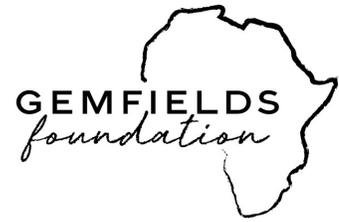


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Sandy Leong x Gemfields Sol Collection Release

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On the heels of her 10 year anniversary and the start of a new year, Sandy Leong is renewing her commitment to sustainability by partnering with world-leading gemstone supplier Gemfields on the release of Sol, a new fine jewelry collection rooted in the brand's values by featuring responsibly sourced emeralds, 18 karat recycled yellow gold and conflict-free white diamonds.

It is with great pride that we also announce a first-of-its-kind partnership between Sandy Leong Jewelry and the newly formed Gemfields Foundation- the charitable arm of Gemfields that supports community and conservation projects in Africa. Sandy Leong aims to support the ongoing efforts of the Gemfields Foundation by contributing 10 percent of all sales on the Sol collection towards specific projects centered around children and education.

"I started my company with sustainability and humanitarianism at its core and have always looked to partner with like-minded businesses who share similar values. Aside from the fact that Gemfields has the best gemstones in the world (!) I love that their company ethos includes engaging with and supporting the local communities in and around where their projects take place," explains founder and designer Sandy Leong.

"Gemfields is delighted to partner with Sandy Leong, whose business has placed sustainability at its very core since inception. This like-minded approach to responsible business practices, coupled with a shared love of emeralds makes Sandy Leong a perfect partner and we're so thankful for the support to our newly formed Gemfields Foundation," said Emily Dungey, Marketing & Communications Director of Gemfields & Managing Director of the Gemfields Foundation.

Design Journey

Sandy Leong designs jewelry driven by a great respect for the natural world and the communities that inhabit it. Therefore it was an instinctive progression to work alongside Gemfields on the development of the Sol collection, sourcing both petite and statement emeralds from the Kagem mine in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia.

Designed and developed under the sun in Amagansett, the Sol collection is aptly named for the surprising fact that most of the light that comes from the sun is a miraculous shade of green, not dissimilar to Gemfields' vibrant Zambian emeralds. Once gemstones are sourced, each piece is created by hand in New York by fine jewelry artisans who use time-honored techniques of gem setting, and a proprietary method of gold brushing to create Sandy Leong's trademark 18 karat matte gold finish.

The Sol collection is comprised of 18 original pieces sculpted in Sandy Leong's signature organic silhouettes. Each piece will be made available for purchase ahead of World Water Day on March 22, 2021. Celebrated on the same day annually, World Water Day aims to raise awareness of the global water crisis and focus attention on the importance of freshwater resources and advocating for sustainable water management. Each year World Water Day ushers the international community into six weeks of sustainably focused conversations, running through Earth Month in April. To launch the Sol Collection during this time is to reiterate a commitment to sustainability on a global stage and to make a business pledge to enhance the lives of others.

Prices for the Sol collection will range from \$1,700 for delicate stack rings, to \$26,000 for bold emerald and diamond pave statement pieces including earrings, cocktail rings, and a sculptural cuff.

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The Sol Collection

Emerald and Diamond Open Collar Necklace, \$9,500

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 1.26 ct. Zambian emerald and 0.37 ct. ethically sourced white diamond

Emerald and Diamond Sol Cuff, \$22,200

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 0.86 ct. Zambian emeralds and 2.73 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Emerald Cage Ring with Diamond Pavé, \$23,200

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 11.29 ct. Zambian emerald and 0.55 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Emerald and Diamond Baguette Double Bar Ring, \$5,700

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 0.27 ct. Zambian emeralds and 0.56 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Emerald and Diamond Halo Ring, \$14,800

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 3.85 ct. Zambian emeralds and 0.36 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Emerald and Diamond Twist Ring, \$3,200

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 0.66 ct. Zambian emerald and 0.19 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Emerald Coil Ring, \$4,600

