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A BOOK OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Barbara Brown • Gary Richardson • Jim Love
Tony Hewitt • Peter Eastway

2016

Photographed in front of the old (but comfortable) shearers' quarters at Middlehurst.
From left to right, Tony Hewitt, Peter Eastway, Barbara Brown, Gary Richardson, Jim Love.

About Middlehurst

Tucked away in the remote Upper Awatere Valley, almost hidden at the top end of New Zealand's South Island, Middlehurst Station is one of New Zealand's original high country runs.

Covering 16,550 hectares within the boundaries of the Awatere, Tone and Winterton Rivers, Middlehurst extends from the stony valley floors to the snowy tops of the rugged Inland Kaikoura Range. It's classic New Zealand high country, ranging in altitude from 550 metres to 2,500 metres.

And while it is ideal country to raise merino – the hardy breed of sheep whose fleece is used to create soft, luxurious, warm and durable fabrics used in international brands like Icebreaker – it is even better as a photography destination.

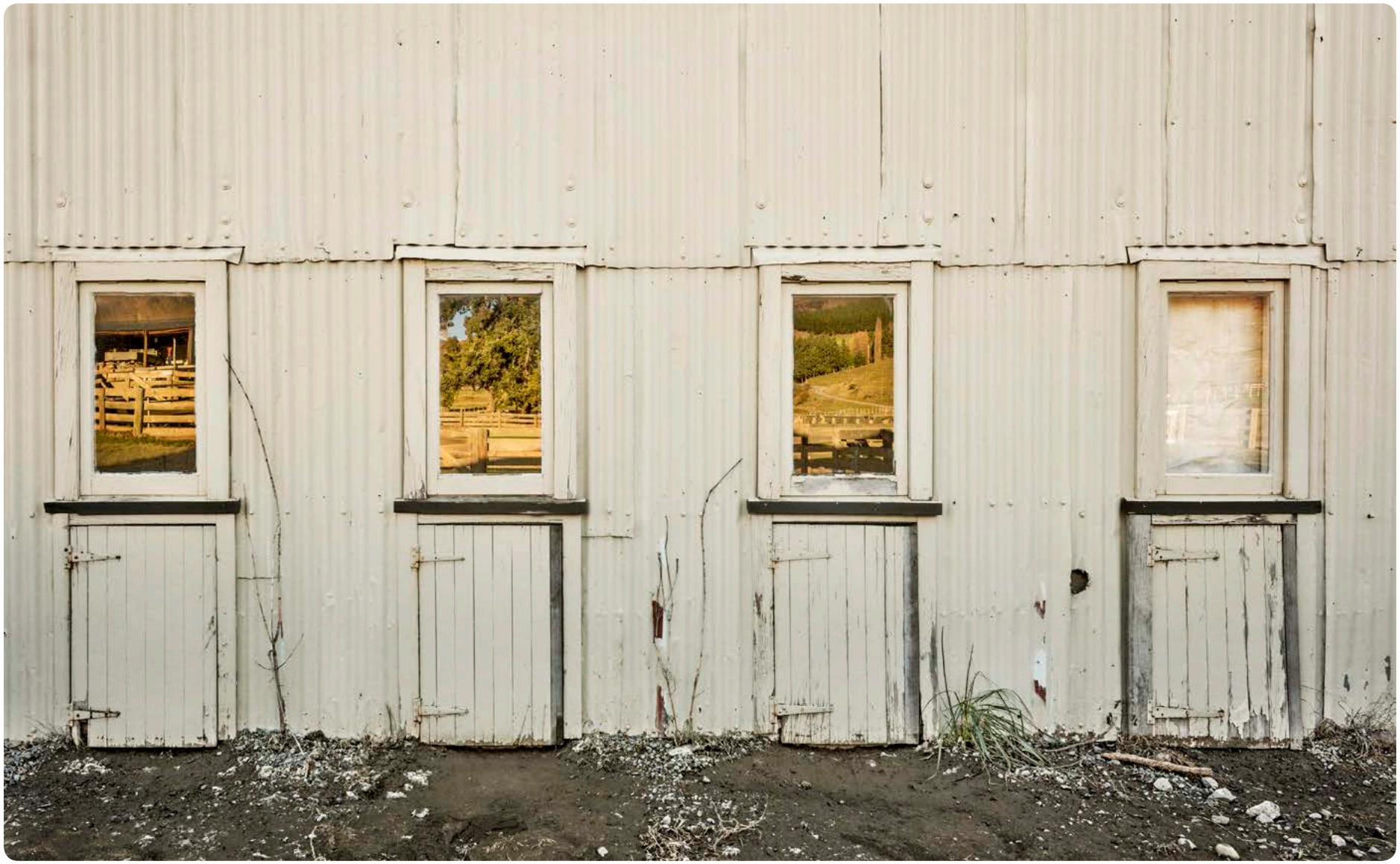
In 2016, Tony Hewitt and Peter Eastway introduced an intensive art photography workshop for advanced photographers looking to expand their horizons and develop a style or identity of their own.

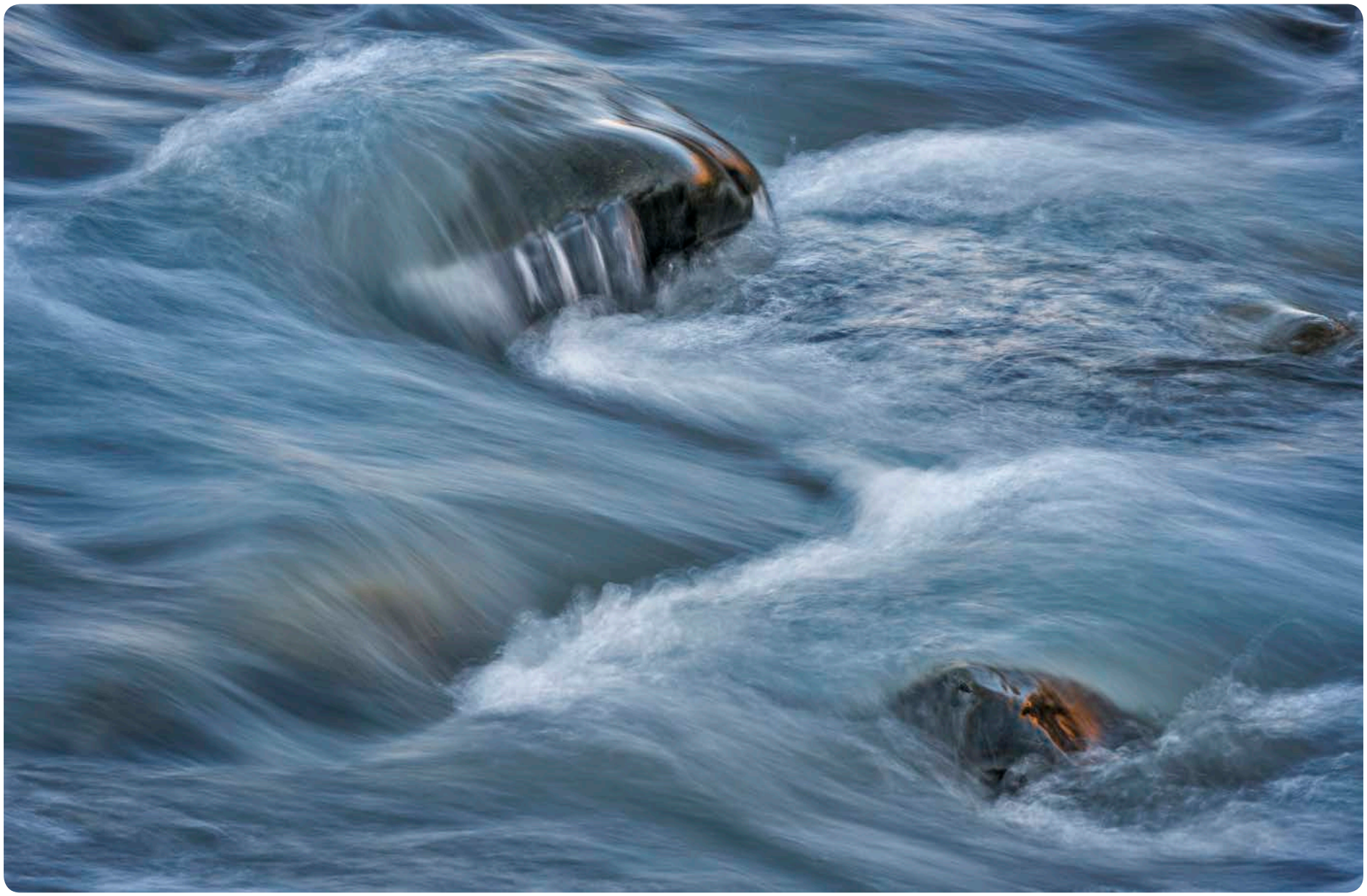
Students were encouraged to produce a portfolio of images based on their impressions of the magnificent Middlehurst Station.

