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## Kering and Vogue Italia renew their Empower Talents partnership for the fourth consecutive year

Following the success of the past editions, Vogue Italia and Kering have decided to renew their partnership for the Empower Talents programme in order to offer internship opportunities within Kering and its luxury brands.

In this 2016 edition, 9 brands are taking part in the programme: Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga, Bottega Veneta, Brioni, Dodo, Gucci, Pomellato, Saint Laurent, and the Kering Eyewear division.

Kering and Vogue Italia will identify the best profiles using a highly selective process. Internships will be proposed within Kering luxury brands in all the creative and production processes of the Houses. There will be opportunities for candidates in areas such as design, product development, merchandising, sustainability, digital, trade marketing and communications.

The list of internships will be published on www.vogue.it and www.kering.com on 21 September\*. Each opportunity will include a description of the internship activities, requirements and all the submission details. Candidates will have until 30 November to submit their application (in English), together with a resume and a cover letter.

The past editions have proven to be very successful in sourcing highly talented candidates, and 1/3 of the interns that have been selected through the Empower Talents partnership over the years have been offered positions in the brand or in another of the Group's brands following their internship.

Vogue Italia and Kering will hold an event at the Palazzo Morando in Milan, on 21 September 2016 in order to celebrate this new edition of the Empower Talents 4 programme.

Franca Sozzani, Vogue Italia editor-in-chief, declared: "The very fact that Empower Talents has reached its fourth edition testifies to the success of the project. Thanks to its winning formula, young talents with widely different educational backgrounds can benefit from invaluable first-hand experiences on the ground through tailored internships at some of the most prestigious firms in the fashion world, firms which offer an international and greatly differentiated spectrum of working realities."

François-Henri Pinault, Chairman and CEO of Kering, added: "Thus far the results of the Empower Talents project with Vogue Italia have met all of our expectations; not only have the candidates enhanced their luxury know-how with hands-on training, but the brands have also benefited by successfully recruiting some candidates following their internships. Providing young talent with opportunities to be creative and imaginative is vital to their future and ours and goes hand in hand with our core values."

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\* The list of internships has been published on www.vogue.it on 21 September:

http://www.vogue.it/vogue-talents/contest-opportunities/2016/07/29/vogue-empower-talents-4-lavoro-opportunita-modalusso/

## **About Kering**

A world leader in apparel and accessories, Kering develops an ensemble of powerful Luxury and Sport & Lifestyle brands: Gucci, Bottega Veneta, Saint Laurent, Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga, Brioni, Christopher Kane, McQ, Stella McCartney, Tomas Maier, Boucheron, Dodo, Girard-Perregaux, JeanRichard, Pomellato, Qeelin, Ulysse Nardin, Puma, Volcom and Cobra. By 'empowering imagination' in the fullest sense, Kering encourages its brands to reach their potential in the most sustainable manner. Present in more than 120 countries, the Group generated revenue of more than €11.5 billion in 2015 and had more than 38,000 employees at year end. The Kering (previously PPR) share is listed on Euronext Paris (FR 0000121485, KER.PA, KER.FP).

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