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**Leica expands the SL-System with two new ultra-wide-angle lenses: Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14–24 f/2.8 ASPH. and Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH.**

**Wetzlar, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.** Leica expands the powerful and mirrorless SL-System with two ultra-wide-angle lenses.

### **Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14–24 f/2.8 ASPH.**

With the Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14–24 f/2.8 ASPH., Leica offers a focal length of 14 mm for the SL-System for the first time. With its consistently high aperture ratio of f/2.8 over the entire zoom range, impressive panoramas and videos of the highest quality and brilliance are created. The very wide diagonal viewing angle of up to 114 degrees leads to unavoidable distortions and aberrations in ultra wide-angle lenses, which are excellently compensated by the elaborate optical construction of the Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14–24 f/2.8 ASPH. Thus, subjects are sharp right into the corners at any aperture and focal length. Inside the new Vario lens, 18 lenses in 13 groups compensate for chromatic aberrations and three aspherical lenses ensure the best image and video quality. The focal length range of 14 to 24 mm makes this versatile ultra wide-angle zoom lens an excellent tool for numerous photographic applications: from architecture and interior shots to reportages close to the action right up to astro and landscape photography.

In the new zoom lens, unwanted stray light is prevented by a sophisticated multi-coating of the glass surfaces and a fixed metal lens hood. The latter also serves as a robust protection for the strongly curved front lens. The Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14–24 f/2.8 ASPH. is equipped with a special filter holder on the side of the bayonet mount. In combination with the Leica Vario-Elmarit-SL 24–70 f/2.8 ASPH., this new ultra wide-angle zoom lens covers a wide focal length range and ensures comparatively light luggage with full flexibility.

### **Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH.**

With the Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH., Leica introduces the world's first APO lens with a focal length of 21 mm. Hence, the high-performance wide-angle lens meets the highest professional standards and provides consistent sharpness right into the outer corners of the picture. The 21 mm becomes the latest member of the APO-Summicron-SL lens family which sets the benchmark for optical performance and impresses with its fast, reliable Dual Synchro Drive™ autofocus. Just like the already available lenses with a focal length of 28, 35, 50, 75 or 90 mm, the Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH. has the same compact dimensions with the same E67 filter diameter – despite the extreme viewing angle. This viewing angle of the Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH. is predestined for the challenging use in landscape photography, indoors, during reportages, in the studio and in architectural photography. A closest focusing distance of only 21 cm also ensures effective detail shots while the big maximum aperture allows for additional creative possibilities due to the selective usage of sharpness and blur.

14 precision-made lenses (three of them with an aspheric surface) are divided into eleven groups and contribute to the highest possible degree of image quality – even with the aperture fully open. The apochromatic correction of the lens is unique to its focal length and once again epitomizes the high standards set by Leica engineers. Most of the used lens elements are therefore made of high-quality special glasses whose demanding processing needs the most innovative methods of manufacturing.

Both new lenses enhance not only the SL-System but also the ever-expanding portfolio of the L-Mount alliance with two outstanding ultra wide-angle lenses in order to capture pictures and videos in unique Leica quality.

The recommended retail price (RRP) of the Leica Super-Vario-Elmarit-SL 14-24 f/2.8 ASPH. is \$4,190 including GST. The RRP of the Leica Super-APO-Summicron-SL 21 f/2 ASPH. is \$8,890 including GST. Both lenses will be available at the Leica Stores in Sydney, Melbourne and Chadstone, the Leica Online Store and authorised dealers starting now.

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