Dow's Black & White Photography Competition —
Terms & Conditions

1. Organizer

The promoter of this competition is Symington Family Estates, Travessa Barão de Forrester, 86, 4400-034 Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal.

2. Eligibility & Geographical Scope

- The competition is open worldwide to individuals aged 18 years or older at the time of entry.

- Employees of Symington Family Estates, its subsidiary companies, partner agencies, immediate family members (spouse, parents, siblings), or household members of such employees are ineligible to enter.

- Entrants are responsible for ensuring their participation complies with local laws. Where top prizes include international travel, the winner is solely responsible for obtaining valid passports, visas, and travel insurance. Airfare contributions covered by the promoter are capped at €1,000 per winner; any additional travel, accommodation, or personal expenses incurred beyond stated prize inclusions are the sole responsibility of the winner.

3. Submission Limits & Capture Date

- Entrants may submit up to three (3) original photographs per person.

- Photographs may have been taken at any time; there is no restriction on the capture date, provided the work is original to the entrant.

4. Technical Requirements, Image Authenticity & Print Quality

- **Print & Publication Standards:** All entries must be suitable for large-format gallery exhibition printing and high-grade book publication. Images must be submitted in maximum-quality JPEG format with a minimum resolution of 4,000 pixels on the longest edge (at 300 DPI). Entrants must retain the original uncompressed file and RAW file (where applicable), which will be required for shortlist verification and physical print production.

- **Permitted Adjustments:** Post-processing is strictly limited to traditional monochrome adjustments. Permissible edits include standard global or localized

exposure control, contrast, tonal range balance, dodge and burn, cropping, minor sharpening, and sensor dust spot removal.

- **Digital Manipulation Restrictions:** Heavy digital post-processing, composite manipulation (adding, moving, or removing image elements), artificial texture overlays, digital painting, aggressive HDR/halo artifacts, or excessive filtering that distorts the natural reality of the original scene is strictly prohibited. The judging panel reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed excessively manipulated.

- **RAW File Verification:** Intact EXIF metadata must be preserved on all submitted files. To ensure image integrity, shortlisted entrants will be required to provide the original RAW file or unedited camera file (SOOC) within 7 days of notification. Failure to supply the original file upon request will result in immediate disqualification.

- **Prohibition of AI:** Synthetic imagery, AI-generated components, generative fill, or computational image alterations are strictly prohibited. Any entry found to incorporate generative AI will be disqualified along with all other submissions from the entrant.

5. Entry Period & Submission

- Entries must be submitted via the official competition QR code landing page or emailed to dowsblackandwhite@symington.com.

- **Competition Period:** Submissions open on 2nd November 2026 at 00:00 (WEST) and close on 2nd January 2027 at 23:59 (WEST).

- Late, incomplete, invalid, corrupted, or automated entries will be disqualified.

6. Judging & Selection

- Submissions will be judged on visual aesthetics, technical composition, artistic originality, and interpretation of the theme.

- Winners will be selected after consideration by a panel of judges appointed by Symington Family Estates. All decisions of the judging panel and promoter are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

7. Prizes

- **1st Place:** A once in a lifetime trip to both Quinta do Bomfim in theDouro Valley and our locations in Vila Nova de Gaia, accessing our private grounds and viewpoints to capture both the stunning Douro landscape and the unique bustle of the Port scene in the city. Prize includes a bottle of Dow's 1985 Vintage Port.

- **2nd Place:** A bottle of Dow's 1994 Vintage Port and a copy of '100 Leica Stories'.

- **3rd Place:** A bottle of Dow's 2003 Vintage Port and a copy of '100 Leica Stories'.

- Prizes are non-transferable, non-refundable, and non-exchangeable for cash alternatives. Alcohol prize elements may be substituted at the promoter's discretion where prohibited by local country restrictions (e.g., North America).

8. Intellectual Property & Usage Licensing

- **Copyright Ownership:** Entrants retain full copyright and ownership of their submitted photographs at all times.

- **Grant of License:** By entering, the entrant grants Symington Family Estates a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, display, adapt, and distribute the submitted images across any channel (including web, social media, print publications, exhibition displays, trade marketing, and promotional product packaging) specifically associated with Dow's Port or the competition.

- **Attribution:** Symington Family Estates will credit the photographer whenever reasonable and practical alongside references to the competition.

9. Guarantees & Content Guidelines

- Entrants warrant that their submission is their own original work and does not infringe upon any copyright, trademark, privacy, or intellectual property rights of any third party.

- Entrants are responsible for obtaining all necessary model and property releases for identifiable individuals or private property featured in their photograph.

- The promoter reserves the right to disqualify any entry containing content that is obscene, violent, xenophobic, sexist, or otherwise offensive to human dignity or public standards.

10. Data Protection & Governing Law

- Personal data will be processed in compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Portuguese Law 58/2019. Data is used exclusively for competition administration and prize fulfillment unless explicit opt-in consent for marketing communications is provided.

- All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these terms and conditions shall be governed by and managed in accordance with the laws of Portugal.