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CAMILLE WALALA AND ANN SACKS PARTNER AT IDS 2017 AND WELCOME YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THE WALALAND BAR — NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

PORTLAND, Ore. (September 28, 2017) – ANN SACKS Tile & Stone partnered with London-based artist, Camille Walala, to create the *Walaland Bar Presented by ANN SACKS x Walala* at this year's Interior Design Show (IDS). Now in its 13th year, IDS 2017 is being held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West, and will run from Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 1, 2017. This year's events include displays, installations and talks by some of the design world's most notable and talented personalities. Other partners behind *The Walaland Bar Presented by ANN SACKS* include Lighting by ANDlight and Lock & Mortice tables and benches.

Creative juices are part of the flow surrounding the IDS and the *Walaland Bar*. Walala wove her unique play on geometric shape and vivid color throughout the space design, which was then brought to life through tile works by the artisans at ANN SACKS. All tiles used in the installation are from the MADE by ANN SACKS series, which are handcrafted in its Portland, Ore. facility. Guests to the *Walaland Bar* will be served up beverages and a visual feast for the eyes with a panorama of glossy colors ranging from Dandelion, Sky Blue, Island Coral and Black and contrasting matte colors of Peony and Deep Sea.

The guests will also be front and center as Walala paints a one-of-a-kind wall mural in real time. Her abilities to create magical works of art of grand dimension is testament to her command of appropriate proportion and scale. Sponsored by ANN SACKS, Walala is also one of the four keynote speakers at this year's show, presenting on the Caeserstone Stage on Saturday, September 30, at 1:00 p.m.

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About Camille Walala

Walala has been described as "a purveyor of powerfully positive digital print." French born, Walala traveled to London where she graduated from Brighton University in Textile Design and where she still calls home today. Her work spans genres and disciplines, including designing imaginative exhibits that reflect her unique, individualistic style. In 2017, Walala designed the WALALA X PLAY maze at London's NOW Gallery, which was enjoyed by virtually thousands of visitors. Most recently, at the London Design Festival 2017, Walala unveiled her giant, inflatable castle appropriately named Villa Walala – a playful respite of brilliant color set in the heart of Broadgate.

Walala has many facets to her impressive portfolio. Employing building facades as her canvas of choice, Walala has brightened up and brought attention to otherwise unremarkable landscapes, artfully transforming them into memorable destinations. Walala is also the mastermind behind a variety of brand collaborations, bold, colorful textiles, soft goods, and wall art inspired by her *Tribal POP* style – an individual expression that has captured the imagination on a rapidly building global scale. Featured in many mainstream and online publications, her works have graced the pages of UK publications including *Computer Arts, Arise, Wonderland* and *Station*; France-based *Home, AnOther* and *étapes* magazines; and *Volume* magazine from Amsterdam.

About MADE by ANN SACKS

For over 30 years, the ANN SACKS factory has produced a remarkable breadth of designs in its Portland, Ore. headquarters – from its prestigious guest designer series to the in-house collections that have become a staple within ANN SACKS. This colony of craftspeople from artisans and ceramicists to engineers and manufacturing technicians are an intricate part of the ANN SACKS family and the genius behind 14 of its collections that stand proud within the ANN SACKS repertoire. Rich in heritage, traditional in craft and modern in scope, the designs are now being heralded under one overarching category: MADE by ANN SACKS.

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About ANN SACKS

Founded in 1981, ANN SACKS has built its reputation with inspiring designs in tile, stone, plumbing, lighting and accessories. Based in Portland, Ore., the company, along with sister brands, KALLISTA plumbing and Robern mirrored cabinetry and vanities, is a division of the Kohler Co. Decorative Products Group, and a wholly owned subsidiary of Kohler Co.

Founded in 1873 and headquartered in Kohler, Wis., Kohler Co. is one of America's oldest and largest privately held companies. Kohler is a global leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products, engines and power generation systems, cabinetry, tile and home interiors, and international host to award-winning hospitality and world-class golf destinations.

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