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smartwater Announces Zendaya as Newest Global Brand Ambassador

Premium Water Brand and Global Icon Launch Campaign to Celebrate 'Keeping It Smart'

ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- smartwater is taking hydration to new heights this summer and today announces its newest global brand ambassador, Zendaya. A champion of artistry and originality, acclaimed actor and performer Zendaya is pioneering new ways to live a more purposeful life. As smartwater's global ambassador, Zendaya will appear in a series of new creative from the brand that celebrates those who are defining 'smart' on their own terms and will support community water programs that will directly impact thousands of women.

Courtesy of The Coca-Cola Company

"We could not be more thrilled to have Zendaya join

smartwater as the newest face of our brand," said Matrona Filippou, Global Category President, Hydration, Sports, Tea & Coffee, The Coca-Cola Company. "A global icon and cultural force, Zendaya isn't afraid to be true to herself, and that's what makes her the perfect addition to the smartwater family."

Created in partnership with VMLY&R and WPP/OpenX, the campaign creative will begin rolling out in the U.S. from June 21 across television, audio, social and streaming channels, with global markets to follow. The campaign celebrates those who keep it smart, whatever the choice, and aren't afraid to free themselves from the restraints of convention.

"I'm very excited to begin this new relationship with smartwater," said Zendaya, smartwater Global Brand Ambassador. "We all know how important it is to stay hydrated and smartwater is my go-to source no matter what I am doing throughout the day."

As the face of the brand's newest campaign, Zendaya will work with smartwater to support community water quality and access improvements in various cities around the world, starting with Zendaya's hometown of Oakland, California, by partnering with the [Global Water Challenge \(GWC\)](#) – a coalition of leading organizations collaborating to achieve universal access to clean drinking water. In the U.S. alone, 2.2 million people have no water at home and 44 million Americans are served by water systems that don't function optimally.

Together, smartwater, GWC and Zendaya are launching the **smart solutions: global water challenge**, which will invite local organizations to apply for grant funding to GWC's [women for water](#) action platform that uplifts women and their communities through the power of clean water access. These efforts build on more than a decade of investments in clean water access around the world from The Coca-Cola Company which have reached more than 18.5 million people since 2010. GWC's work has proven that with access to clean water, people, especially women and girls, are healthier, safer, educated and employed.

"Our organization doesn't operate without the support of our purpose-driven partners, and we are grateful to have smartwater and Zendaya on board to help ensure communities in

need have more access to clean water,” says Monica Ellis, CEO of Global Water Challenge. “With the **smart solutions: global water challenge**, we’ll specifically work to address community water access, improving and protecting water quality, and economic empowerment opportunities through water.”

For more information about smartwater, visit smartwater.com. For more information about the Global Water Challenge and the **smart solutions: global water challenge**, visit www.globalwaterchallenge.org.

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About The Global Water Challenge

Global Water Challenge (GWC) is a coalition of leading organizations deploying expertise and networks to achieve universal access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in communities around the world. Since 2006, GWC has positively impacted more than 2 million people across Africa, the Americas and Asia with clean water access and its campaigns, tools, data and best practices reach millions more. In collaboration with multi-sector partners, GWC engages for action – catalyzing financial resources and driving innovative programming for sustainable, local solutions. GWC established the **women for water** platform to mobilize collective action for clean water access for every woman and her community. Currently scaling impact in 27 countries, **women for water** measurably contributes to economic empowerment outcomes while raising awareness for this important issue. For more information, please visit globalwaterchallenge.org.

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