In this book, Peter and Tony have joined with their first students – Barbara Brown, Gary Richardson and Jim Love – to produce a book of photographs featuring Middlehurst and the surrounding landscapes.

Cover photograph by Barbara Brown. Back cover photograph by Gary Richardson.

BARBARA BROWN





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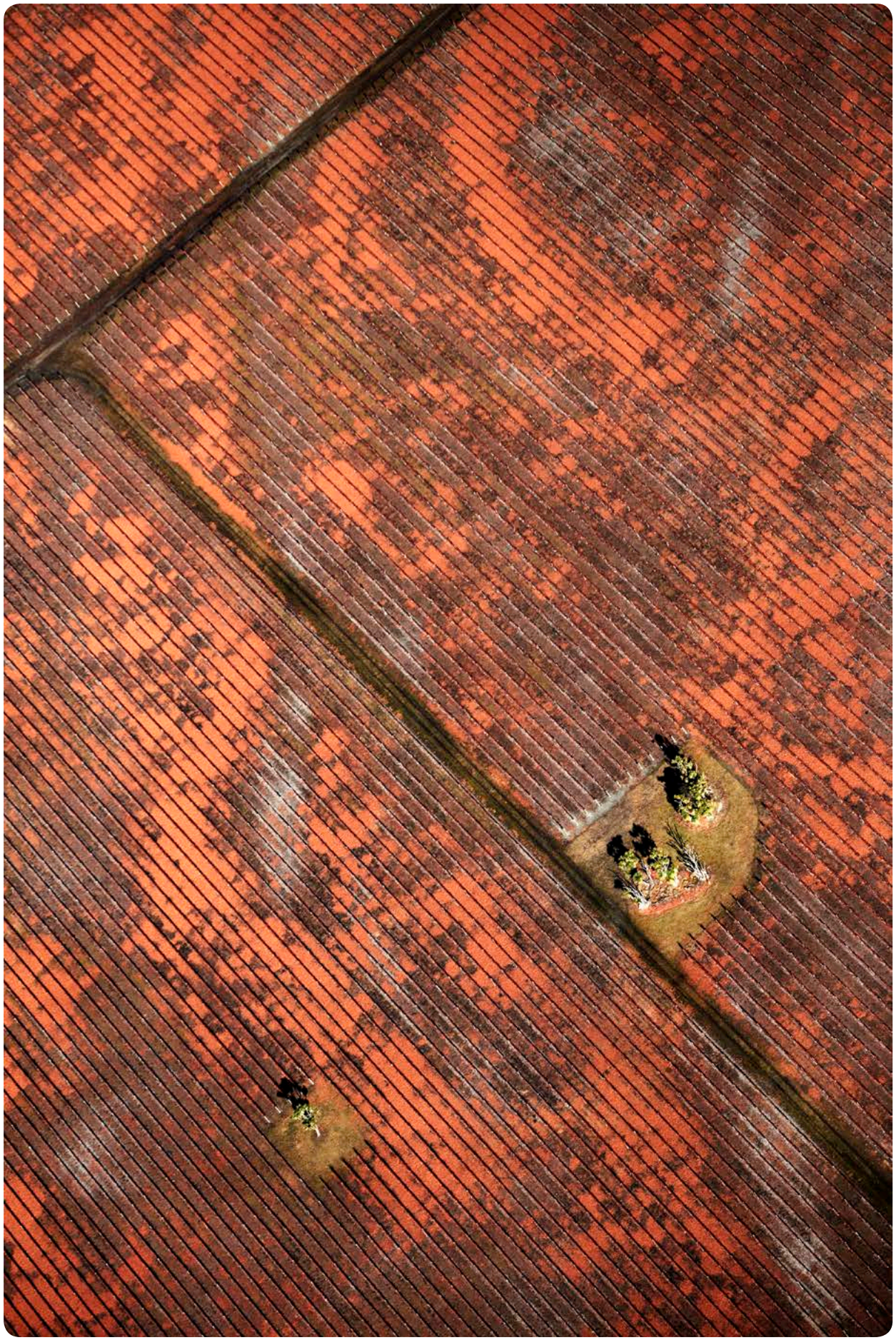

