



10 things you missed at the Dubai Design Week 2017

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MIKO + Physiotherapeutic jewellery

Beautiful jewellery pieces that also have physiotherapy benefits, this stall at the Global Grad Show was truly a show stopper. With a number of people struggling with carpal tunnel syndrome, these pieces are designed keeping in mind specific points on the hand, when pressed help the cause of the ailment.

The IKEA stall

Trust IKEA to do everything differently. This year, their stall's theme revolved around the words "Let's Play For Change". The stall was designed to transport the audience into another world which was filled with wonder, illusion and of course lots of play. Think a comfy chair made out of stuffed panda bears, a mirror room and characters dressed up in mystical outfits with pink wigs taking you through the stall.

Lava bench by Karim Rashid

Call it a cloud-like bench or a bobular sculpture, the Egyptian designer Karim Rashid's Lava bench was unmissable. If we could bring it home, it would be the talking point in our living room.

The Klove Studio stall

One of the few Indian brands to showcase their work at the Dubai Design Week, Klove Studio displayed several statement pieces. Our favourite was the Artichoke light installation that looked like an inverted piece of vegetable when lit up.

Airwear

Another gem from the Global Grad Show, designer Manda Roy came up with Airwear, a smart clothing idea that monitors breathing patterns, depth, volume and your heart rate. The app, when connected to the garment made out of Merino wool that's anti-odour, anti-bacterial, coaches the wearer about their breathing patterns and the exercises they should try.

The Pattern Printer by Julia Groth

The Pattern Printer Project is for everyone looking to change the look of their homes in a jiffy. At the Global Grad Show, one of the young designers came up with a cheerful idea to create downloadable, pre-designed wallpapers that can be printed using the home printer. These are available free on her website and all one has to do is print and stick it on their walls.

Salim Al-Kadi's soap installation

Beirut-based architect, Salim Al-Kadi's installation showed simple looking soaps that had a compartment inside. Each of the soaps were composed of two modules, one male and one female unit that mechanically interlock. When exposed to warm water, the two units fuse into one, denying the user the object initially placed inside. You'll only find it, once you finish the soap!

Spun chairs by Thomas Heatherwick

Throughout the Design District, the spun chairs by Heatherwick Studio caught the fancy of people across all age groups. They reminded us of tops we played as children, the chairs with a comfortable back rest and seat, spun whichever way they were rotated and yet one stayed comfortable sitting on them.

The BETTair House

Merging the concepts of sustainability and design, Superfuture design, a future-focused architecture firm came up with a self-sustaining home. It was made using an environmentally-friendly material and was installed as a home ecosystem that had ample natural vegetation. Add to that air-purifying light fixtures by Buzzi & Buzzi.

Swarovski's installation

'Prologue' by Fredrikson Stallard was an outdoor installation that was the literally the centre of attraction at the Dubai Design District where the design week unveiled itself. Created by the London-based designers in 2014, 'Prologue' was a circular sculpture featuring more than 8,000 topaz-coloured crystals. The material lit up differently as the day progressed and was one of the most popular selfie spots.

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