week before. "Customers can get that instant gratification," she says. And it directly impacts revenue.

> Khalilah Beavers, a stylist who works with former NBA player Carmelo Anthony and has worked with former NBA players J.R. Smith and Brandon Bass, among many others, agrees that sports players were a mostly untapped market previously but are now getting their due. "Athletes are the new models. Fans can see athletes in a different light through their fashion. It adds another layer they weren't privy to before when it was just them on the court. Players are an important part of celebrity culture now, and fashion

The importance of the relationship between athlete and luxury house can perhaps be seen most strikingly in Kering's August 2023 \$7 billion stake in Creative Artists Agency, giving brands like Bottega Veneta, Balenciaga, and Saint Laurent access to CAA-represented athletes like NBA player Kyle Kuzma and women's hockey player Aerin Frankel.

### **Tastemakers**

BY RIKI AITMAN-YFF

of circumstances, it also fittingly applies to chefs. Today, many female chefs, bakers, and restaurateurs are determined to not only face the At n/naka, a two-Michelin-starred Japanese Beard Foundation (JBF) has taken notice.

Robynne Maii, chef and co-owner of awardwinning restaurant Fête in Honolulu's Chinatown, is one such example. On her first JBF nomination in 2022, she was named the JBF Best Chef for the Northwest and Pacific Region.

"I think the James Beard recognition had to do with everything holistically that we do at the restaurant," she explains. Before opening Fête with her husband, Chuck Bussler, Maii had left the restaurant industry over the low pay, unworkable hours, and "rampant sexual harassment and misogyny." So, at Fête, they were determined to provide a cordial environment, paid vacation and sick days, 401(k)s, maternity leave, flexible scheduling, and overtime pay. They also committed to procuring complete health care insurance for every employee who Michelin names on their resume."

While the popular saying, "If you can't stand the works at least 20 hours weekly. "Our goal was to heat, get out of the kitchen" applies to a variety just make our little restaurant better to work in for everybody," Maii recalls.

fire, but also turn up the heat on an industry they restaurant in Los Angeles, co-owners and co-chefs argue has been untenable for decades. The James Carole lida-Nakayama and 2023 JBF nominee Niki Nakayama agree restaurants are no place for a negative attitude.

> "The old school way some kitchens are runthe whole 'angry chef problem'—is something that still exists and is, in part, turning good people away from the industry," Iida-Nakayama says. "[It] has had such an adverse effect on so many cooks that we're losing people with great potential because they do not want to be part of

> Nakayama says she and her partner promote workplace harmony by searching out female chefs and setting an example for them: "We aim to create opportunities for women as much as possible, and we also strive to be a place of learning. We do not require applicants and potential hires to have big



In Philadelphia, Ellen Yin of High Street Hospitality Group (HSHG)—who was the JBF's 2023 Outstanding Restaurateur—helped to create a solution by co-founding Sisterly Love Collective, a group focused on supporting women-owned businesses on the local and national level through mentorship, educational programming, advocacy, and networking. Inside HSHG, Yin says she and her team aspire to foster "a greater sense of belonging," provide more human resource support, and make opportunities for learning and growth. "The result has been low turnover, greater job satisfaction, and longer commitment to the organization. Ultimately, a positive work culture."

Hiring diversity is a hot topic for Chef Benchawan "Chef G" Jabthong Painter, raised in Thailand and the 2023 winner of JBF's Best Chef: Texas. She is also co-founder and executive chef at Street to Kitchen in Houston and co-chef at th\_prsrv in Kemah, Texas (along with co-owner and co-chef David Skinner). Graham Painter, her husband and a co-owner of both restaurants, says Chef G values the contributions different ethnicities provide to our palates and our understanding of culinary authenticity. "Thai curry should not be heat adjustable," he cites as an example. "And pad thai is a shrimp dish. No chicken." At th\_prsrv, which, incidentally, has a primarily female-run kitchen, the menu takes diners back to 2400 BCE so they can appreciate Native American and indigenous Thai ingredients and cooking techniques that eventually





-GRAHAM PAINTER. CHEF BENCHAWAN "CHEF G" JABTHONG PAINTER'S HUSBAND AND CO-OWNER OF TEXAS RESTAURANTS STREET TO KITCHEN AND TH\_PRSRV

gotta keep earning it.""

"Changing how people are paid would change a lot of the toxic culture you see in kitchens. It would create households that are more stable and provide brighter futures for generations to come."

Marissa Gencarelli

### Niki Nakayama, and Carole lida-Nakayama.



-NIKI NAKAYAMA, ONE OF THE WORLD'S FEW FEMALE KAISEKI CHEFS AND THE CO-OWNER AND CO-CHEF AT N/NAKA IN L.A. Ellen Yin

"For each winner, it is our responsibility to ensure that we continue to set an example for the community and continue to push forth the values and integrity that represent such

a tremendous honor."

-ELLEN YIN OF HIGH STREET HOSPITALITY GROUP IN PHILADELPHIA

intersected with modern Thai cuisine. The offerings are Chef G's way of helping to redefine America's understanding of her familial fare.

Marissa Gencarelli, the co-founder of Yoli Tortilleria in Kansas City, also dedicates her career to preserving ancestral food staples. "The tortilla was here before Europeans arrived and has survived hundreds of years of oppression, revolutions, and famines," she says. Having her business win Outstanding Bakery in 2023, the first-ever tortilleria to be recognized by the JBF, was validating.

"Ethnic foods are usually seen as 'cheap eats.' To recognize them at this level changes perspectives of the work that goes behind it and hopefully how it's valued," Gencarelli says. After the JBF invited her to participate in its Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change last year, she began advocating for regenerative agriculture with government officials and working to support the passage of the latest

Whether taking their knowledge to Capitol Hill or setting an example inside their restaurants, these female chefs and restaurateurs know how to create a culture of support and inclusion. And with that culture, everyone can thrive in the kitchen.





### Riding the Electric Wave

BY RIKI ALTMAN-YEE

ccording to a Gallup poll, only 4% of Americans owned an electric vehicle (EV) approximately one year ago. But in cities like San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, and Detroit, it is nearly impossible to drive down a freeway and not see electric vehicles sharing the lanes. Just over a decade ago, Tesla was the only recognizable automaker in the game. But since then, more luxury car manufacturers have entered the EV space. Competitive EVs from German brands BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, and Audi are coming to market. Italy's Maserati recently debuted its GranTurismo Folgore line. British automakers unveiled the Rolls-Royce Spectre and Jaguar's I-PACE, and just last year, South Korea's Genesis rolled its first EVs off the assembly line, while General Motors debuted Cadillac's Lyriq.

Plenty more EVs are on the way worldwide, powered car manufacturer has either committed to making its entire lineup electric by 2030 or automotive industry will be transitioning to electric in the next one to two decades," says spokesperson Genevieve Grdina for Rivian, the first automaker to bring a fully electric pickup Showroom visitors learned about EVs, test-drove truck to consumers.

and Polestar have steadily released all-electric vehicles for a while now, yet anyone committed might not have seen them coming. For example, help demystify EV ownership," Grdina explains.

initially—because of restrictive laws forbidding especially since nearly every recognizable gas- direct-to-consumer car sales—EV pioneer Tesla had to innovate. The brand focused on creating showrooms by leasing spaces in upscale, highannounced it expects half of its sales to be EVs traffic malls, attracting buyers who a) could likely by then. "We're deeply convinced the entire afford pricier cars, b) embraced innovation and technology, and c) were concerned about issues like pollution and climate change.

