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The Dorchester welcomes the return of eco fashion duo VIN + OMI

*World's first garment made from chestnuts to be unveiled by sustainable fashion duo
VIN + OMI at The Dorchester this February*

In a redefining year for The Dorchester, the hotel will welcome the return of design house VIN + OMI to showcase their latest collection in a spectacular fashion show in The Ballroom.

VIN + OMI are leaders in sustainable design and will be in residence at The Dorchester to collaborate on a number of sustainable initiatives throughout 2022. Included in this is the recycling of the hotel's plastic into fashion scarves and incorporating plant waste into the hotel's textiles.

Taking place on February 17, VIN + OMI's latest collection was created using pioneering new sustainable processes, resulting in the development of leather made from chestnuts found in the UK. Seven years in the making, this new process of generating fabrics shows a new way of working with plant waste, with these materials featured throughout the fashion show.

Science scholars and designers, VIN + OMI have developed a way of fusing chestnut pulp together to make a durable, waterproof plant leather. Most mushroom and fruit leather requires the addition of artificial additives. The chestnut leather offers a breakthrough in sustainable fashion.

This show will also feature new innovations from the designer's ongoing collaboration with HRH The Prince of Wales, which looks at the ways in which UK country estates utilise their

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waste and provides sustainable solutions. Various materials have been sourced from Highgrove Estate to be transformed into beautiful fabrics including: willow rods processed into textile and nettles made into various fabrics.

Hard to recycle plant pots have been combined with discarded elements from the guitar making industry to create jewellery that will be shown on the catwalk. Print outfits are made from textile processed from discarded plastic paint tubes from leading art brand Daler-Rowney, as-well-as recycled art portfolios and canvases, and upcycled garments.

Another highlight of the show will be a look made of the selvedge ends of fabric from leading Scottish fabric mill, Johnstons of Elgin. This continues a collaboration to explore new ways of working with factory waste and forms part of VIN + OMI's ongoing education and sustainability programme where students learn new ways of working.

The set from the show will be recycled and the hair accessories will be made from recycled KMS waste salon plastic.

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Note to the Editors:

VIN + OMI

VIN + OMI are unique in the fashion world in that they work on a range of sustainable collaborations that challenge brands to think differently. They have developed new sustainable processes since 2004. Alongside their design work, VIN + OMI also do creative and sustainable consultation for global brands and city masterplans outside the fashion industry.

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The Dorchester

The Dorchester has been at the heart of London's Mayfair overlooking Hyde Park since 1931. Exceptional dining is available to guests in The Promenade serving world renowned afternoon tea; three Michelin star Alain Ducasse; iconic Cantonese favourite China Tang; and legendary dining room The Grill, which relaunched in November 2019. The Dorchester Spa offers indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. The hotel stays true to the classic English residential style, fusing contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage of the property. The Dorchester's ten event rooms offer a wide selection for flexible and creative event planning, from intimate dinners to cocktail receptions of up to 1,000 guests.

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