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Fashion

**LAGOS:** Supermodel Naomi Campbell said on Sunday that Vogue magazine should launch an African edition to recognise the continent's contribution to a global fashion industry that has been criticised for its lack of diversity.

Campbell, who was visiting Nigeria's commercial capital, Lagos, to appear on the runway at Arise Fashion Week, said there was a need for better representation of the continent.

"There should be a Vogue Africa," she told Reuters in an interview. "We just had Vogue Arabia — it is the next progression. It has to be," she said, referring to the edition of the magazine aimed at a readership in the Middle East that launched last year.

"Africa has never had the opportunity to be out there and their fabrics and their materials and their designs be accepted on the global platform ... it shouldn't be that way," said the British-born Campbell.

Condé Nast International, which publishes Vogue, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The global fashion industry has attracted criticism in the past few years because most models for major designers and fashion houses are white. "People have come to realise it is not about the colour of your skin to define if you can do the job or not," said the model, adding she had seen signs that the fashion industry was becoming more diverse such as the appointment of Edward Enninful as British Vogue's editor-in-chief in April last year. (RTRS)

**LOS ANGELES:** Notorious internet bad boy Jake Paul is angling to get a late-night-style talk show on YouTube's premium streaming service, and YouTube has ordered a pilot of the concept.

The 21-year-old digital influencer is working with production houses Propagate Content and Five All in the Fifth Entertainment to develop a series for YouTube Red, as first reported by THR. The pilot is scheduled to shoot in May, according to a rep for Paul.

According to a YouTube spokeswoman, Paul's show one of several early development deals it engaged in last year with "a handful of YouTube creators as part of our normal process to evaluate new creative ideas." She added that currently there are no series orders in place out of those pacts.

Paul previously appeared in YouTube Red's zombie-battling reality show "Fight of the Living Dead: Paradise Calls." After rising to fame on Twitter's now-defunct Vine, he currently has 14 million subscribers on YouTube, 10.7 million followers on Instagram, and 3.1 million Twitter followers. (RTRS)

**LOS ANGELES:** The UK has a dedicated high-end CG animation feature studio after Locksmith opened its new London complex Monday.

Locksmith was founded in 2014

Above and below: Models display creations by Xiong Ying, Lin Qi and Yu Qian during the China Fashion Week in Beijing. (AFP)

Style



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drama inspired by the Dahomey Warriors, the female fighters who came together to protect their kingdom.

Dahomey was a West African kingdom in what is now the Republic of Benin. EbonyLife and Sony Pictures Television are co-developing the female warriors project, which SPT will distribute internationally.

Nigeria-based EbonyLife launched in 2013 as an upscale international black TV network. It produces 1,000 hours of English-language content a year. Its first feature film, "Fifty,"

was picked up by Netflix and released worldwide. "The Royal Hibiscus Hotel" premiered at the Toronto Intl Film Festival in 2017.

"Ever since our launch in June 2013, our vision has always been to change the narrative about Africa and to tell our stories from our perspective," said company CEO Mo Abudu. Abudu became a household name in Africa with her "Moments With Mo" talk show and has been likened to Oprah Winfrey. Forbes has said she is the most successful woman on the continent. (RTRS)

**LOS ANGELES:** Augmented reality startup Magic Leap has started to send a limited number of its headsets to developers, but is asking them for extreme security measures to prevent leaks: Devices need to be stored in a locked safe when not in use, Bloomberg reported Friday.

Magic Leap has been working on its augmented reality headset, which is capable of overlaying digital objects over a view of the real world, in secrecy for years. The company gave the public a first look at its hardware in December, when it announced that it would make a developer version of the device available in 2018.

It also recently opened up its developer platform to approved partners, allowing third-party developers to start building apps for the headset. (RTRS)

**LOS ANGELES:** Sony has struck a three-series deal with Nigeria-based EbonyLife, with the first project set to be an action

by writer and producer Sarah Smith, producer Julie Lockhart, and entrepreneur Elisabeth (Lis) Murdoch. It has a production and development deal with 20th Century Fox.

The new studio is situated in London's well-heeled Primrose Hill neighborhood. It encompasses 5,000 square foot of studio space over three

floors, which will house 70 artists, staff, and crew. It will also be a base for writers, directors, and producers working on Locksmith projects.

The British animation sector is currently benefiting from favorable exchange rates and hard-won tax breaks. The new studio is a major infrastructure