Teslas, and were guided through an online ordering process. Buyers started accepting the showroom Premium brands like Rivian, Tesla, Lucid Motors, concept, noting how the experience was a refreshing departure from the norm. "Putting our product [Rivian], people, and mission at the center of the to the traditional dealership model of car buying experience creates an environment that we hope will



INEOS FUSILIER IN SHALE BLUE (METALLIC) PHOTO COURTESY OF INEOS

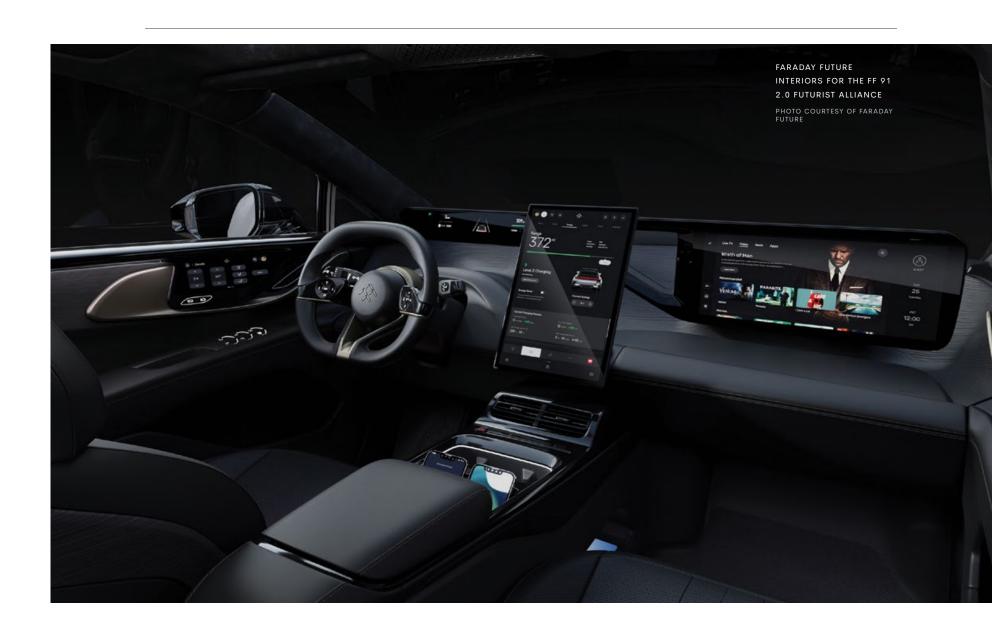


2025 PORSCHE TAYCAN TURBO S CROSS TURISMO PHOTO COURTESY OF PORSCHE

Sweden's Polestar also follows this up-front concept, so what the customer sees is what they pay.

From the parking lot, EVs generally look like gas-powered cars. But the interior is an entirely different picture. The seats are made of vegan leather, storage exists under the hood (since the electric motor takes up less space than an internal combustion engine), and giant computer screens have replaced most, if not all, of the dials and buttons. For example, the entirely bespoke Cadillac Celestiq has a 55-inch HD dashboard, while the rear-seat entertainment system in BMW's i7 provides a 31-inch screen that drops from the ceiling. "Software is at the center of the EV experience," explains Grdina. Often, while drivers are asleep in their beds, EVs get regular software updates at no extra cost that can improve ride quality and vehicle handling.

In truth, EVs already come loaded with countless features that most gas-powered cars simply cannot offer. Tesla might lead the pack with its autopilot and full self-driving capabilities plus Smart Summon, which enables the driverless vehicle to leave a parking spot and pick up its owner elsewhere via a mobile app. EV startup Faraday Future, which recently started manufacturing in California, delivered seven new FF 91 2.0 Futurist Alliances just last year, each with bespoke, private AI. And



### Next Generation

Tesla	Rivian	Lucid Motors
Roadster	R2	Gravity SUV
0-60 mph in 1.9 seconds and a ange of 620 miles	More affordable than the R1S SUV and R1T pickup truck	Seating for up to seven and peak power of more than 800 horsepower







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Taycan Turbo S and Taycan Turbo S Cross Turismo

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NEW PREMIUM EVS HAIL FROM SOME FAMILIAR ELECTRIC-ONLY BRANDS, SOME TRADITIONALLY

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### Mercedes-Benz\*\*

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Options include heated/cooled rear cupholders









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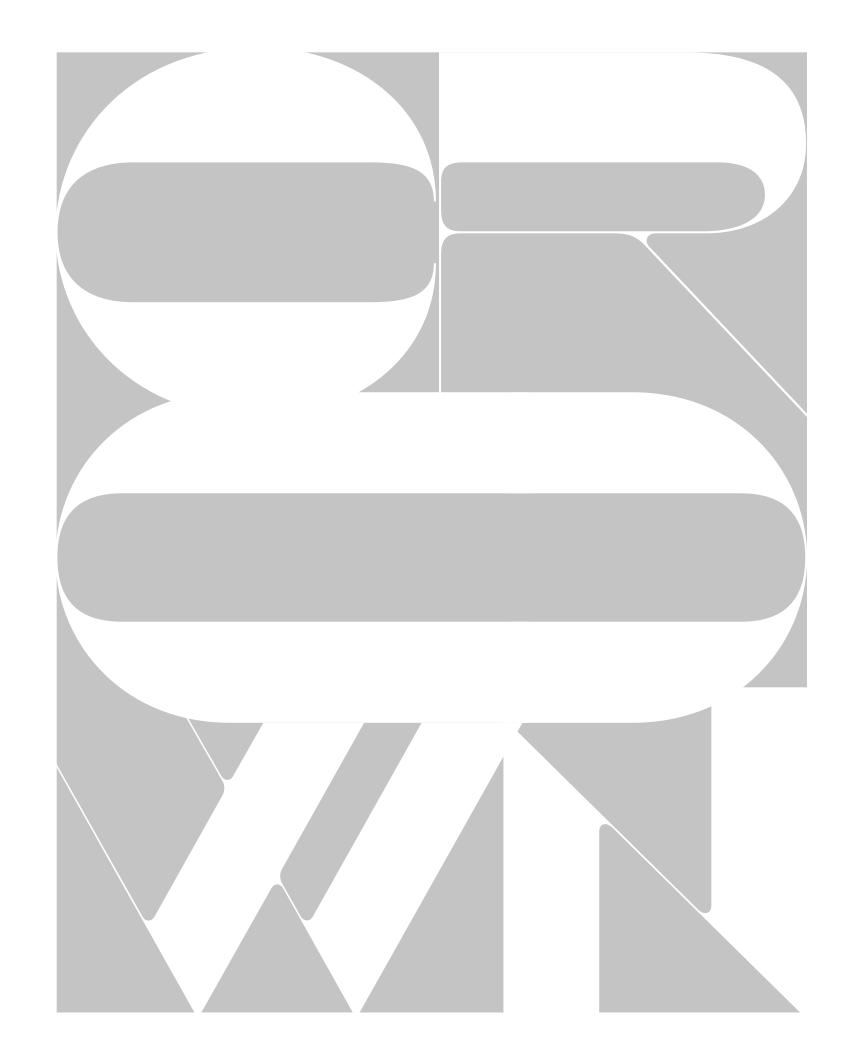
Anyone who follows the progress of EVs knows forward in the EV space.

inside a Polestar, the "Hey, Google" feature will this new, electric world is battling concerns like "range anxiety" (running out of charge mid-journey), the scarcity of charging stations, the nation's grid Then there is the matter of quickness: EV motors are capacity, the cost of extracting lithium for batteries, and how to dispose of used batteries. And while Porsche releases its electric 2025 Taycan Turbo these concerns are legitimate, EV manufacturers are

Late-night trips to gas stations are a thing of the "The way our global society operates today, in past, too-instead, buyers can charge at home, on only a few generations, we will carbonize our a public charging network, or at shopping centers atmosphere to such a degree that life as we know nationwide. Rivian and Tesla have a proprietary it will not be possible," Grdina states. "If our planet network of fast chargers, while Mercedes-Benz just is to continue to sustain life [for] future generations, announced plans for 400 high-powered hubs by we have to change. This requires individuals and 2027. Polestar is currently working with StoreDot to industries to come together in ways we never have incorporate extremely fast charging batteries in its before to transition the world toward sustainable cars—to the tune of 100 miles of range charged in energy. We want people pushing each other to innovate." Premium and luxury car manufacturers are heeding this call and continuing to move

CHARGING HUB CUSTOMERS CAN ENJOY A PREMIUM, CLEAN, AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT WHILE THEIR VEHICLE CHARGES, COMPLETE WITH COUCHES AND LOUNGE CHAIRS, VENDING MACHINES, REFRESHMENTS, AND RESTROOM FACILITIES

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Crown Building Property Spotlight

Artist Spotlight:

ELENI PRATSI

"COMPOSITION

NO. 124" (DETAIL)



Situated at the iconic corner of 57th Street and Fifth Avenue, the Crown Building is a beacon of luxury, notable for its Beaux Arts design, upscale retail boutiques, and the opulent Aman New York hotel and residences. Amid a backdrop of ultra-luxury residential skyscrapers, close to famous destinations like Central Park and Rockefeller Center, and surrounded by high-end retail and dining, the Crown Building stands out as one of the most stunning architectural and cultural achievements in Manhattan.

