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## And The Rising Stars Are...

Fashion Group International announces nominees

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**(NEW YORK)** Fashion Group International has selected nominees for its ninth annual Rising Star Awards, to take place on January 26 at the New York Hilton.

Eight awards will be handed out in categories including women's and men's ready-to-wear, accessories, beauty/fragrance, fine jewelry, home/interior design, and retail.

The Group is still confirming its keynote speaker, who will be a prominent designer. Zac Posen addressed the group at last year's ceremony. Target, along with Solstiss/Bucol, are the primary sponsors of this year's awards.

The nominees in the women's rtw category are Catherine Swanson of Cat Swanson, Brian Wolk and Claude Morais of Ruffian, Laura Poretzky of Abaete, Matthew Earnest, Philip Lim, Zaldy Goco of Zaldy, and Colleen Quen of Colleen Quen Couture.

For men's rtw, the nominees are Greg Lagola, Marko Kalfa and Carlos Canpos (Guido), Romain Kapadia, and Thom Browne.

Retail nominees include Angelique Graux and Susan Bartholomew of Zoomies, Dylan Lauren of Dylan's Candy Bar, Hiroshi Uemura of Utowa, Inga Davidson of Area iD, and Susan and Kat Hable of Hable Construction.



**Thom Browne**  
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Accessories nominees include Doug Perlman of Woozie Wear, Darby Scott, Franklin Elman, Lesley Armstrong and Anke Fox of Armstrong Fox Textiles, Michael Spaulding and George Gublo of Gunmetal, and Stephanie Johnson.

Nominees in the jewelry category are Roberto Faraone Mennella and Amedeo Scognamiglio of Faraone Mennella, Amrita Singh of Amrita Singh Jewelry, Janet Mavec of J. Mavec & Co., and Jennifer McCurry of Jojo Designs.

In beauty, nominees in the fragrance corporate category include Clement Gavarry of International Flavors & Fragrances, Meryl Truffelman of Estée Lauder, Nancy Tarantola of Bourjois, and Stephen Nilsen of Quest International Fragrances. In the fragrance entrepreneur category, the nominees are Sarah Kugelman of Skyn Iceland, Claudie and Rino Jasper of Beauty ID, Laurice Rahme of Bond No. 9, Lulu Guinness, and Ulrich Lang of Ulrich Lang NY Fragrances.



**Dylan Lauren**  
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Home and interior design nominees are Ernest De La Torre of Ernest de la Torre Design Studio, Christina Sullivan of Tocar, and Elaine Griffin of Elaine Griffin Interior Design.  
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**Roberto Faraone Mennella and Amedeo Scognamiglio**  
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