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### IMG ANNOUNCES 2022 WINNERS OF THE 15TH AUSTRALIAN FASHION LAUREATE

(SYDNEY) 22 November 2022 – Today, IMG announced the winners of the 2022 Australian Fashion Laureate, honouring individuals who have played a significant role in the growth and cultural impact of fashion both within and beyond Australia. Winners were revealed at a celebratory luncheon and ceremony at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney on 22 November.

IMG is pleased to share the complete list of winners across 2022 award categories:

## Australian Fashion Laureate for Lifetime Achievement

Ken Done

### Designer of the Year, presented by BTC Markets

• Camilla Freeman-Topper and Marc Freeman, CAMILLA & MARC

### Emerging Designer of the Year, presented by LG Electronics

• Lesleigh Jermanus, ALÉMAIS

### Indigenous Designer of the Year, presented by Redken

• Laura Thompson, Clothing the Gaps

### Sustainable Innovation of the Year, presented by DHL

• Sarah Munro and Robert Sebastian Grynkofki, Sarah and Sebastian

### Carla Zampatti Award for Excellence in Leadership, presented by Porsche

• Leila Naja Hibri

# People's Choice, presented by Afterpay

Rebecca Vallance

Please see award recipient imagery here.

"For fifteen years, the Australian Fashion Laureate has provided an important platform to showcase the depth and expertise of the Australian fashion industry," stated Natalie Xenita, Vice President-Managing Director of IMG's Fashion Events and Properties, Asia-Pacific. "It's a privilege to honour the exceptional talent of today's winners and nominees and reflect on and celebrate the collective achievements of our industry in the company of esteemed peers."

Winners were determined by a panel of industry leaders comprised of Australian Fashion Laureate alumni, leading fashion journalists, stylists, communications professionals, and top retail executives.

The Australian Fashion Laureate is supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

Minister for Tourism Ben Franklin said, "The Australian Fashion Laureate is a fantastic platform for our emerging and established fashion designers, and I join IMG in congratulating the winners of this year's awards. The NSW Government is proud to support the development, innovation and excellence of Australia's fashion designers through events like the Australian Fashion Laureate, which showcases Sydney as the nation's fashion capital and underscore the important role of retail tourism to the NSW economy."

In addition to Destination NSW, the Australian Fashion Laureate is made possible through the support of Afterpay, BTC Markets, David Jones, DHL, K&L Gates, LG Laundry Appliances, Porsche, Redken and San

Pellegrino.

The digital home for the Australian Fashion Laureate is <u>www.australianfashionlaureate.com</u> and fans can also stay abreast of news surrounding the Australian Fashion Laureate by following along with the official hashtag, #AustralianFashionLaureate via @ausfashionweek on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u> and @ausfw on <u>Twitter</u>.

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