The Crown Building's ground level houses luxury retailers including Bulgari, Ermenegildo Zegna, and Mikimoto, and has recently expanded to include flagship boutiques for Chopard and CHANEL. The latter, a two-story boutique designed by the renowned New York-based architect and long-standing CHANEL collaborator Peter Marino, represents the brand's first standalone store in the U.S. dedicated solely to CHANEL Watches and Fine Jewelry. With these distinguished additions to its retail offerings, and with Aman New York occupying its upper floors, the Crown Building exemplifies luxury and location, further cementing its status as an iconic Manhattan landmark.

Brands:

BULGARI, CHOPARD, MIKIMOTO, ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA, CHANEL





A beacon of luxury, notable for its Beaux Arts design







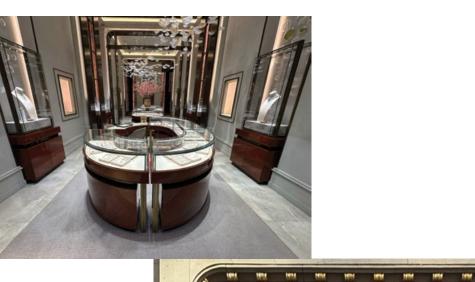
CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF CHANEL'S FIRST
U.S. WATCHES AND FINE JEWELRY FLAGSHIP ON
NEW YORK CITY'S ICONIC FIFTH AVENUE. LEFT TO RIGHT:
PAUL MURATORE (INSITE LUXURY CONSULTING),
KIRSTEN LEE (BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES), LINSEY NEYT
(CHANEL), JENNIFER BLAIR (INSITE LUXURY CONSULTING),
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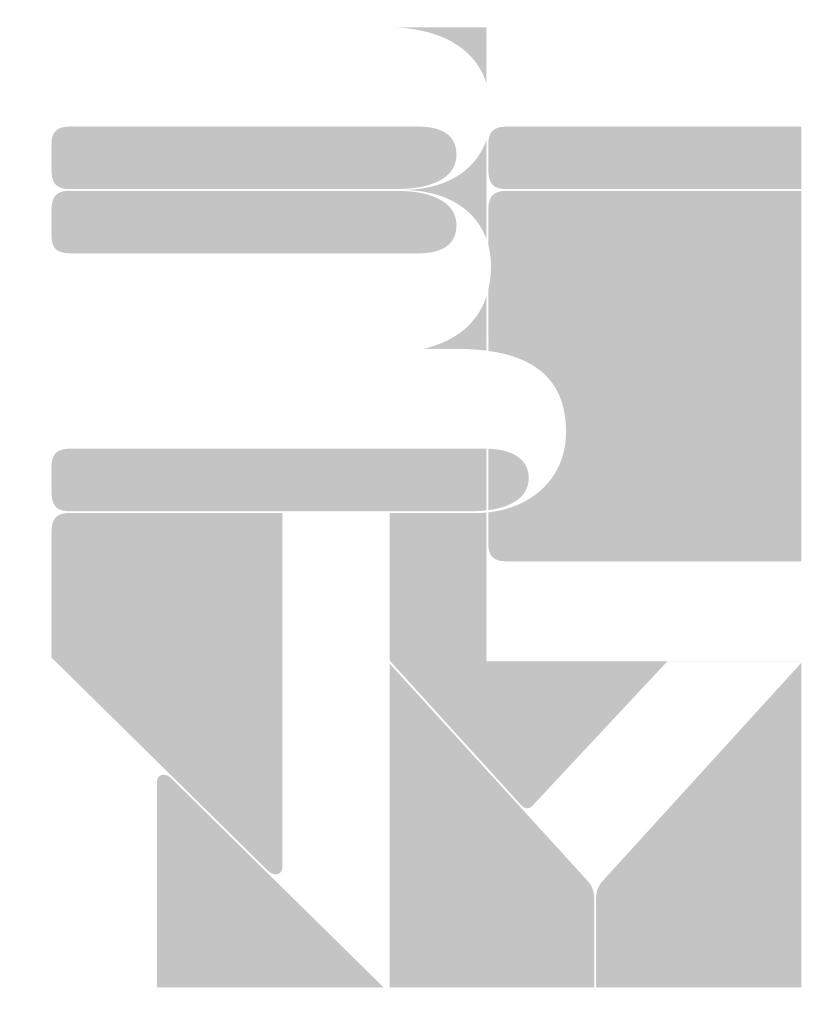
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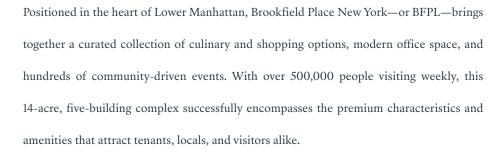


Brookfield Place NY Property Spotlight

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"PEONIES – LIMITED
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## The Center of Lower Manhattan



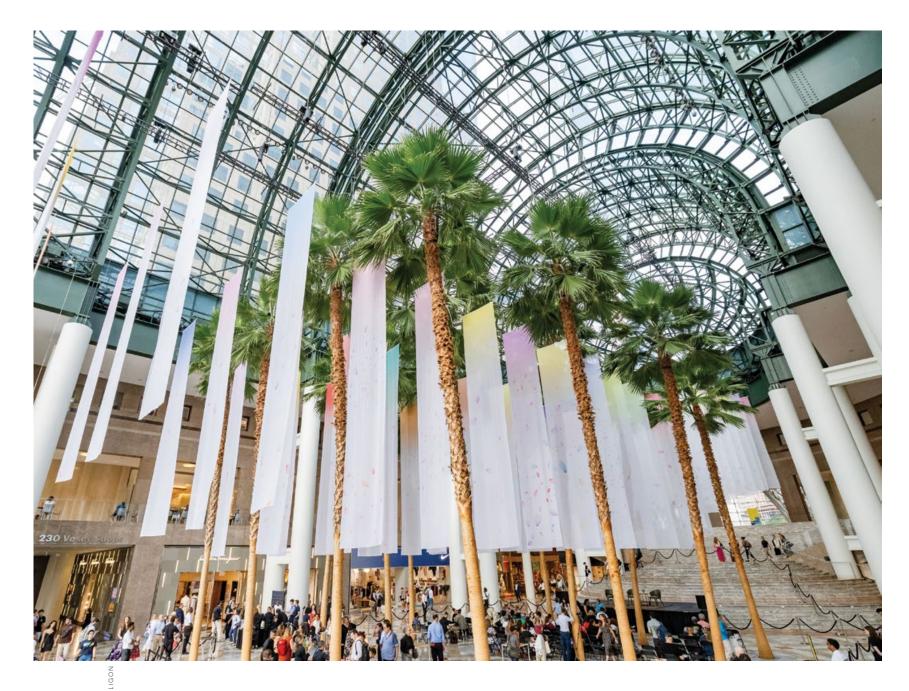
BFPL continuously animates its grand indoor and outdoor spaces through a mix of art and culture, all with the aim of connecting people, creating memorable experiences, and sparking reflections on life in the city. The center has long-term community partnerships and works with unconventional emerging and contemporary artists to offer a fresh perspective on everyday life. The curated variety of experiences at BFPL—whether for shopping, working, or community—make up a place where locals, workers, and visitors want to be and a community where brands can thrive.

### Brands:

ADAM LIPPES, BOTTEGA VENETA, DEL FRISCO'S GRILLE, EQUINOX, SALVATORE FERRAGAMO, GUCCI, JO MALONE LONDON, LE DISTRICT, LOUIS VUITTON, OMEGA, SANT AMBROEUS, TORY BURCH, ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA







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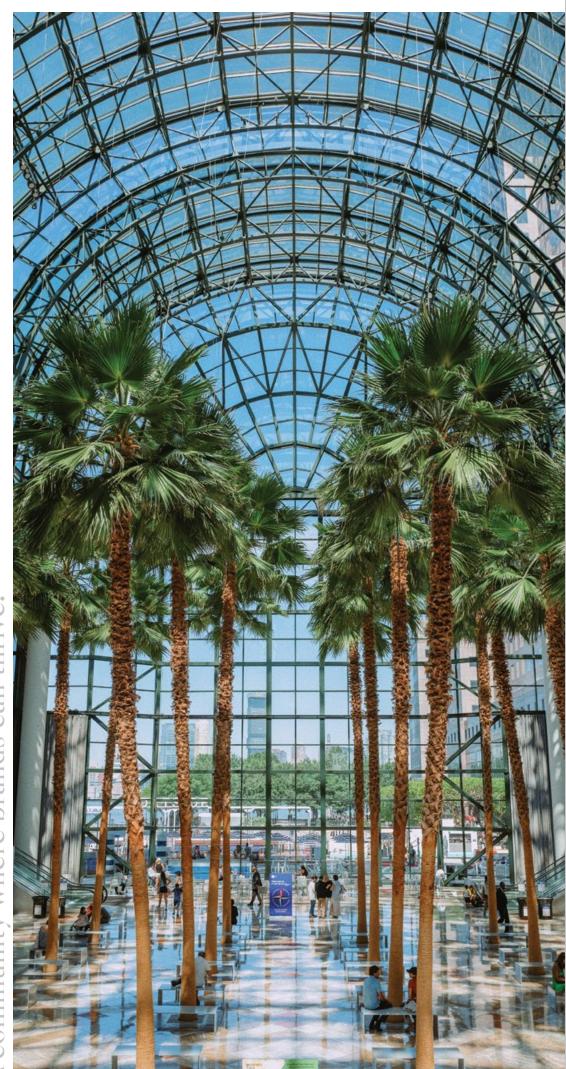