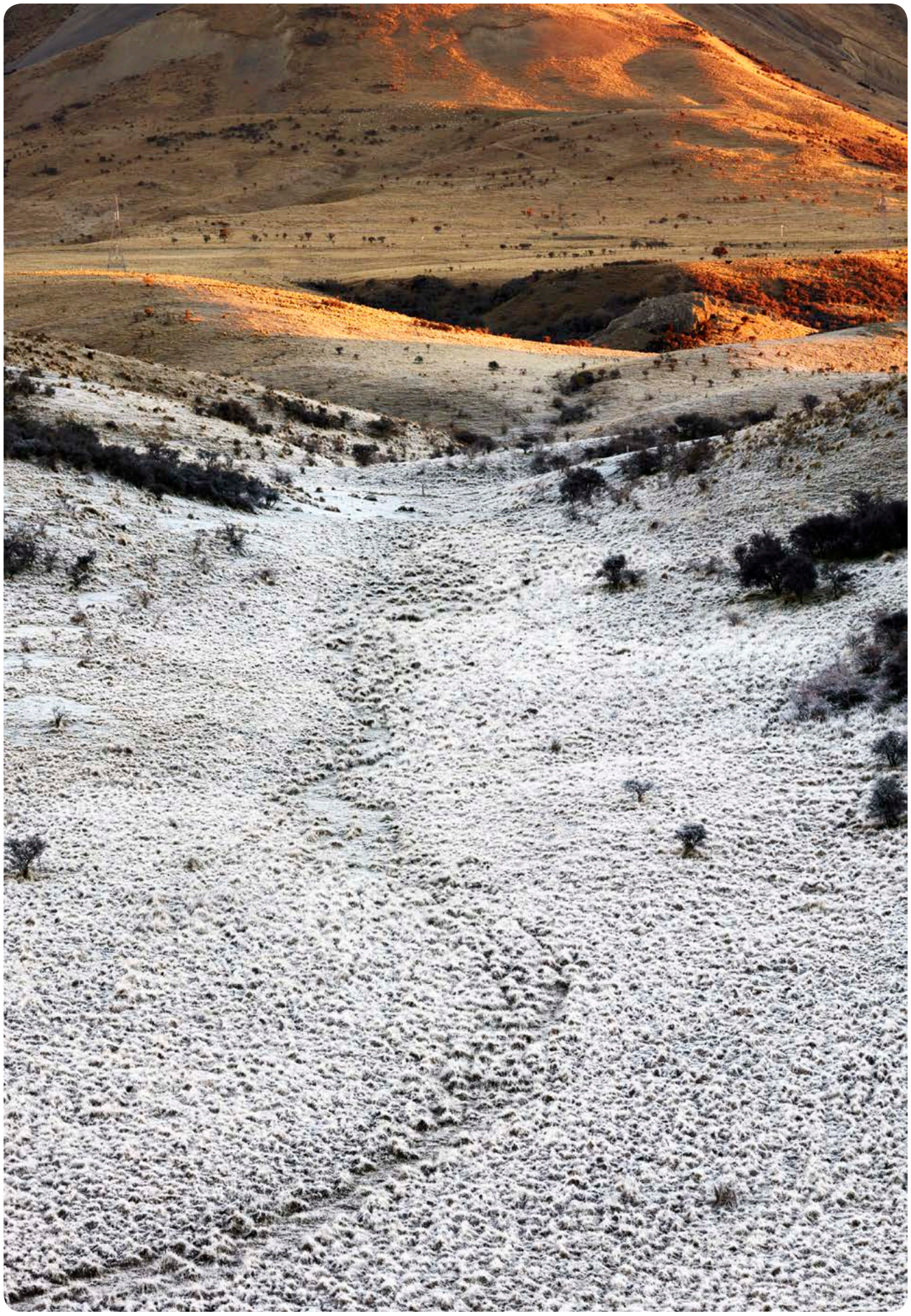

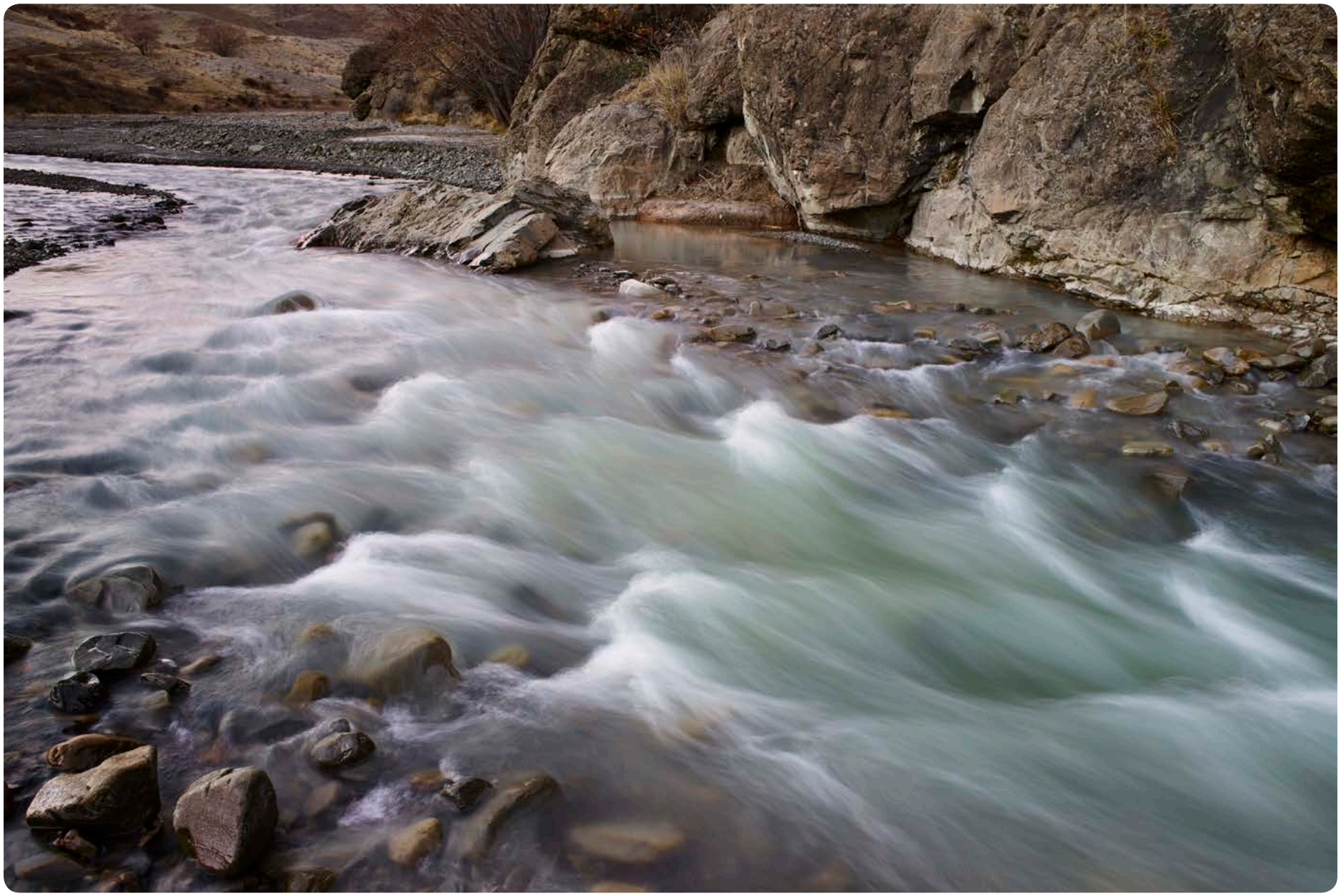

