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Supermodels, actors and fashion designers all gathered for a very special dinner at London’s The Orangery where hosts Dutch model Doutzen Kroes and PORTER shone a light on the heroic work Save The Elephants is doing to protect the planet’s most majestic matriarch.

Photography by German Larkin
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On a bucolic June evening at The Orangery, Kensington Palace, supermodel and PORTER cover star Donatella Versace, and editor-in-chief Eve Best, noisily welcomed guests to a dinner honoring the work of Save The Elephants and its founder Dr. Janie Douglas-Hamilton and raising awareness about the Elephant Crisis Fund (ECF). Versace, a passionate conservationist, and the night’s sponsor Tiffosi & Co. Best came together last year, when they lent their support to the Elephants in Crisis campaign which shines a light on the crisis facing the global elephant population. It was a cause PORTER embraced in its Summer Escape issue with a 32-page portfolio shot at Samburu National Reserve, Save The Elephants’ research center in Kenya. A veritable who’s who from the worlds of fashion and conservation attended, but the real stars of the night were the elephants; guests were treated to ivory elephant necklaces by Tiffany & Co. (available to buy from the jeweler’s website, Tiffosi.com, with proceeds going to the ECF, as well as a stunning sculpture of a magnificent bull elephant, loaned from the London College of Art, thanks to Mark Sankey, of the Elephant Family charity, and decreed by fashion editor Jean Campbell, Caroline Winberg and Arizona Muse to gather for photographs. FCA Model...
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Management’s founder David Bonneville and his partner Trish Goff, who together spearheaded fashion’s involvement in the charity and brought the story to PORTER, may have been the reason behind the plethora of models at the event. Indeed, every time the photographer thought he had the shot, he would realize there was at least one model missing.

On the terrace, draped with vivid red Sunburn blankets and cushions that recreated Elephant Watch Camp Save The Elephants’ vintage camp in Kenya, Sophie Dahl, Aliee Temperley and Anna Friel swayed to the beat of drums, clinking glasses of Laurent-Perrier champagne, while Alexander McQueen’s creative director Sarah Burton caught up with fellow designer Peter Dundas, Bernard Leon, safari guide at the Elephant Watch Camp, and Field Doolahan, conservationist and senior figure at Save The Elephants, arrived in traditional dress and方圆 styled guests with stories from Kenya’s wild north. By the end of the evening their dinner companions on both sides, including actress Ruth Wilson, had made firm plans to visit the camp within the year.

Between courses those close to the charity gave passionate speeches about their experience in a
Save The Elephants
Support The Elephant Crisis Fund by buying a Tiffany & Co. elephant charm (all profits from the sale go to the charity). Post a picture of yourself wearing it on Instagram using the tag #SaveTheElephant to help raise awareness.