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# SHINE VOIVENT

IN THE MANHATTAN FLAGSHIP, THE SECOND FLOOR FEATURES A WALL OF CRYSTAL SWANS, A NOD TO THE ANIMAL IN SWAROVSKI'S CLASSIC

PHOTO COURTESY OF SWAROVSKI

collaboration, a dazzling new Manhattan flagship, and

BY PHEBE WAHL

warovski recently opened a new flagship in the heart of explains the concept for the new flagship. "I wanted to create the New York City, which marks a crowning moment in the brand's dazzling 128-year heritage. "Swarovski on Fifth is evolution," states Alexis Nasard, Swarovski's CEO.

Expressing how exciting it is to see the spectacular Fifth Avenue location come to life, Swarovski's global creative director Giovanna Engelbert which mirrors the light, energy, and colors of New York."

experience of entering a huge crystal—the world of Swarovski—and to ignite the imagination from the moment you step into the store. From the a major milestone for Swarovski and stands as a symbol of our brand grand staircase in the shape of an octagon to the use of quilted velvet and silk throughout the store, all details are intended to provide customers the feeling of being inside a luxurious jewelry box," she shares. "My vision was to produce a modern, joyful, elevated, and futuristic design,



The brand is clearly having a moment with the launch of The Galaxy Collection. It is the first fine jewelry collection designed by Engelbert for Swarovski, coming in conjunction with the new Fifth Avenue flagship and a showstopping SKIMS collaboration. "The confluence of diamonds, Swarovski's heritage, and my creative vision has culminated in a collection that embraces the birth of new dimensions for the universe of Swarovski," says Engelbert of The Galaxy Collection—unveiled last fall. "The endeavor of meticulously creating diamonds to reflect light in mesmerizing ways was remarkable, and what truly excites me is the accessibility to this beauty, thereby elevating the possibilities of customers' creativity in their self-expression."

The Galaxy Collection showcases the brand's continued evolution and features Swarovski Created Diamonds as the diamonds of the future—identical to mined diamonds in every way but how they originate. The 19-piece range includes necklaces, rings, earrings, and bracelets in various cuts (each certified by the International Gemological Institute).

Myrtille Clément-Fromentel, Swarovski's chief brand officer, explains what makes Swarovski Created Diamonds so unique. "For 128 years, Swarovski's founding values have been rooted in invention and a care for people and planet. Now, with Swarovski Created Diamonds, we delight our customers with the diamonds of the future. High value and environmentally friendly, they are the ultimate expression of Swarovski's creativity and savoir-faire."

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(THINK NECKLACES,
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KIM KARDASHIAN MODELS THE SWAROVSKI X SKIMS COLLABORATION, FEATURING A TREASURE TROVE OF BODY JEWELRY, INTIMATES, AND READY-TO-WEAR

PHOTO BY MERT ALAS

Another example of Swarovski's ingenuity highlights the brand's Manhattan flagship milestone. Launched this past November, Swarovski x SKIMS marries two iconic brands. The coveted collection offers a shimmering range of pieces, featuring crystal body jewelry that can be styled in multiple ways and ready-to-wear clothing—think crystallized intimates, bodysuits, and dresses that offer serious sparkle. "For this collaboration, we really wanted to celebrate individual creativity and bring more glamour into getting dressed every day," says Kim Kardashian, co-founder and creative director of SKIMS.

Engelbert agrees with that sentiment. "Our collection is a celebration of the body and of strong, independent women who value their individuality and embrace life with confidence and style," she states.

With its launches of The Galaxy Collection and Swarovski x SKIMS, the new era of Swarovski has begun. And its new flagship on Fifth Avenue is ready to show Manhattan—and the world—what Swarovski has to offer



SWAROVSKI'S
SPECTACULAR FIFTH
AVENUE FLAGSHIP
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THE LOGO, PARIS 2024, REPRESENTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES. IS DISPLAYED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS IN SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE

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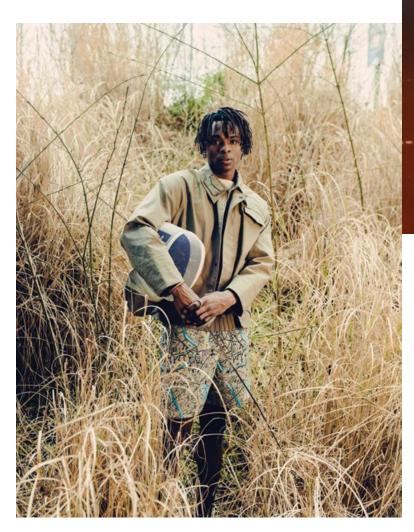


THE OLYMPIC RINGS IN FRONT OF THE EIFFEL TOWER HEMIS/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

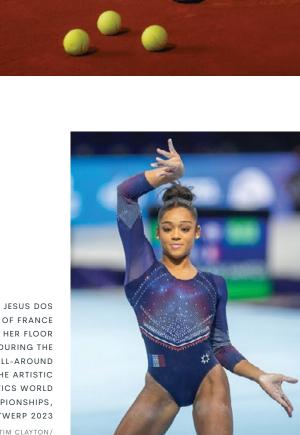
eading up to the ultimate sports event, which kicks off in Paris on July 26th, LVMH and its esteemed maisons are taking the podium as the premium partner of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Several storied brands will have the honor of contributing directly to the event. Chaumet, one of Paris' most iconic jewelers with a history dating back almost 250 years, designed the Olympic and Paralympic medals, and each medal produced includes iron from the Eiffel Tower. Moët Hennessy's wines and spirits brands will add to the hospitality and festivities, and even skincare and makeup retailer Sephora will get in on the action during the Olympic Torch Relay with public activations.

Some of the highest honors during the festivities will go to French maisons Louis Vuitton, Dior, and Berluti. Under LVMH's unifying theme of "Artisan of All Victories," select French athletes will be highlighted as ambassadors and supported directly. Léon Marchand, a 21-year-old five-time world champion swimmer and medal hopeful, is serving as an ambassador for Louis Vuitton, as is fencer Enzo Lefort. Lefort, an individual world champion, won gold in men's team foil fencing at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. Dior has brought into the fold as ambassadors Pauline Déroulède, a triple champion of France in wheelchair tennis, and French artistic gymnast Mélanie de Jesus dos Santos, a four-time European champion.



FRENCH FOIL FENCER ENZO LEFORT PHOTO BY DORIAN PROST/ CONTOUR BY GETTY IMAGES



MÉLANIE DE JESUS DOS SANTOS OF FRANCE PERFORMS HER FLOOR ROUTINE DURING THE WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND FINAL AT THE ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. ANTWERP 2023

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head to toe for the opening ceremonies of both the Olympics and the Paralympics. With input from the Olympic Committee and heads of both games, the collaboration reflects an elegance only the French can exude, with an element of comfort considered for the stamina needed to complete the two-day ceremony. "This unprecedented partnership with the

French leather goods brand Berluti gets the

distinct honor of dressing the French team from

PAULINE DÉROULÈDE IN

DIOR FOR THE PARIS

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will contribute to heightening the appeal of France around the world. It was only natural that LVMH and its maisons be part of this exceptional international event," says Bernard Arnault, chairman and chief executive officer of LVMH. "The values of passion, excellence, and inclusion championed by high-level sports are cultivated daily by our teams, motivated by an unwavering desire to surpass limits. Sports is a tremendous source of inspiration for our maisons, which will unite creative excellence and athletic performance by contributing their savoir-faire and bold innovation to this extraordinary celebration."

