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Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour is a renowned hub for designers, architects, decision-makers and the media. Bringing together the design world, it champions creativity and excellence.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



Spotlight on Design Centre East

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour's personal shopper Gabrielle Grubanovich curated two vignettes in the domes highlighting some of the delights to be found in the showrooms of Design Centre East. With a backdrop of a Nina Campbell wallpaper inspired by James McNeill Whistler's blue and gold masterpiece, the Peacock Room, the dining-room set included pieces from Oficina Inglesa Furniture, Villeroy & Boch, GP & J Baker, C & C Milano, Arteriors and Simpsons.

Celebrating *Roomscapes*

A-list decorator Nicky Haslam attended a party to celebrate *Roomscapes*, an exhibition of his drawings and watercolours depicting past design schemes. The month-long show was hosted by the Design Club in collaboration with the Tristan Hoare gallery.



COMING UP...

London Design Week 2020: Ten days to go

Across an unmissable six days, immerse yourself in the 'masters of design' at London Design Week 2020. Hear from the brightest minds and the industry's leading lights: the show's Conversations in Design talks series includes names such as Rita König, Martin Hulbert, Jay Grierson and Mr & Mrs Smith founder James Lohan and his sister Hannah, while showrooms will play host to even more inspiring speakers, interior designer Emma Sims-Hilditch to lighting designer Paul Nulty and journalist and podcaster Kate Watson Smyth. Come and celebrate new launches and hear from the experts at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour's 120 showrooms and 600 international brands, as well as a roster of 'house guests' that will only be in situ for the duration of the show. There's also a huge incentive to register now, thanks to a substantial VIP prize to be won – see below for details.





Register now to win an overnight stay at Firmdale Hotels + a VIP package

Every registration for London Design Week 2020 will be entered in to a draw to win an overnight stay with dinner, bed and breakfast at Firmdale Hotels, plus a host of other benefits: one year's membership to the Design Club; a lunch for two in the *FT How To Spend It* Restaurant; two VIP tickets to a 'Conversations in Design' and courtesy VIP parking for two days.

Pre-register [CLICK HERE](#)

Making Wood Work

Head to Porada in March for a free BIID-accredited CPD talk about specifying timber furniture. Entitled *Working with Wood*, the session will explain manufacturing processes, give insights into the value of wood and the importance of craftsmanship, and demonstrate how to choose the right stains and lacquers for different projects. The talk takes place from 4pm – 5pm on 26 March; places are limited, so book a space by emailing albertouk@porada.it



MOVERS & SHAKERS



Ethimo

Head to the Third Floor, Centre Dome for Italian outdoor furniture brand Ethimo's new showroom, its first in London. Extolling laid-back Mediterranean living, Ethimo's products bring innovation and Italian design flair to the world of performance furniture. It collaborates on its collections with some of the best names in European design, including Christophe Pillet, Luca Nichetto and Patrick Norguet, and takes particular care over materials: the finishes used can be tailored to their surroundings, whether seaside, pool, city or mountain.



Rubelli/Donghia

Rubelli/Donghia's showroom has been given a new lease of life. Studio Indigo's Mike Fisher has reimagined the space as a flowing series of roomsets, divided by hanging banners that showcase the latest textile collections. A further change sees the showroom staff emerging from their previously closed-off office space and now occupying a big, bright bay at the rear. Rubelli/Donghia's extensive collections are presented side by side: "There is no 'traditional' and 'contemporary' any more: it's about mixing things together," says CEO Nicolò Favaretto Rubelli. Ground Floor, Design Centre East

SIX OF THE BEST

CARNIVAL CREATIVE

As communities across the world come together and let loose for Mardi Gras, it's time to celebrate with bright colour, Latin-American-inspired print and pattern, and plenty of pizzazz.



From left to right: 'Le Soir' trimming, Samuel & Sons. 'Fuoco' chandelier, Wired Custom Lighting. 'Fiesta' fabric, Baker Lifestyle. 'Otomi' fabric, Pierre Frey. 'Jolly' armchair (T738), Turri. 'Galatea' carpet, Tufenkian Artisan Carpets

STYLE PICK...



PERSONAL SHOPPING PICK OF THE MONTH

While the skies are still grey and the rain never seems to end, it would be wonderful to crawl into one of the beds in Savoir Beds' South Dome showroom. Its 'No 2' bed, commissioned for the Savoy hotel in 1905, is a masterclass in craftsmanship, style, comfort and luxury. From the eight-way hand-cording of the base springs to the precision tufting and painstaking hand-slipping of the mattress, the minute detail that goes into its making delivers the ultimate combination of balanced support and softness. Everyone from Winston Churchill to Marilyn Monroe have slept in this bed, and if it's good enough for them...

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