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## Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon honored during the Presidential Dinner hosted by the Festival de Cannes and Kering yesterday night

- ∞ **As part of the 'Women in Motion' program, designed to highlight and celebrate the contribution of women to cinema, and on the occasion of the Presidential Dinner which took place on Sunday 15 May, Kering and the Festival de Cannes celebrated the exceptional careers and the commitment to both the film industry and the women's cause of the Academy Award-winner American actress Geena Davis, and the Academy Award and BAFTA Award-winner American actress Susan Sarandon. The 'Women in Motion' Award ceremony brought together *Thelma & Louise's* iconic lead actresses on the year of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cult film.**
- ∞ **Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon granted the 'Women in Motion' young talent Award to directors Leyla Boujid, Gaya Jiji and Ida Panahandeh.**

The Presidential Dinner of the Cannes Film Festival welcomed 200 guests on Place de la Castre, on the hills of Le Suquet in Cannes, on Sunday night May 15. Pierre Lescure, President of the Festival de Cannes, Thierry Frémaux, General Delegate of the Festival de Cannes, and François-Henri Pinault, Chairman and CEO of Kering, presented the 'Women in Motion' award to both honourees of the evening: Academy Award-winner, American actress and advocate Geena Davis, and Academy Award and BAFTA Award-winner, American actress, and activist, Susan Sarandon.

As part of the Women in Motion Awards agenda, acting as role models for their outstanding contribution to the film industry and women's cause, Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon had chosen to give the 'Women in Motion' young talent Award to Tunisian director Leyla Bouzid, Syrian director Gaya Jiji and Iranian writer and director Ida Panahandeh.

*The dinner was presented by the renowned French chef, Anne-Sophie Pic, the only 3-starred woman in France, known for her seek for complex flavour combinations and powerful tastes.*

For a selection of high-res photos of the Women In Motion Awards and talent arrivals:  
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**About 'Women in Motion'**

The aim of the 'Women in Motion' programme is to stimulate discussion and encourage reflection on the place of women in the film industry, both on and off the screen. Launched in May 2015 as part of the partnership between Kering and the Festival de Cannes, 'Women in Motion' is now an integral part of the Festival's official programme. The programme features two fundamental components: the Talks, which are a series of open interviews with one or several guests, which take place throughout the duration of the Festival, to create a platform for considering and exchanging views on the multi-faceted issue of women in the film industry; and the 'Women in Motion' Awards, presented each year to an iconic figure and to one or several up-and-coming talents at the Festival de Cannes "Presidential Dinner".

**About Kering**

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