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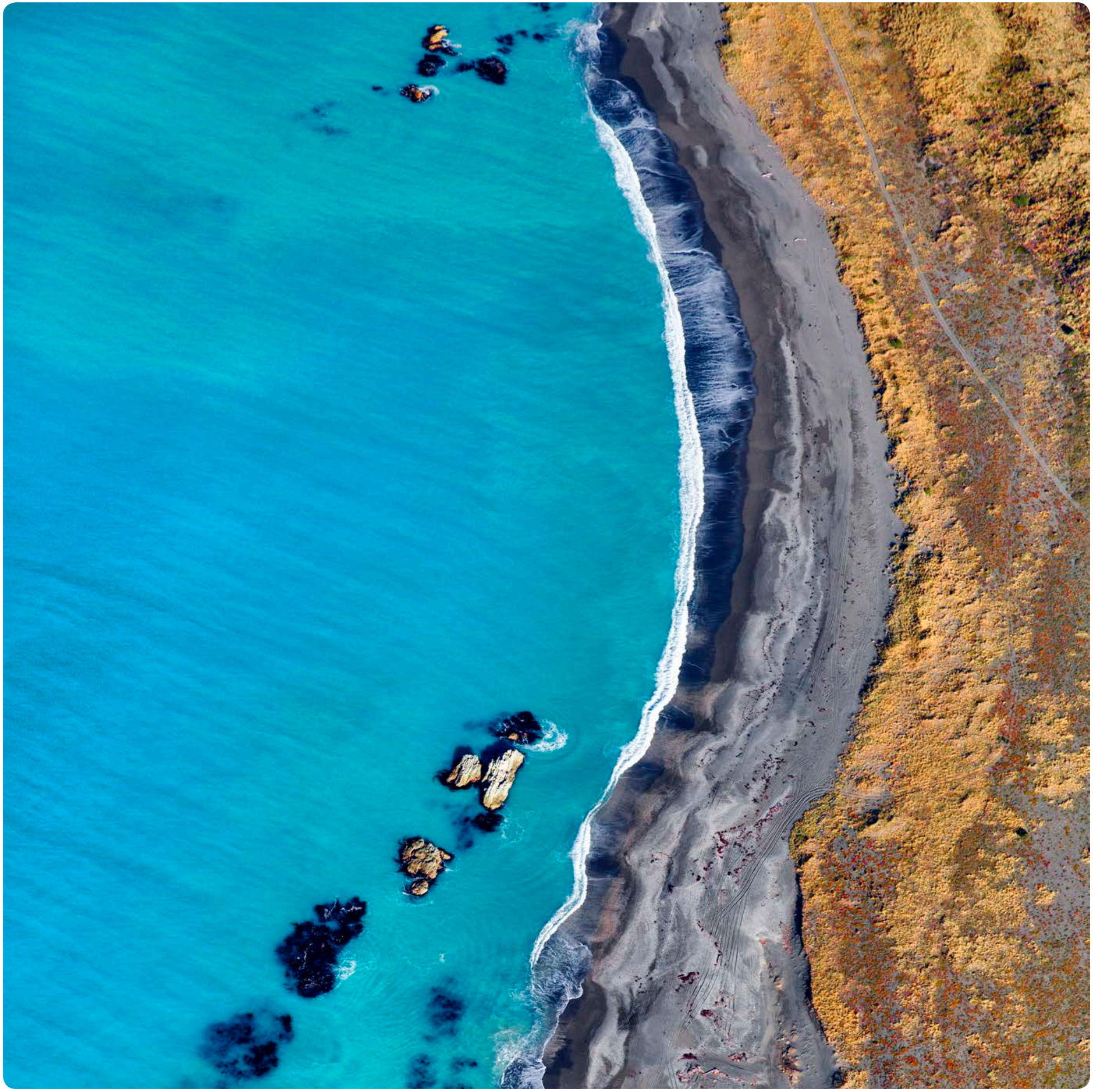