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 0.65 ct. Zambian emeralds

Emerald Wave Stack Ring, \$1,700

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 0.20 ct. Zambian emeralds

Emerald and Diamond Pavé Stud Earrings, \$14,400

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 2.36 ct. Zambian emeralds and 0.36 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Petite Origin Hoops with Emerald and Diamond Studs, \$16,000

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 2.36 ct. Zambian emeralds and 0.65 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Diamond Pave Origin Hoops with Emerald and Diamond Studs, \$22,200

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 2.36 ct. Zambian emeralds and 1.28 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Oversized Origin Hoops with Emerald and Diamond Studs, \$16,200

18 karat recycled yellow gold with 2.36 ct. Zambian emeralds and 0.36 ct. ethically sourced white diamonds

Triple Bar Ear Cuff with Diamonds, \$3,840

18 karat recycled yellow gold with ethically sourced white diamonds

Petite Halo Huggies with Emerald Charm, \$1,600 for pair

18 karat recycled yellow gold with Zambian emeralds

Petite Halo Huggies with Diamond Charm, \$1,700 for pair

18 karat recycled yellow gold with ethically sourced white diamonds

Twisted Hoop Earrings with Emeralds, \$6,150

18 karat recycled yellow gold with six Zambian emeralds

About Gemfields

Gemfields is a world-leading supplier of responsibly sourced colored gemstones. Gemfields' work at the Kagem emerald mine in Zambia (believed to be the world's single largest producing emerald mine, owned in partnership with the Zambian Government through the Industrial Development Corporation) and the Montepuez ruby mine in Mozambique (one of the most significant recently discovered ruby deposits in the world, owned in partnership with a local company called Mwiriti Limitada) has seen Africa become a significant exporter of emeralds and rubies. Gemfields' approach also means that the company's host nations in Africa see dramatically greater value from their gemstone resources remaining in-country than had previously been the case.

Gemfields is committed to furthering transparency, legitimacy and integrity in the colored gemstone business and believes strongly that colored gemstones should create a positive impact for the countries and communities from which they originate. Gemfields has established a track record of improving healthcare, education and livelihoods for the communities around its mines, as well as supporting conservation efforts to protect Africa's wildlife and biodiversity (#conservationgemstones). Further information about Gemfields can be found at www.gemfields.com.

About the Gemfields Foundation

Gemfields Foundation is the charitable arm of Gemfields, through which donors can contribute funding to directly support community and conservation projects in Africa, magnifying the scale of the work already carried out by Gemfields itself.

Gemfields Foundation is a UK registered charity that functions quite unlike most charities: 100% of donor funds are directed, in full, to the underlying charitable projects. All overhead, administration, travel and management costs are borne fully by Gemfields Limited and its subsidiary companies. The result is a charitable endeavor that enjoys, at no cost to donors,

excellent in-country experience, personnel, infrastructure, support and community liaison teams, uniquely positioning Gemfields Foundation to deliver impactful projects in a highly efficient and timely fashion. Governed by an international board of trustees originating from five countries, Gemfields Foundation provides a vessel through which donors can leverage proven on-the ground delivery capabilities to swell the benefits which precious African gemstone resources bring to their place of origin and to their host communities. Further information about the Gemfields Foundation can be found at www.gemfieldsfoundation.org.

About Zambian Emeralds

Zambian emeralds were formed over 500 million years ago by a rare combination of minerals and heat from deep in the Earth's crust. Zambian emeralds get their beautiful intense green color from the presence of chromium, iron and beryllium, and they are often lacking in vanadium, resulting in a bluish-green, lively and often eye-clean emerald.

Since acquiring the Kagem mine in 2008, in partnership with the Zambian government, Gemfields' investment has stabilized and standardized the supply of emeralds. Today, the mine supplies around one in three of the world's emeralds.

When an emerald is recovered at Kagem, it is the first time that light has ever passed through the crystal, bringing it to life after half a billion years in darkness.