

Responsible Jewellery Council

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Image courtesy of RJC member, Bulgari

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### The RJC Vision and Mission

- Our vision is a **responsible world-wide supply chain** that promotes **trust** in the global fine jewellery and watch industry.
- Our mission is to be the recognised standards and certification organisation for supply chain integrity and sustainability in the global jewellery and watch industry.

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### **About the RJC**







1,200+ members covering mine to retail



Diamonds, gold, platinum group metals, silver and coloured gemstones (rubies, sapphires and emeralds)



Third party assurance system

Established in 2005, by the industry for the industry



Large and small businesses from across the supply chain

Harmonisation and recognition of similar industry standards

#### **Membership snapshot - community of confidence** $LeVian^{*}$ Cartier TIFFANY&CO. The Plum De Beers **JCPenney** GROUP OF COMPANIES **PANDÖRA**<sup>\*\*</sup> **NET-A-PORTER** PIAGET BVLGARI STULLER **METALOR**<sup>®</sup> Chopard Metalor Technologies SA Thomas Sabo LUX BOND & GREEN RICHEMONT IEWELERS SINCE 1898 TACORI HYDE PARK HAUTE HORLOGERIE R blue nile. **JCPenney**

Responsible Jewellery Council "All industries have an obligation to ensure that their supply chains are not associated with illicit trade, human rights abuses or environmental damage."

# Leading standards authority- from mine to retail

The RJC is the global standard for the jewellery supply chain.

The challenges are multifaceted and demand a comprehensive solution, especially incorporating due diligence and human rights.

- ILO Labour Standards
- Kimberley Process
- WDC System of Warranties
- OECD Due Diligence Guidance
- UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights
- UN Global Compact
- SDGs & 2030 Agenda



### **RJC Code of Practices and Chain of Custody Standards**





### **RJC's Code of Practices**



## Embedding the SDGs into strategy and implementation on the ground







'2020 is the decade of trust and radical transparency. Transformative partnerships are the only way forward – the RJC is here to engage and collaborate'.



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