

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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In accordance with government instruction, we have now closed of all our stores in France as well as in certain other European countries and the Americas.

In order to protect our employees, we have also decided to close all of our production sites in France until Monday 30th March 2020. This decision does not apply to the Hermès Parfums site in Vaudreuil, which will be producing, on a voluntary basis, five tonnes of hand sanitising gel that France urgently requires.

The closure will be carried out partially or gradually, depending on the nature of each site's activity, in full compliance with safety regulations.

Throughout this period and in addition to legal provisions, we will continue to pay the salaries of our employees.

Since 1837, Hermès has remained faithful to its artisan model and its humanist values. The freedom to create, the constant search for beautiful materials, the transmission of savoir-faire of excellence, and the aesthetic of functionality all forge the singularity of Hermès, a house of objects. An independent, family owned company, Hermès is dedicated to keeping the essential element of production in France through its 43 workshops and to developing its network of 311 stores in 45 countries\*. The group employed more than 15,400 people worldwide, including more than 9,500 in France\*. Axel Dumas, a sixth-generation family member, has been Hermès CEO since 2013. Founded in 2008, the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès supports projects in the areas of artistic creation, training and the transmission of savoir-faire, biodiversity, and the preservation of the environment.

\* As of 31st December 2019

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