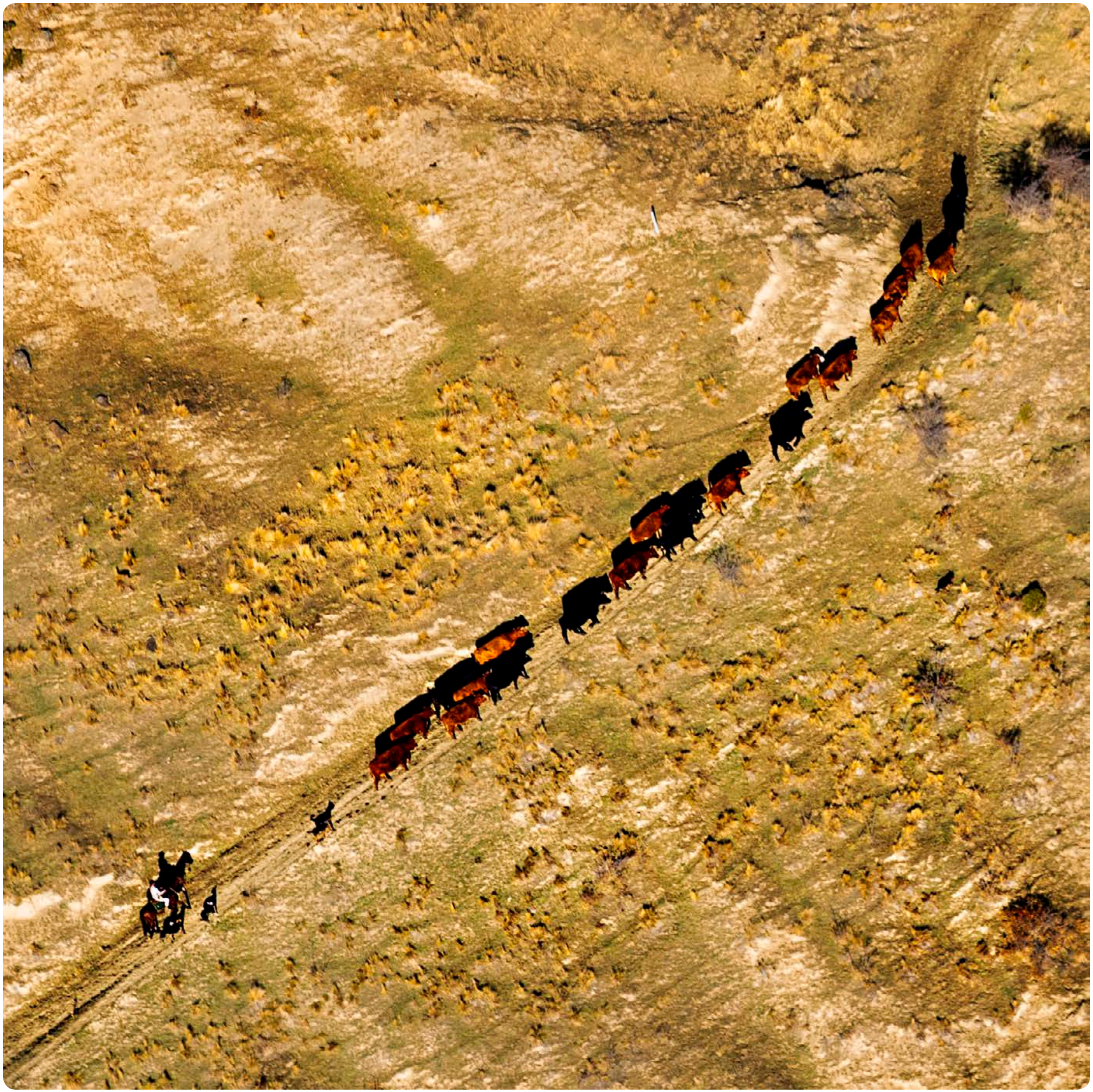

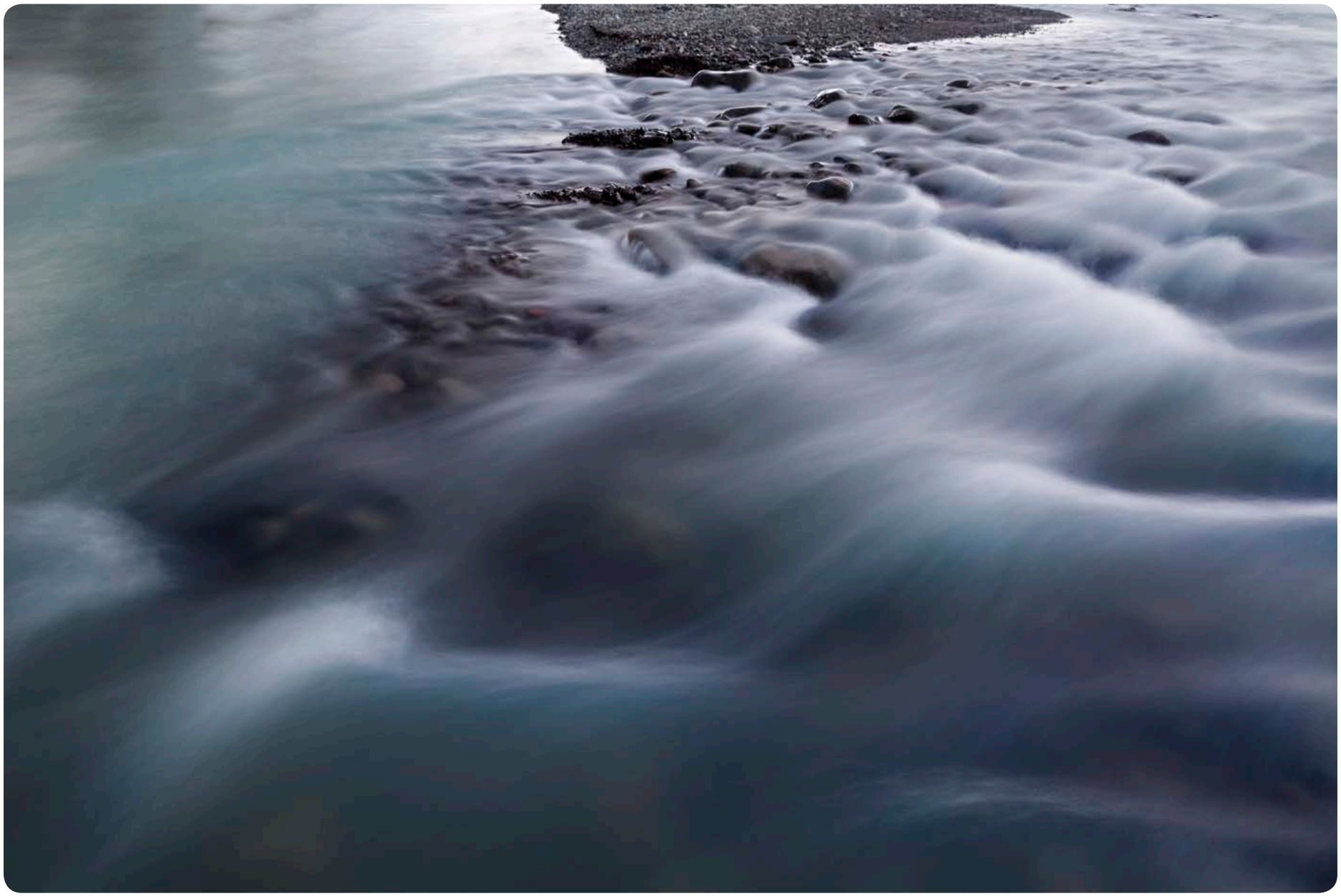

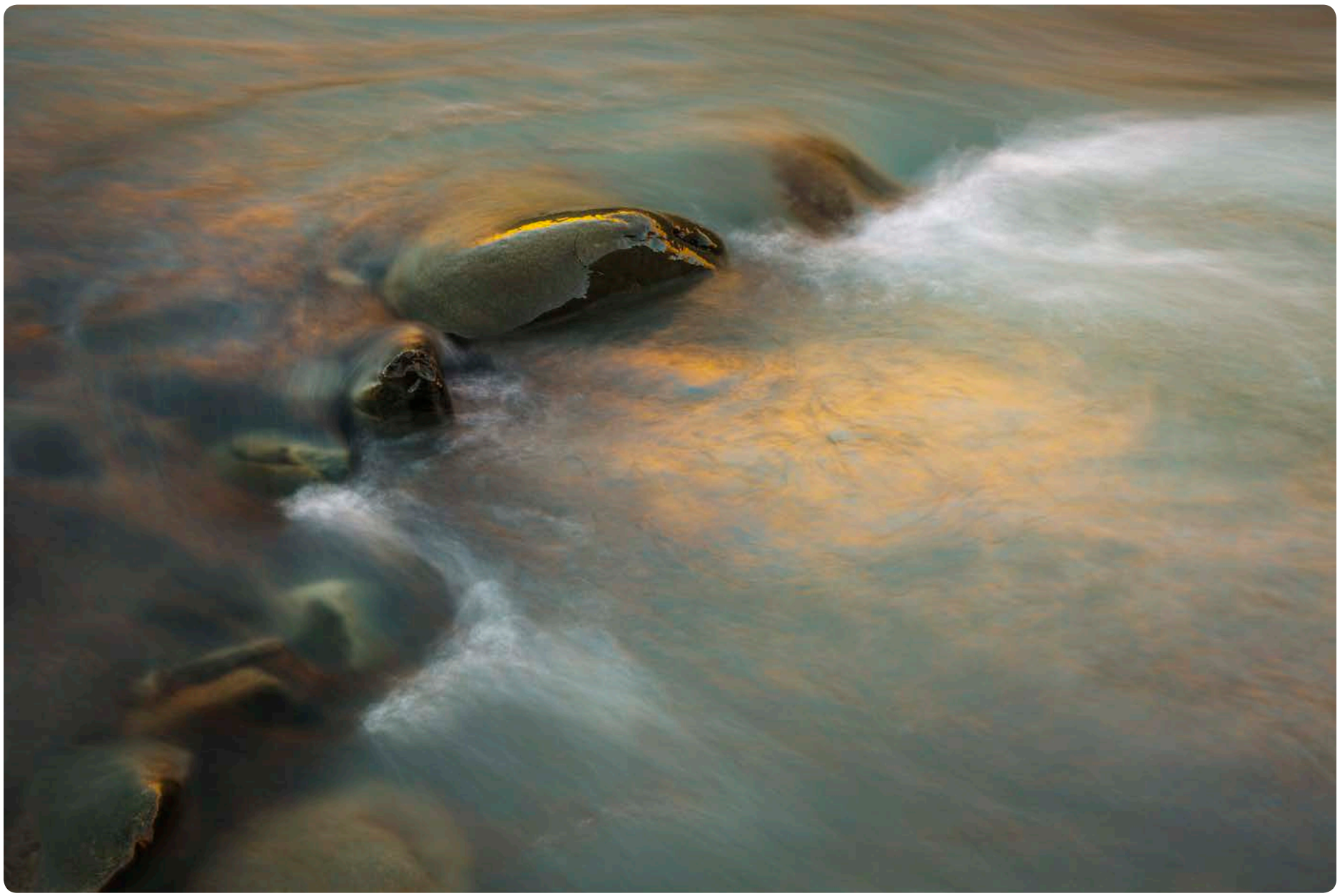

