JOBST's latest boundary-breaking film raises awareness for lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions

In a category first, JOBST's new film features six people with lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions.

22nd May 2023 - London, UK: The latest work from Essity - a global health and hygiene company known for its bold, awareness-raising work, is JOBST's film 'Unsynchronized'.

Lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditionsaffect millions of people, yet many are unaware of the condition, or feel ashamed to discuss it. In its latest campaign, compression therapy solutions brand JOBST aims to raise awareness of Lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions, challenging the social stigma surrounding these conditions.

Today, JOBST reveals its new brand platform 'Defy Gravity' and hero film, both created by Publicis • Poke. The spot, 'Unsynchronized', features people with lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions- a first in a category that traditionally mainly uses models to showcase the use of products in advertising.

JOBST's new brand platform 'Defy Gravity' is heroed by the 120" film, 'Unsynchronized'. The idea for the film is inspired by the story of JOBST's founder, Conrad Jobst, who suffered from venous insufficiency. He loved swimming and felt weightless in the water, so he created a sock that mimicked the compression he experienced while swimming. In turn, 'Unsynchronized' aims to highlight the parallels between the freedom felt when swimming and how JOBST compression products can alleviate the weight of physical, emotional and societal discomfort.

'Unsynchronized' showcases the strength and resilience of six individuals living with lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions. The film captures their inspiring journey as they defy what weighs them down and push their own boundaries, learning a synchronized swimming routine that celebrates the very parts of their bodies affected by their conditions. Directed by Robert Wilkins, known for his work with CALM on 'The Invisible Opponent', the film aims to inspire and empower the lipedema, lymphedema and venous communities.

Didi Okoh, lymphedema ambassador and para-athlete, said: "Being a part of this campaign has been one of my most memorable experiences, where I've met some amazing people who are on similar journeys, yet with such different stories! I hope this campaign will enlighten the world that people with lymphatic conditions are capable of doing anything they put their mind to, and that we don't have to hide anymore."

Isabel Dahlberg, Marketing Director at JOBST said: "Compression therapy is a category in need of a refresh: we often see inauthentic imagery and staged reality compression brand campaigns. This film is a game-changer: being able to see real people with real conditions will make such a difference to those affected by lipedema, lymphedema and venous conditions. We're proud to be the first brand in our category to do this."

Valentina Amenta, Creative Director at Publicis • Poke said: "At Publicis • Poke, we believe in commercial creativity — the power of creativity to solve today's commercial challenges. Our signature work is bold and playful, and often has the aim of disruption. Unsynchronised carries this spirit of boldness, sparking connections with audiences through boldly representative work."

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Everyone deserves to confidently live the life they want without compromise, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our solutions are designed to meet our patients' unique needs and lifestyle. With our wealth of knowledge, insights, and experience, we develop innovative products to alleviate the weight of physical and emotional discomfort for all.

Discover the world of JOBST. See how we can help our patients achieve your wellbeing goals and enjoy more of life's special moments. Let's defy gravity together. Visit https://www.jobst.com/defy-gravity.html.

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