

Press Release

2 September 2019 – Valcambi becomes Principal Patron of the Goldsmiths' Craft & Design Council

Valcambi, a world leader in the refining and manufacturing of precious metals, has entered into partnership with the Goldsmiths' Craft & Design Council (GC&DC) becoming a Principal Patron. The refiner is also sponsoring the College Trophy Award of the prestigious Goldsmiths' Craftsmanship & Design Awards 2020.

For almost 60 years, Valcambi has refined and supplied gold, silver, platinum and palladium to professionals designing and crafting jewellery and objects. Through this new partnership, Valcambi supports the Council's ambition - to encourage, stimulate and promote the pursuit of excellence in craftsmanship and design in silversmithing, goldsmithing, jewellery and the allied crafts - putting the accent on the origin of the natural resources used in the profession.

"These incredibly talented professionals design and craft pieces that stand the test of time. Valcambi's commitment to nurturing the natural world that inspires this work and provides these precious metals is the foundation of our own pursuit of excellence. This is why Valcambi is at the forefront of promoting responsibly mined and sourced precious metals." Comments Michael Mesaric, CEO of Valcambi. "When a jeweller holds a nugget of fine gold, silver or platinum, we want them to understand its origin and to feel its story. When they painstakingly work and shape a beautiful piece of jewellery, we want them to know what shaped the life of the person who mined the precious metal from which it is made."

GC&DC consultant Brian Hill says "The Goldsmiths' Craft & Design Council are absolutely delighted to have Valcambi as Principal Patrons alongside Cartier and The Goldsmiths' Company as Councils founding Patron. Both Valcambi and the GC&DC share a perfect synergy and belief of promoting, supporting and enhancing excellence, well-being and upstanding principles in the precious metals industry. We look forward to working in partnership with Valcambi to our common goals."

Through its sponsorship of the College Trophy award, Valcambi will celebrate the works and talents of the industry's next generation of jewellers, silversmiths and goldsmiths, and be the agent that brings them closer to the natural resources they will use. "By getting to know the day-to-day life of the miners, their stories and their aspirations, they will be able to make conscious choices when sourcing their precious metals and we hope, will look to responsible mines. To Valcambi, this is an integral part of the pursuit of excellence." Concludes Mesaric.

Notes to editors

About Valcambi

Valcambi is a world leader in the refining and manufacturing of precious metals. Based in Switzerland, we operate one of the world's largest integrated precious metals plants, with an annual refining capacity of up to 2,000 metric tonnes. We refine gold, silver, platinum and palladium and offer a broad range of products and services of the highest quality. Valcambi is at the forefront of promoting responsibly mined and sourced precious metals. With a special focus on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), we support miners in their efforts to adopt responsible labour, technical and environmental practices, and source and refine gold from a number of certified Fairtrade, Fairmined and non-certified ASM mines.

About the Goldsmiths' Craft & Design Council (GC&DC) and the Goldsmiths' Craftsmanship & Design Awards

The Goldsmiths' Craft & Design Council (GC&DC) promotes, supports and enhances skills and levels of excellence across every aspect and activity in the UK precious metals profession. It achieves this through its nationwide annual competition. The Council's primary aim is to promote and enhance fine craftsmanship and creative design. The competition is unrivalled in its status, comprehensive breadth of subject areas, and the diverse range of designers and makers that participate in these annual craftsmanship and design awards, affectionately known as the jewellery Oscars. The competition attracts over 600 entries each year, which is judged by industry experts and the awards culminate in a celebration prizegiving evening and exhibition at Goldsmiths' Hall.

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