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## Mercado Global Celebrates Women's Empowerment Through Fashion: A Night of Impact and Inspiration on International Women's Day

NEW YORK CITY, NY (March 7th, 2025) – [Mercado Global](#) proudly celebrated its annual [Fashion Forward Gala](#) at Tribeca 360° on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, in honor of **International Women's Day**. This signature event brought together leaders in fashion, finance, and philanthropy to champion the **empowerment of Indigenous women across the Americas through entrepreneurship and financial independence**.

This year's gala honored a distinguished group of trailblazers whose work exemplifies a shared commitment to creating a more equitable future:



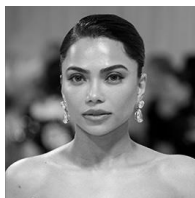
### [Madeleine Sinclair](#)

Senior Managing Director,  
Head of Private Wealth, North America,  
Blue Owl Capital.



### [Fernando García](#)

Co-Creative Director,  
Oscar de la Renta.



### [Mona Patel](#)

Philanthropist, entrepreneur  
and fashion icon.



### [Julia Kisla Taylor](#)

CEO,  
The Lions Management.

The evening featured a **VIP cocktail hour from 6:30–7:30 PM, followed by a seated dinner and program from 7:30–10:30 PM**. Gala Chair **Fabiola Beracasa Beckman**, renowned film and TV producer, lent her support to the evening, championing Mercado Global's mission to empower women and drive meaningful change.

As part of the evening's program, a special screening of the documentary was hosted, produced in collaboration with [CORE](#), a global streaming network for conscious media. The screening was held in partnership with the platform's [CORE ONE](#) Peace Initiative, a global movement dedicated to fostering harmony, peace, and positive change. CORE released a teaser of *A Profound Journey of Heritage and Culture*, ahead of the full documentary's release tomorrow, March 8th, on International Women's Day. The documentary beautifully showcases how generosity transforms lives and highlights the inspiring journey of Mercado Global's artisans.

"This year's gala showcased the incredible impact we can achieve when we come together to empower women," says **Ruth Álvarez-Degolia, Founder and Executive Director of Mercado Global**. "Thanks to our honorees and supporters, we're able to expand our mission of creating economic opportunities for Indigenous women and building a more equitable future for all."

Attendees included *[Mention key attendees here]*

### **About Mercado Global**

For over two decades, Mercado Global has been at the forefront of ethical fashion, empowering Indigenous women in rural Latin America and transforming their lives. Through a range of innovative programs, they equip women artisans with essential skills, tools, and market access, enabling them to achieve financial independence and thrive.

Their partnerships with leading brands and retailers, such as Levi's®, Stuart Weitzman, Liverpool Los Angeles, and Free People, highlight their commitment to reshaping the fashion industry into a sustainable, equitable, and just ecosystem for all.

More information on Mercado Global's *Fashion Forward* Gala can be found [here](#).  
Our press kit can be found [here](#).

**More images of the event can be found [here](#).** *[Insert link]*

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