### American

### Fashion

### Excellence

RALPH LAUREN CONTINUES ITS OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC PARTNERSHIP WITH TEAM U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren, one of the United States' most iconic brands through its representation of Americana and the American dream, began its Olympic partnership with Team U.S.A. during the Calgary Winter Olympics in 1992, dressing them for the opening and closing ceremonies. Blue jeans, denim jackets, and T-shirts featuring the American flag and Olympic rings were so successful that the brand formalized its partnership with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic teams in 2008 as the official outfitter. The brand will once again serve in an official capacity for Paris 2024, also providing a customizable Team U.S.A. capsule collection available online.

It all builds with an eye toward the momentous 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the first time the games will be in the United States since 2002. In collaboration with LA28, the brand released an official custom emblem inspired by an iconic 1990s Ralph Lauren P-Wing. The custom design, available for purchase now on a men's and women's denim jacket, is only the second time in Olympic and Paralympic history that a brand has customized an Olympic emblem.



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### Y2K All Day

The groundbreaking work of '90s fashion

BY LAUREN FINNEY HARDEN

ou're not imagining it: the baggy jeans, bucket hats, slip dresses, logo mania, now and make things go viral immediately," and fanny packs of the 1990s are back. Iconic brands like Marc Jacobs, Prada, Tommy Hilfiger, and Versace took fashion by storm during that decade with their innovative and often subversive styles and strategies, going against previous decades of industry norms. The groundbreaking work these brands did 30 years ago to shift the thinking around fashion is still alive today.

excessive style of the '80s and the way the industry dictated trends. "Grunge Cannon, fashion stylist at The Cannon Media and inspirations.

The grunge aesthetic was such a controversial concept that Marc Jacobs, who was then designing under the Perry Ellis label, was ultimately fired after his Extreme minimalism, as seen at Calvin Klein, and Miuccia Prada's "ugly-chic"

The fashion of the '90s resonated because individualism, experimentation, and celebrity-driven glamour of brands like Versace (on and off the runway) and the was huge—flannel shirts, ripped jeans, a experimentation of street style, born from disassembled aesthetic. It took off with a hip-hop. Fashion was suddenly more robust,

These qualities resonate with shoppers quickly. today, whether it's Gen Z discovering models and trends for the first time or those whose daily aesthetic relies on t-shirts, jeans, and sneakers, which became a style spring 1993 grunge-inspired collection statement during the '90s. Technology now As the trends cycle back, these brands launched and was lambasted by critics. helps move these ideas along at lightning that stayed true to themselves are reaching speed and puts the power in the palm of the consumers' hands. "Social media, aesthetic became de rigueur. The decade's influencers, celebrities...they all fuel fashion organically.

explains Cannon. "Everyone has a point of view and wants to share it, very much in the spirit of the '90s."

The current need for content has changed how information is shared and how brands make business decisions. "Sometimes designers it was a departure from the structured, casualness appealed to many, as did the will have things available immediately for purchase after a runway for some instant gratification," states Cannon. "Before, you'd have to wait months to order an item, and not everything was manufactured." The downside lot of kids, including myself," says Brendan experimental, and inclusive of many styles is that attention spans have diminished, but the upside is that brands receive feedback in real time and can capitalize on momentum

> It's easy to take the longevity of iconic '90s brands for granted now, but back then, they were doing revolutionary fashion work. newer, larger, more global audiences and putting that '90s flavor back in favor

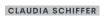




### CINDY CRAWFORD

CRAWFORD STILL APPEARS ON MAGAZINE COVERS AND WALKS IN SHOWS, INCLUDING THE COVER OF VANITY FAIR AND VOGUE AND OFF-WHITE'S FALL/WINTER 2022 SHOW, WHERE SHE APPEARED ALONGSIDE HER DAUGHTER, MODEL KAIA GERBER. SHE ALSO HAS SEVERAL HOME DESIGN COLLECTIONS.

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THE GERMAN MODEL RETURNED TO THE RUNWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2018 TO CLOSE THE SPRING 2024 VERSACE SHOW IN MILAN. SCHIFFER IS ALSO AN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, AND HER FILM CREDITS INCLUDE "ARGYLLE," "TETRIS," AND "ROCKETMAN."

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### EVA HERZIGOVÁ

IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS AN EDITOR-AT-LARGE FOR VOGUE CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SHE RECENTLY FRONTED BALENCIAGA'S SPRING/SUMMER 2024 PRINT CAMPAIGN.

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### NAOMI CAMPBELL

THE BRITISH POWERHOUSE
HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE
RUNWAY APPEARANCES
IN SHOWS LIKE VERSACE,
ALEXANDER MCQUEEN, AND
DOLCE&GABBANA. SHE
POSED IN PRINT CAMPAIGNS
FOR ALEXANDER WANG
AND COLLABORATED ON A
LINGERIE COLLECTION WITH
PRETTYLITTLETHING.

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### CHRISTY TURLINGTON

TURLINGTON CURRENTLY IS THE FACE OF CH CAROLINA HERRERA BAGS AND WAS THE CLOSER AT RALPH LAUREN'S SPRING/SUMMER 2024 RUNWAY SHOW. SHE IS A GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN AND ADVOCATE FOR MATERNAL HEALTH.

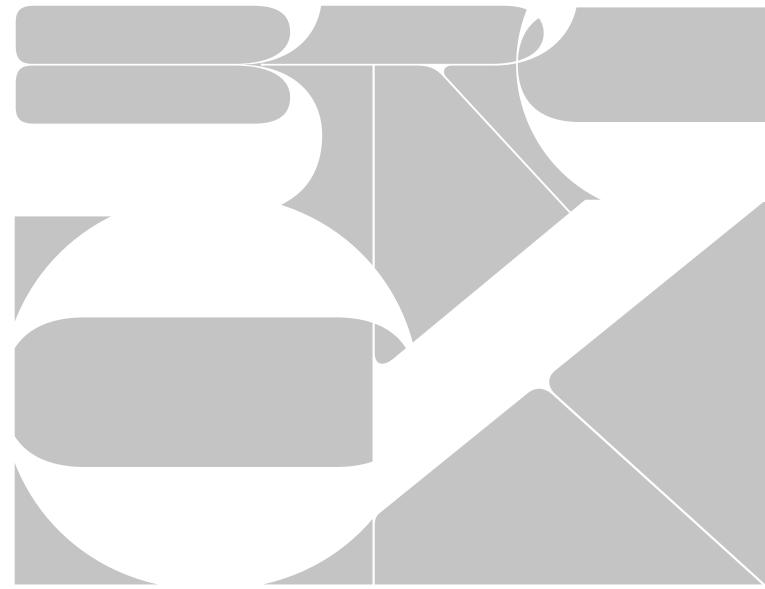
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THE '90S BIRTHED THE SUPERMODEL—AND THESE ICONS ARE STILL WORKING IT WHILE THEY BUILD EMPIRES.









Oakbrook Center Property Spotlight

PAUL ANTONIO SZABO "UNDERWATER GARDEN 2" (DETAIL)

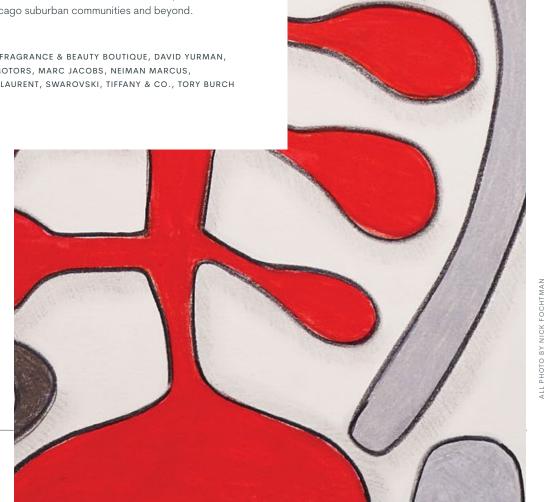
### A preeminent shopping and entertainment destination