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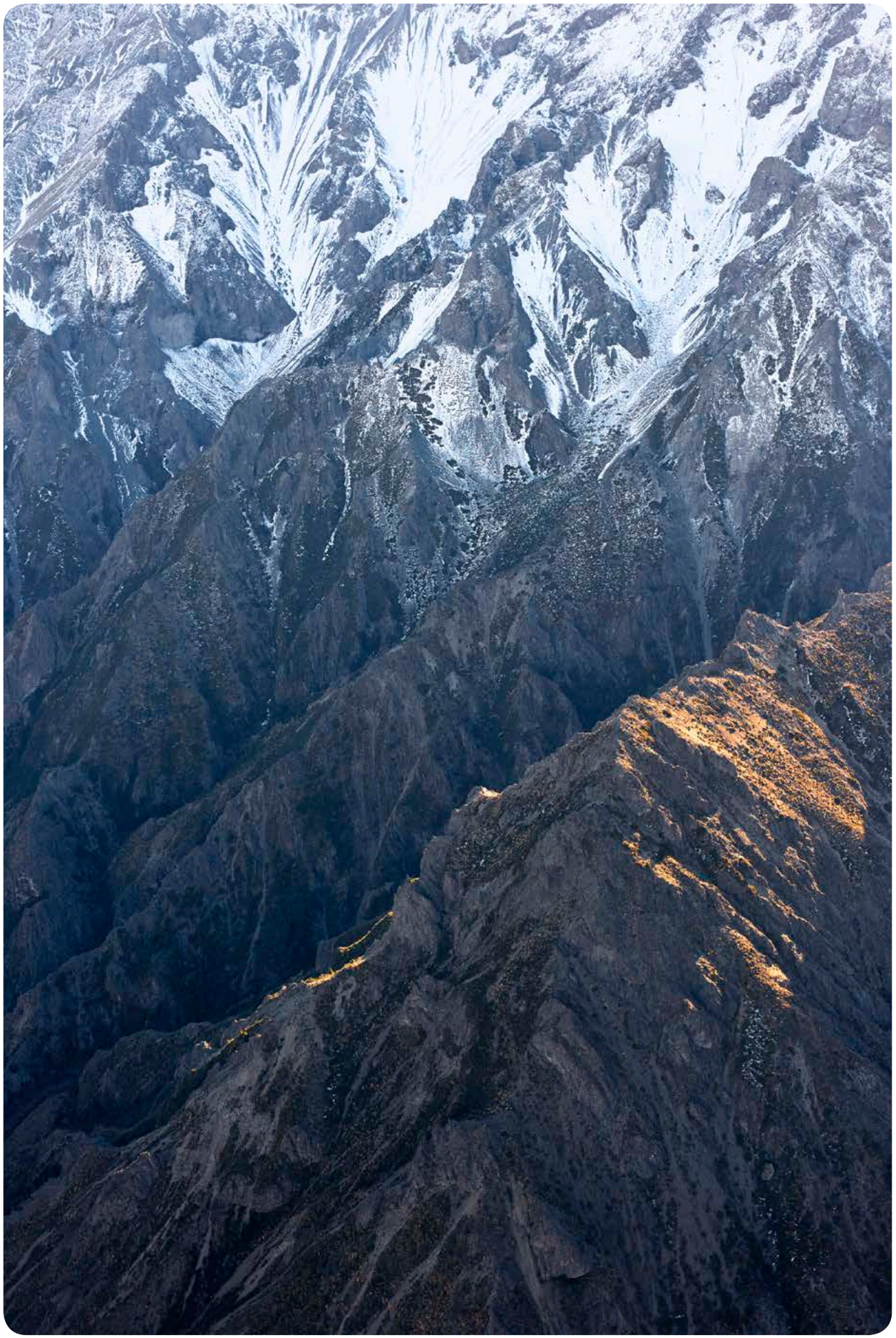

