

Lab-Grown Diamonds: A Market Revolution or a Passing Trend?

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Why read this report? Key findings

#### INTRODUCTION

Lab-grown diamonds, the bright spot in a modest growing industry

Overall luxury slowdown and cost-of-living crisis cause jewellery growth deceleration

The surge of lab-grown diamonds

#### THE SIZE OF THE PRIZE

Preference for diamonds differs significantly across regions and drops post-pandemic The diamond industry navigates uncharted waters as prices continue to decline Italy, the US and Australia see the largest penetration of lab-grown diamonds

A fragmented market: Unbranded products, small players and well-known brands

Retail e-commerce expands the reach of lab-grown diamond jewellery

Demographics, fine jewellery demand and LGDs' positioning define potential markets

LGD jewellery players must adapt their strategies as growth begins to moderate

### UPSIDES TO LGD OUTLOOK AND THE US MARKET ROLE

Five trends to favour growth of lab-grown diamonds in the years to come

US accounts for over two thirds of LGD sales in 2024, but opportunities exist beyond

Australia: LGDs have gained share from natural diamonds but growth appeared to peak

Canada: Growth expected as consumers value affordability and sustainability of LGDs

Germany: LGDs' increasing popularity set to change bridal jewellery trends

India: Stable growth from consumer demand, brand expansion and government support

Italy: Diamond industry raises concerns amidst growing popularity of LGDs

US: Fine jewellery players maintain opposite perspective on LGDs

US: LGDs thrive amidst economic uncertainty but slow down as prices continue to fall

US: Customer interest in LGD jewellery becomes more specific and broader

US: Diverging approaches to LGDs between luxury and non-luxury players

US: Review of product portfolios among key LGD players across four categories

US: Opportunities for expanding the LGD jewellery market - a product perspective

US: Size vs price dilemma - competition is stronger for smaller diamonds

Expansion in the US: Capitalising on new segments and customer priorities

## DOWNSIDES TO LGD OUTLOOK AND CHALLENGING MARKETS

What could limit LGD growth in the coming years?

Regulations and consumers' preferences challenge LGD growth in Asia and Europe China: LGDs must go beyond traditional diamond values to resonate with consumers Japan: LGDs remain niche and unlikely to see significant growth in the near future France: Natural diamond brands' response slows down LGD growth

UK: LGD prospects fluctuate amidst regulations and market fragmentation

### CONCLUSION

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How different are lab-grown and natural diamonds consumers?
Recommendations for growth
Evolution of LGD jewellery
Questions we are asking

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