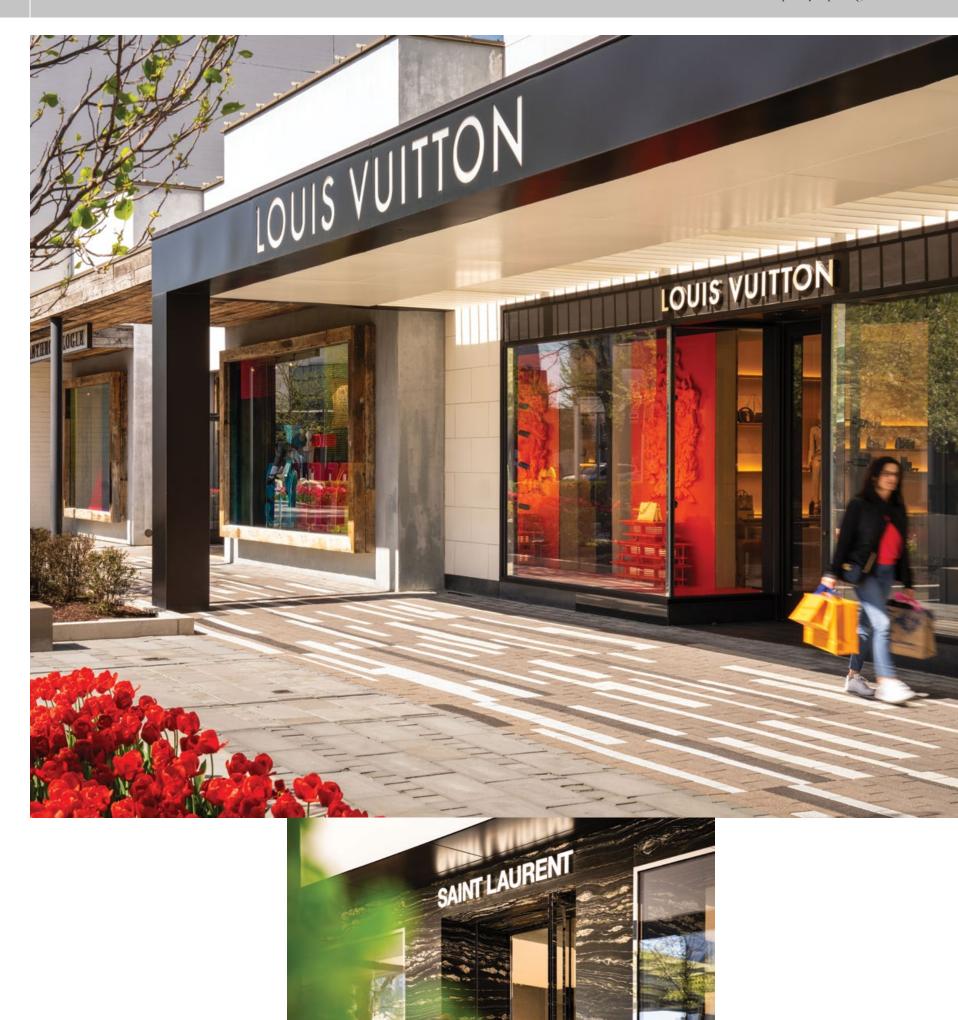
Oakbrook Center has built a reputation as a rarefied retail destination, setting the standard for how malls can reflect, enhance, and serve their surrounding communities. By curating a collection of high-profile retailers, culinary destinations, entertainment options, and wellness brands—as well as emerging and direct-to-consumer brands—this property stands on its own. With its diverse and innovative mix of classic and luxury offerings, Oakbrook Center is one of the most visited retail venues among residents of the Chicagoland area.

Oakbrook Center further sets itself apart through its placemaking environment. Thanks to its open-air design, plentiful green spaces, and fountains, and through hosting a variety of unique and immersive cultural experiences, Oakbrook Center has become the centerpiece of the community—a hub for the wealthy western Chicago suburban communities and beyond.

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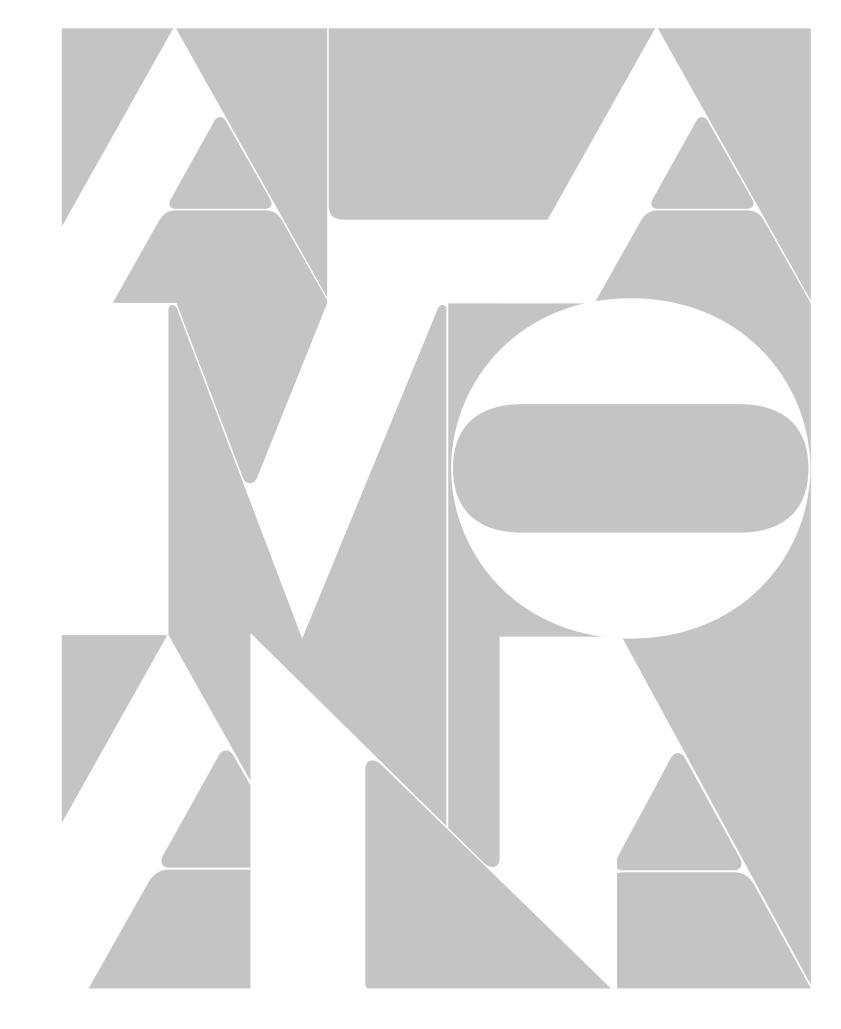
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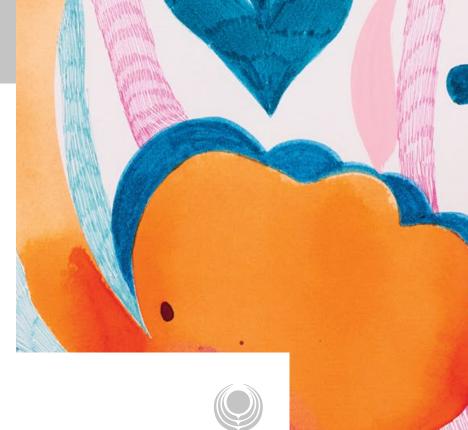






Ala Moana Center Property Spotlight

Artist Spotlight: BLANDINE BARDEAU "THROUGH THE FOREST AND INTO THE SEA" (DETAIL)



### The epitome of island opulence

Located steps away from the iconic Waikiki Beach, Ala Moana Center is the world's largest open-air shopping destination. More than just a mall, Ala Moana Center is also Honolulu's pride—a first-class and sustainable multimillion-dollar retail, dining, residential, and office property that serves as an anchor for activity and commerce in the community.

Ala Moana Center redefines the shopping experience by offering visitors from around the globe a blend of luxury boutiques, modern dining, cultural events, and unparalleled services and amenities—all enhanced by ocean breezes, lush tropical gardens, and koi ponds. Hawaiian culture is also embedded throughout Ala Moana Center, most notably as part of the property's exclusive art collection, which reflects the immense beauty and cultural diversity of Hawaii, and consists of pieces from renowned artists Yayoi Kusama, George Tsutakawa, and Stephen Freedman.

Consistently ranked among the most valuable shopping centers in the country, Ala Moana Center is at the heart of the Pacific, radiating an energy that underscores its status as both a must-visit for travelers and a point of pride for the local community.