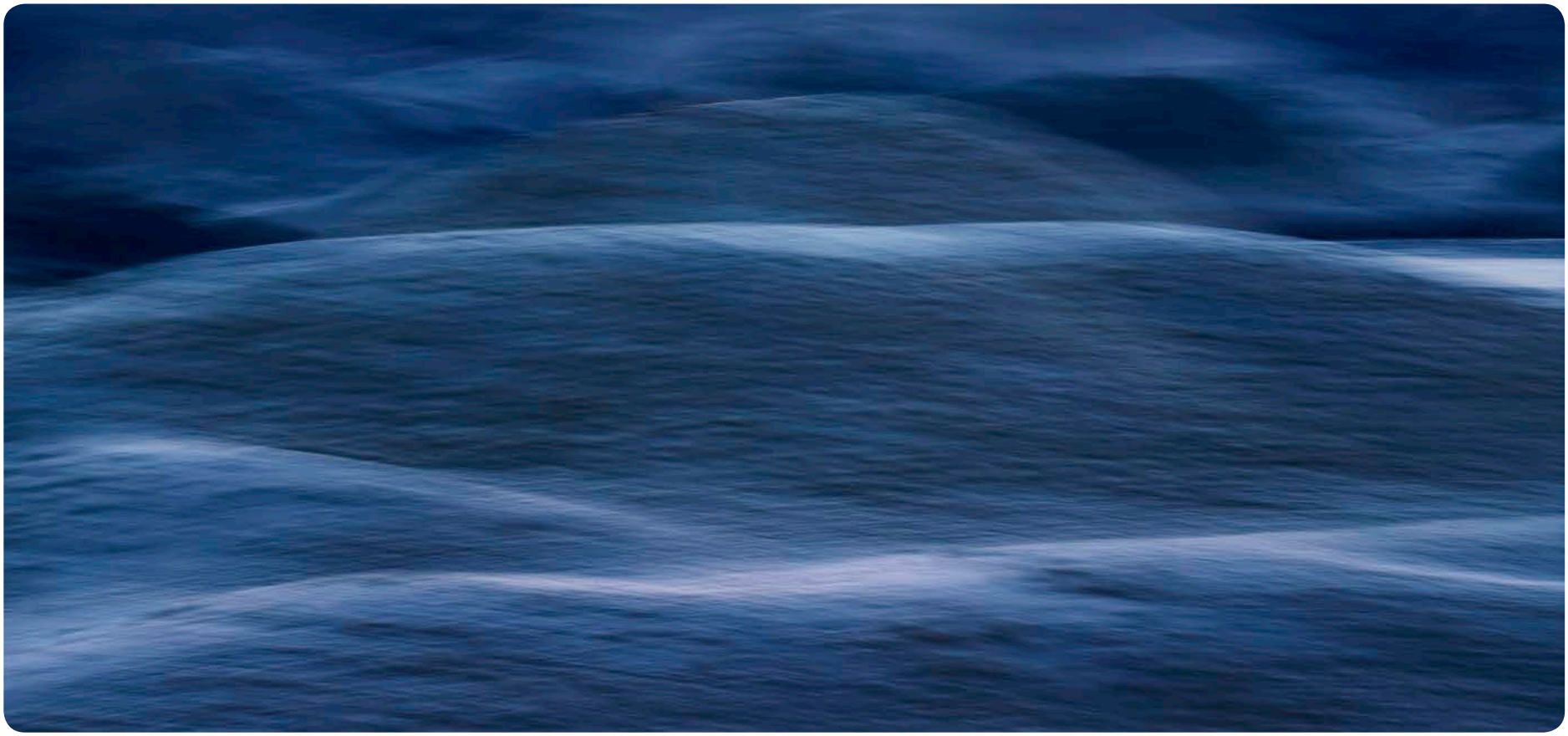

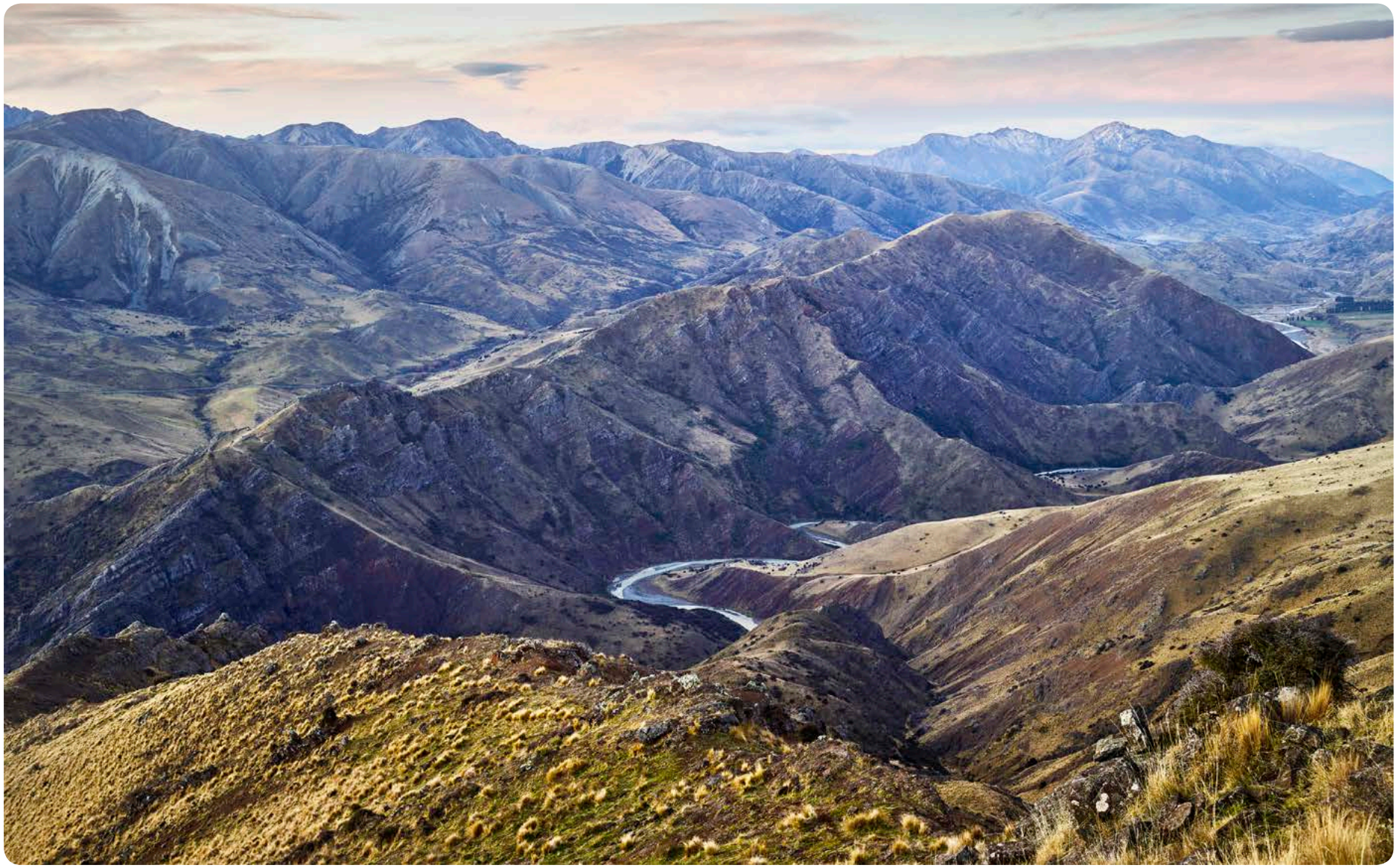

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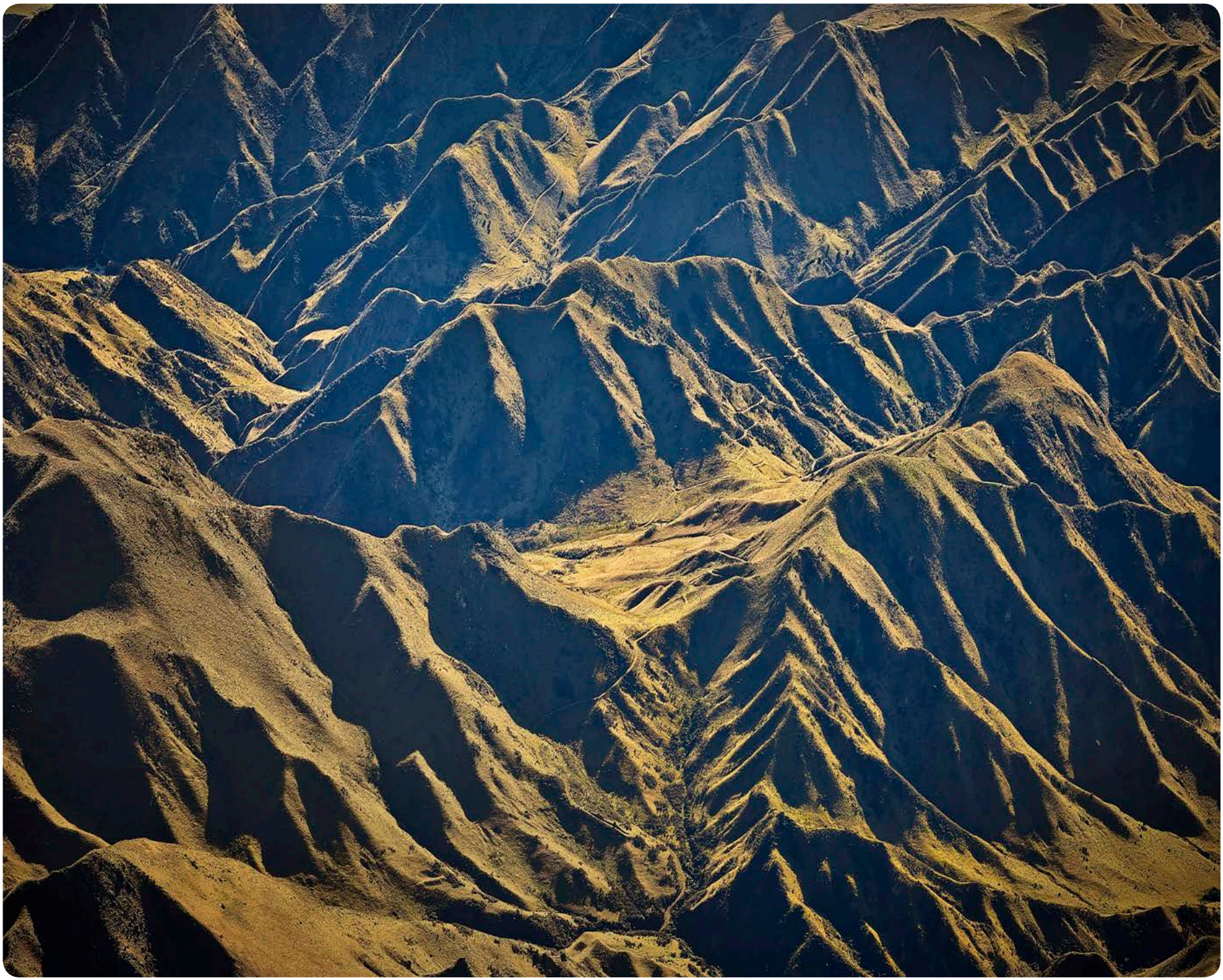

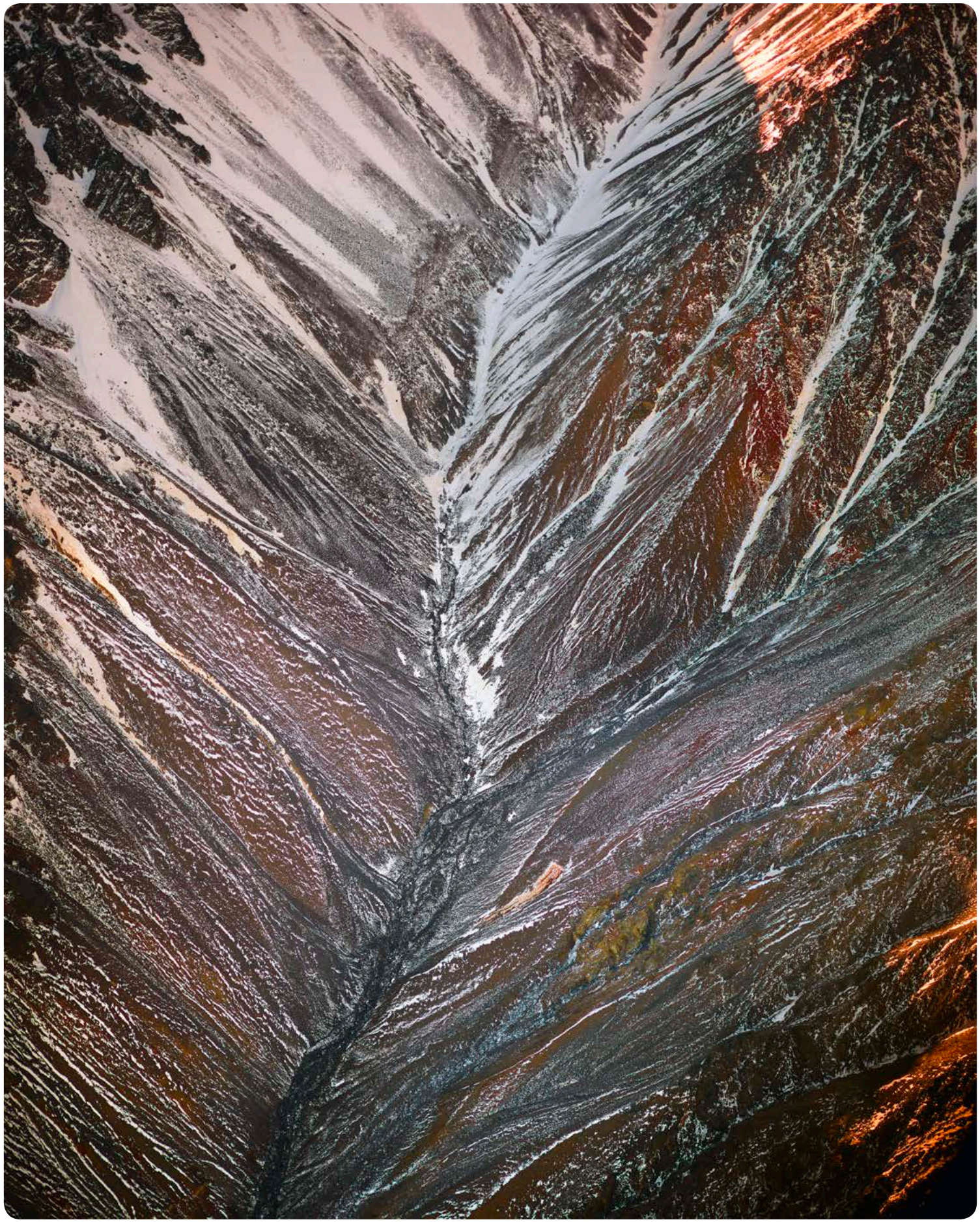

From left to right, Gary Richardson, Tony Hewitt, Jim Love, Peter Eastway, Willie and Susan Macdonald.

We would be remiss not to thank our hosts and station owners Susan and Willie Macdonald for without them, the photographs wouldn't have happened.

Their knowledge of their station and their assistance with aeroplanes, helicopters and 4WD vehicles gave us unmatched access to a very special part of this Earth.

Middlehurst is an easy day trip from Blenheim and Kaikoura – at the gateway to the popular Molesworth Track which goes through to Hamner Springs.

The Station has a range of catering and accommodation options for visitors wishing to experience a working sheep station among some of the South Island's most spectacular scenery. Talk to Willie and Susan about what you or your group has in mind and they'll be happy to help if they can.

Peter Eastway and Tony Hewitt offer a number of bespoke photography tours and workshops. Future workshops at Middlehurst are planned to take a maximum of six students, ensuring a very high teacher/student ratio for the 'photography as art' workshop. The photography opportunities are literally endless.

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