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NAOMI MILGROM AC

Naomi Milgrom AC is an Australian business leader, fashion entrepreneur, philanthropist, and arts patron with an international reputation for initiating and supporting cultural innovation. She is the owner and executive chair of the Sussan/Sportsgirl Group, Australia's largest privately held women's fashion retailer, and Founder of the Naomi Milgrom Foundation.

Building on her lifelong commitment to philanthropy in the arts, science, health, and education, Ms. Milgrom established the Naomi Milgrom Foundation in 2014 to champion, create, and support art, design, and architecture projects that enrich the lives of all Australians.

Through MPavilion, the annual architecture commission and design festival she also launched in 2014, Ms. Milgrom has an acclaimed track record for bringing future-minded architecture and design into the public sphere, combined with programming to deliver social, economic, and environmental value to communities. She has collaborated with some of the world's leading architects and urban thinkers through her Melbourne-based MPavilion program, which has become Australia's most important annual architecture and design event. An associated flagship initiative is the Living Cities Forum, an annual gathering of leading global architects and design innovators, founded in 2017. These initiatives have attracted renowned architects who share Ms. Milgrom's aspiration to make lives better through design.

Ms. Milgrom and the Naomi Milgrom Foundation are known for leading successful public-private philanthropic collaborations with government, business, and social sector partners, and engineering bold projects that emphasise collective creativity and community impact. In 2020, Ms. Milgrom was awarded the nation's highest honour, Companion to the Order of Australia for eminent service to the community through philanthropic leadership and support for the promotion of the arts. She was previously awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (2010) for services to business as a leader and mentor. She has been awarded honorary doctorates in business and law from three leading Australian universities.

Ms. Milgrom received the President's Award from the Australian Institute of Architects (2015), the Philanthropy Leadership Award (2016), and the Melbourne Achiever Award (2018). In 2020 she was named an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects and the Design Institute Australia for "contemporary cultural innovation and championing multidisciplinary design." She served as a judge for the World Architecture Awards (2015 – 2021) and Chair of the Sydney Parramatta Powerhouse International Design Competition (2019).

Ms. Milgrom was Commissioner of the Australian Pavilion at 57th International Art Exhibition in Venice in 2017 and is a founding patron of the biannual PHOTO International Festival of Photography. She has also held leadership positions with the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Jewish Museum of Australia, Melbourne Business School's Centre for Ethical Leadership, Melbourne Fashion Festival, and others. She also serves as a member of the International Councils for London's Tate Modern and New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Global Patrons Council for Art Basel.