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN, BALENCIAGA, BOTTEGA VENETA, BURBERRY, CARTIER, CELINE, CHANEL, DIOR, GUCCI, HARRY WINSTON, HERMÈS, LOUIS VUITTON, MIU MIU, PRADA, RIMOWA, SAINT LAURENT,





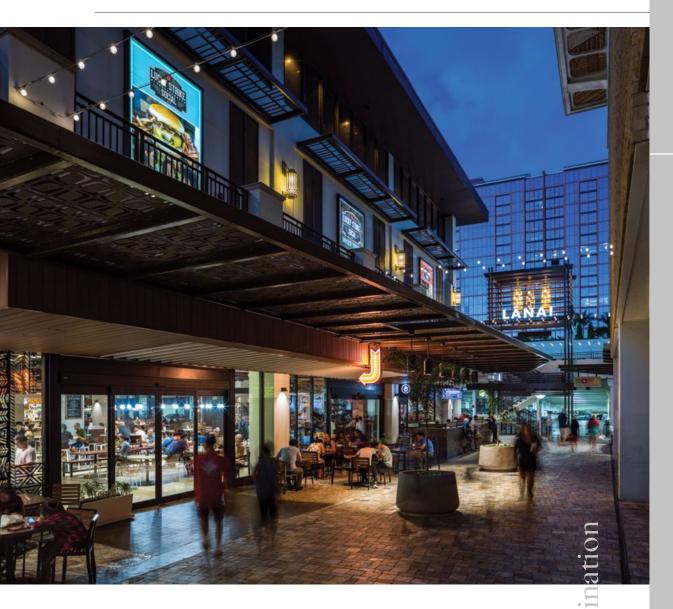








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ALA MOANA CENTER



ALEXANDER MQUEEN

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### Sartorial Shift

Elegant ease takes hold as casualization evolves the modern luxury wardrobe.

BY SAHAR KHAN



MIU MIU X NEW BALANCE SNEAKERS PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDS

new definition of glamour comes with a high degree of comfort. The casualization of how we dress has made its way into nearly everyone's wardrobes. And luxury brands are now at the forefront of this trend.

Casualization started long before the pandemic, but the trend was exacerbated by it—months of dressing in loungewear and athleisure increased our craving for comfort. Then came the hybridization of working from home and the office, and dressing down didn't seem as inappropriate.

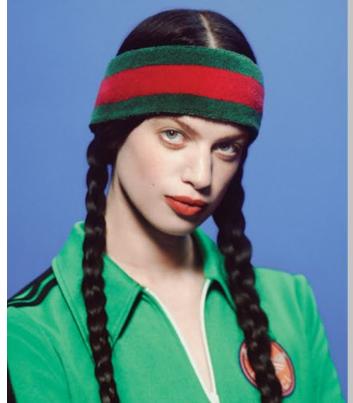
For luxury brands, the demand for elevated casual looks was a signal to loosen the tailoring and embrace the informal, which they did wholeheartedly. For couture 2023, Valentino reimagined everyday glamour with gold laméembroidered denim. In an extreme version of casualization, Balenciaga's Destroyed collection for spring 2022 featured tattered, dirtied, and distressed sneakers, sweaters, and jeans.

One of the easiest and most popular ways heritage brands capitalize on the trend is through collaborations with streetwear and athleisure The fashion industry's growing emphasis on sports culture has also















NIKE X TIFFANY & CO.
STERLING SILVER
SHOE HORN

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brands. "It's absolutely the most beneficial of relationships," says Jessica Richards, trend forecaster and JMR trend + creative founder. "This creates an organic reach for luxury brands to new customers who know of the brand but may not have the budget or the desire to shop their collections without the casual brand collaborator. The latter, in turn, gain an opportunity to deviate from their known aesthetics (to a degree) and get a little more playful," she adds.

The fashion industry's growing emphasis on sports culture has also led to a proliferation of performance textiles in everyday wear. Examples include the Adidas x Gucci collaboration in 2022, which saw the two brands crossbreed each other's iconic symbols—Gucci's horsebit and Adidas' trefoil—into stylish and wearable cotton dresses, sneaker wedges, and tracksuits. Miu Miu, meanwhile, teamed up with New Balance to recreate its 530 running shoe with sailing cord shoelaces.

Beyond comfort, these collaborations offer consumers "a very wearable way to participate in luxury fashion," Richards states. For example, Tiffany & Co., the hallowed jewelry brand, worked with Nike to create sneakers with the latter's swoosh logo in Tiffany Blue and shoe brushes and tongues in sterling silver. Likewise, Barbie-pink ski jackets and floral motifs on tights and mittens from BOGNER's collaboration with LoveShackFancy is

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a way to capture the brand's signature romantic whimsy in a practical outfit for the slopes.

Another prolific collaborator is RIMOWA, whose high-end luggage doubles as a calling card for a frequent flier lifestyle that demands a more comfort-based and casual approach. Over the last few years, it has collaborated with Supreme, Off-White, and Anti Social Social Club. Its latest partnership with Palace Skateboards features the Original Cabin suitcase with airbrushed graphics of desert landscapes. The more democratized travel becomes, the more different types of travelers will want to express their personality through a more individualized approach to luggage.

"It's critically important to consider that this fashion zeitgeist is not just the collective sinking into what is easy or lazy," Richards says. Collaborations between luxury houses and high street brands create an elevated casual dressing middle ground "that feels wearable yet refined, and offers a more appropriate aesthetic that can live across lifestyles without disparaging formal environments nor feeling overdone in casual ones."

In other words, casualization means that luxury, comfort, and style can go hand in hand.

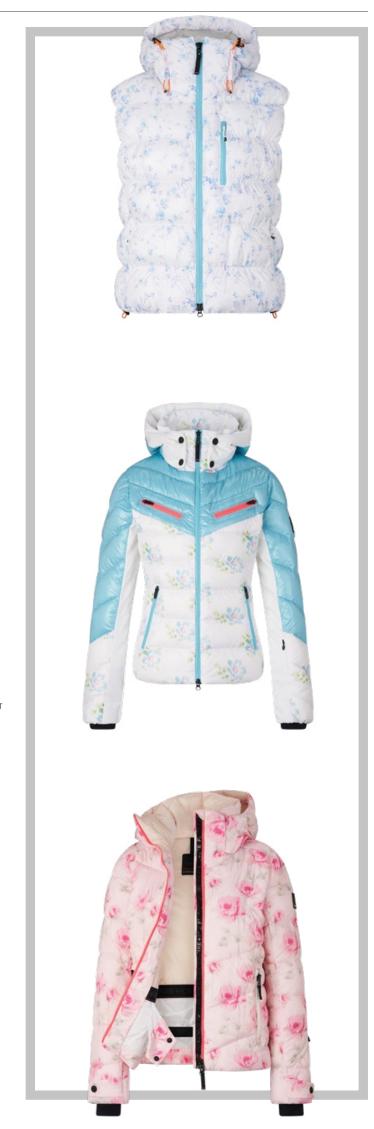
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NAIMA PUFFER VEST

BOGNER X LOVESHACKFANCY FARINA SKI JACKET

BOGNER X LOVESHACKFANCY
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GUCCI DIGITAL ART: HARVEY
RAYNER, "EDEN FRESCO"

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# DIGITAL BRUSHSTROKES

Artistic collaborations take fashion straight into the Age of Technology.

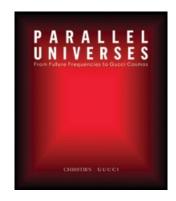
### BY RIKI ALTMAN-YEE

hile artists have collaborated with fashion designers for at least a century, the multifaceted work digital artists recently created with luxury brands has stepped up the intrigue. While some of us were focused elsewhere, the first entirely digital outfit was "custom-fitted" on a blockchain bidder, luxury fashion brands started selling virtual sneakers, CGI influencers came into existence, and Gucci became the first major luxury brand to sell a non-fungible token (NFT). Balmain, Salvatore Ferragamo, Givenchy, Jimmy Choo, MCM, Fendi, CHANEL, and Marc Jacobs, among others, eventually had NFTs of their own. Burberry even designed an exclusive accessories line for a play-to-earn video game. Fashion shows were being watched in augmented reality (AR), and brands like Burberry and Prada experimented with AR to allow customers to "try on" virtual clothes. Throngs of us even spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on high-end merchandise to wear in the metaverse, though these items are never to be touched in the physical world.



GUCCI DIGITAL ART: JACQUI KENNY,
"ARGLETON LANE - INFINITY"

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GUCCI DIGITAL ART
AUCTION COVER FOR
PARALLEL UNIVERSES:
FROM FUTURE
FREQUENCIES TO GUCCI
COSMOS

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GUCCI DIGITAL ART: ALEXIS ANDRÉ, "BIRTH"

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Gucci took the shift as a harbinger, launching Gucci Vault Art Space with NFT art marketplace SuperRare in 2022 and describing it as "a free-dimensional space empowering contemporary artists to explore radical new ideas at the intersection between fashion, art, and technology." Twenty-nine artists participated, and the event received worldwide attention. Now renamed Gucci Art Space, the project more recently paired with legendary auction house Christie's for two auctions, where artists were directed to take the brand's archival themes (the horsebit, GG logo, and bamboo handle, for example) into the future.

