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Carpenters Workshop Gallery, L. Gordijn & R. Nauta, Fragile Future Chandelier 3.4



DUBAI INVADING THE GLOBAL DESIGN SCENE!

R 20TH Century, David Wiseman, Unique Tufted Vase 2



Oh Dubai! Towering skyscrapers, a great multicultural environment, mind blowing shopping and one of the most lively and multicultural environments in the world! But now, Dubai is on its way to becoming a major design and furniture icon after launching **Design Days Dubai**, the Middle East and South Asia's first fair dedicated to collectible and limited edition furniture and design objects.

From 18th to 21st of March, Design Days Dubai offered designers, visitors, and students the opportunity to interact and learn from 22 of the most renowned galleries in the field. The most unique and exclusive designs and ideas were all between the young aspiring Arab designers' hands to sample and learn from.

La Galerie Nationale, Jean-Pierre Laporte, Esox





Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Ika
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Apart from serving as a great opportunity to be up to date on all the world's greatest trends and fashions, this will serve as an unprecedented step to educate young Arab designers and invigorate Dubai's booming design market. ▶▶

Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Vincent Dubourg,
Double Buffet Nouvelle Zelande 1



Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Robert Stadler, Irregular Bomb Sofa 1



Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Sebastian Brajkovic, Lathe V Red

To complete the education experience, a public program of educational seminars and hands-on workshops led by international designers and experts aimed at enlightening visitors and sparking discussions. The line-up includes talks by London-based architect, furniture designer and gallerist **Rabih Hage** on investing in design; a trends seminar with world-renowned trend forecaster **Li Edelkoort**; a series of individual portfolio and mentor sessions for local design students with designer **Nada Debs**; and, a twice-daily series of interactive workshops in which international designers will co-create with the fair's visitors.

The success of Design Days Dubai is an exciting indicator of the maturation of the Arab design scene. We all hope that this sentiment will be contagious and spread to the rest of the Arab world! ■



R 20TH Century, Oscar Niemeyer, Rio