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Galeries Lafayette select the BIG architects for future Champs-Élysées flagship in Paris

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Following a competition launched in July 2015 involving four internationally-renowned architect firms, Galeries Lafayette announce that they have selected the Bjarke Ingels Group ("BIG") to lead the design for their future flagship located on 52, Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Founded and headed by Bjarke Ingels, BIG has offices in Copenhagen and New York and is currently working on projects across a broad spectrum of industries in more than 20 countries worldwide. The firm's most emblematic projects include, Google's future global headquarters in California, as well as the final 2 World Trade Center at 9/11 Memorial in New York.

Located in a protected Art Deco building from 1932, the 9,000 m² flagship store - the largest retail space of the Champs Élysées - will provide a new department store model, while remaining true and respectful to the original building. The flagship opening is planned for the last quarter of 2018.

Commenting on this announcement, Nicolas Houzé, CEO of Galeries Lafayette and BHV MARAIS, declared: "We are very pleased to start this collaboration with Bjarke Ingels and his team. The talent, creativity and fundamentally innovative approach of BIG will allow us to build together the Department Store of the 21st century, totally designed and thought to meet the aspirations of our clients."

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About Galeries Lafayette

The French market leader in Department stores and famous all around the world, for the past 120 years Galeries Lafayette have been the undisputed experts in fashion and event shopping, designing each visit to be a unique experience, offering French and international clients a constantly renewed selection of affordable to premium brands. Present in the fashion, beauty, timepiece, jewellery, accessory, interior decoration, gourmet foods and

catering service segments, Galeries Lafayette are celebrated for their network of 62 stores in France and abroad, including the flagship store on the Boulevard Haussmann in Paris, their outlet offering and their online shopping site, galerieslafayette.com. More information on Galerieslafayette.com
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About BIG

BIG – Bjarke Ingels Group is a New York and Copenhagen based group of architects, designers and thinkers operating within the fields of architecture, urbanism, research and development. BIG is led by 12 partners and 17 Associates. With an international team of 300 people, BIG works on projects across a broad spectrum of industries and in more than 20 countries worldwide. We take a human-centered approach to our work - looking at how our urban environments can increase the quality of life, designing cities and buildings as double ecosystems that are both ecologically and economically profitable. In our work process, we put great focus on the necessary details in order to realize the BIG idea.