Artists including Claire Silver, Emily Xie, William Mapan, Zach Lieberman, Botto, Helena Sarin, DRAUP, Alexis André, Alexis Christodoulou, Amy Goodchild, Harvey Rayner, Jacqui Kenny, Sasha Stiles, and Thomas Lin Pedersen yielded some wildly uncommon perspectives.

The world has always associated fashion with innovative thinking, but Gucci's aforementioned effort highlights the luxury titan's savviness for targeting the right audience. Other luxury brands, including Bulgari and Dior, utilize digital artist collaborations best enjoyed in the physical world. For that purpose, they call on new media artists like Los Angeles-based Refik Anadol who, in turn, establishes the DNA of his clients' wares, pulls images, processes the dataset through an image-recognition algorithm, and then uses computed features to qualitatively filter the dataset. The result is a moving and opulent anomaly.







In Milan last October, Anadol's work dazzled guests with a multisensory experience at Bulgari's launch for its emblematic Serpenti Collection. And, as an added surprise, the brand brought Anadol together with master perfumers to develop an Al-driven fragrance, Rainforest Serpenti, which permeated the installation. For a Dior J'adore exhibition last year at Paris Fashion Week, Anadol pulled over three million images of the flower species that make up the perfume's formula and had AI reconstruct the perfume molecularly using photos. "So what you see is not just random," he explains. "Scent holds memories. It holds emotions. But when it connects with something visual, I think it opens up a new world. There's some joy making the invisible visible." He also imagined what he called a gold "liquid box" and used AI to make accompanying sound for the threedimensional visceral experience: "So you're hearing nature data sonification AI. We are literally witnessing AI 'dreaming' the formula for sound."

Lest we get too concerned that computers might take over our favorite fashion houses altogether, Anadol says we should primarily perceive them as tools to help expand the merger of art, fashion, and technology. "Al has this potential to bring worlds that don't exist but may exist," he explains. "I think this is the future." Given how many luxury brands have embraced digital artist collaborations, they are more than ready for it.





LAUREN ROONEY, DSM-FIRMENICH VP OF FINE FRAGRANCE MARKETING LAUREN ROONEY

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### The Scent of Innovation

BY SARI ANNE TUSCHMAN

he world of fragrance has a long history of palettes. Because we tailor-make ingredients that are innovating its processes and ultimately changing dates back to the 1980s, when the industry was changed anywhere else." forever by the introduction of headspace technology. A nondestructive, cost-effective method of capturing an Further expanding what's possible in the fragrance industry aroma without removing the olfactory sample from its is DSM-Firmenich, the world's largest privately owned natural environment, headspace technology takes the odor fragrance and taste company, started in 1895. The company of the sample—often a flower, herb, or plant—and releases recently launched Focus, powered by EmotiCODE™, the first it by trapping it under a glass dome. This process allows the patent-pending, Al-generated fragrance that they say could sample to release its scent element without being crushed or processed.

technology in its fragrances since the inception of the were highly disrupting or enabling for focus. Based on the brand. "Headspace technology was developed to capture olfactives and ingredients, we created a sort of recipe to ingredients that were not available naturally," says Celine develop the fragrances. The first code we went after was Roux, Jo Malone London's global head of fragrance. "At 'focus' but expect to continue with 'happiness' and so the beginning of perfumery, fragrances were made with forth.' ingredients that were extracted from nature. However, some plants and flowers cannot be extracted as essential 
This technology brings the fragrance industry into new oils or absolutes because they're too fragile. Others realms, literally enabling consumers to achieve heightened are endangered species, so they must be protected. states of emotion via scent. "Through our extensive Headspace technology allows the creation of new consumer research, we know that for consumers today, fragrances with different olfactives. Imagine that it is like mental well-being is a key priority," states Rooney. "They taking a photograph of the scent."

deepen the connection between its scents and its company origins. "As a British brand, many of our fragrances are fragrances that deliver on this expectation." inspired by the landscapes and traditions of the country," says Roux. "But, not a lot of the ingredients are native to With the continued research and boundary-pushing technology to capture scents that are not in the perfumers' when it comes to what's next in scents.

exclusive to Jo Malone London, when you experience the how a consumer experiences a product. This fragrances, they have something that you cannot smell

help consumers improve focus. "Basically, we cracked the 'code' to develop fragrances that elicit a certain emotion or benefit," says Lauren Rooney, DSM-Firmenich's VP of British brand Jo Malone London has been using the fine fragrance marketing. "We identified the olfactives that

tell us that they suffer from anxiety and stress from lack of focus. In our global Scent Move Study, 85% of consumers For Jo Malone London, the process has allowed the brand to said they believe fragrances can help them be more focused or concentrated. With EmotiCODE™ Focus, we can develop

Britain. To remain authentic to our roots, we use headspace happening in the fragrance industry, the sky is truly the limit





### Intelligence That Makes Scents

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he introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) into our determined through scent data, then a scent can be masspersonalized shopping recommendations, we now rely on AI to make us more efficient. Google, a pioneer with its real-world experiences. Gemini (formerly Bard) conversational Al model, transcription services, and personalized recommendations on YouTube, By digitizing, reproducing, and manipulating scent, Osmo has now ventured into a new frontier: digitizing smell.

2023 largely from Lux Capital and Google Ventures, Osmo brings together data science, machine learning, olfactory neuroscience, chemistry, and more disciplines to digitize scent. Once unthinkable, Google is now working on cataloging trillions of odor molecules, only 100 million of which are known entities.

"Our work represents the very first step to quantifying our sense of smell," said Alex Wiltschko, Osmo's CEO. "Computers have been able to digitize vision and hearing, but not smell—our deepest and oldest sense. The fundamental nature of smell is that it serves as the basis of Additionally, in 2023, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and well-being."

The complex technology developed by Osmo transforms odor molecules into digital ones using sensors and artificial neuroscience-backed understanding of a scent can be admirable goal is to give everyone a chance at a better life.

daily lives has been swift—from self-driving cars to produced to success. In practical applications, that looks like "printing" smells to incorporate into multidimensional,

provides an enhanced, all-encompassing experience that hits on emotions, memories, and social interactions. Sound and vision can be digitized, and now Google aims In the future, the hope is that Osmo can also work in to tackle a third sense through Osmo, its olfactory startup. public health and agriculture by detecting disease, aiding Launched with \$60 million Series A funding in January food production, and more. Applications abound, such as enhancing a virtual reality experience with scent or customizing personal scents that adapt to a wearer's mood. Nostalgia could be brought into surround-scent via smellbased memories. Or smelling the aroma of rare wines only found in Italy—without setting foot in Italy—could deepen an experience. Retail stores could become more multisensory by introducing immersive experiences that speak to a season's floral-inspired collection, or airlines could pinpoint and deliver on the specific smells of destinations they travel to, such as the Cherry Blossom Festival in Japan.

human survival and plays a formative role in our emotions and gave a \$3.5 million grant to help Osmo gain momentum memories. Yet, we haven't been able to develop systematic in the health sector. The money is devoted to looking methods to quantify this important sense. Now that we can for and/or producing compounds that repel, attract, or control and engineer scents, we will finally be able to take destroy disease-carrying insects, which can, in turn, be the next step of innovating olfaction to benefit human health applied to human and animal health. It comes on the heels of a preliminary \$5 million equity investment made by the foundation when Osmo launched in January 2023.

So far, the innovative information and data powerhouse that intelligence algorithms. The scent's chemical makeup is is Google has used Osmo to create the world's first map analyzed and then digitized. Smell can be more subjective of odor and developed an Osmograph—or an end-to-end than other senses, so the challenge lies in collecting the reproduction of a captured scent—to replay specific scents. perception of scent and predicting the smell. If a collective, In this new era of digitizing smell, Osmo's long-term and

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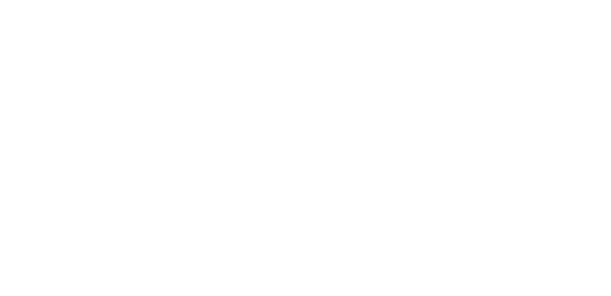














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