

Clerkenwell Design Week 2019 launches and new designs to bookmark

Ahead of Clerkenwell Design Week, which takes place from May 21 – 23, Hotel Designs takes a closer look at some of the major product launches and new designs to look forward to...

Now that the sun has set on Italy's capital following yet another successful [Milan Design Week](#), *Hotel Designs* is looking ahead to identify many of the major product launches and new designs that are expected to be unveiled during Clerkenwell Design Week.

Set across seven exhibition spaces, CDW venues include Fabric, The House of Detention, St James Church and Spa Fields. Each venue reflects the unique nature of the culturally rich area, with leading UK and international companies exhibiting and launching new products between May 21 – 23. From luxury interiors to innovative lighting, emerging talent and the best of British brands, the exhibition spaces at CDW encompass every facet of design.

British Collection

British Collection is located in the Crypt of St James's Church and showcases designers from all over the UK. For the fourth year, quality materials, design excellence and craft techniques will be championed in the striking setting. Iconic British furniture brand, ercol will exhibit its new VON collection by Icelandic designer based in New York, Hlynur V. Atlason which caters for three areas – work, home and play. Following an evident rise in apart hotels, Kitchen designers Pluck will launch Spoke, a new modular shelving unit inspired by Victorian bamboo furniture available in 11 laminate colours including a new palette of fresh yellow laminate with intense fumed oak.

Benchmark, the powerhouse of British craft will be presenting new upholstered versions of the OVO collection designed by Foster + Partners in an ebony finish. Hand & Eye Studio, meanwhile, will present the O-Beam, a highly versatile light that suits a myriad of spaces with a unique texture inspired by ceramics. Other renowned names in the British furniture industry exhibiting include Brixton-based cabinet makers West & Reid, Forest & Maker and Nathan Furniture.



Design Fields

Situated at the northern end of Clerkenwell, Design Fields in partnership with Kitchen Architecture showcases leading furniture, lighting and product design from around the world. Kitchen Architecture's new outdoor kitchen range by Roshult's is a unique interpretation of cooking and socialising outdoors. Italian furniture brand Tacchini has chosen to showcase PASTILLES in collaboration with Studiopepe at CDW for the UK launch. The collection comprises of small armchairs, ottomans and coffee tables, with soft, enveloping shapes that bring back childhood memories of sweets. This year sees Bauhaus taking centre stage for its 100 year anniversary and Thonet will celebrate all things Bauhaus at CDW. The company will present new interpretations of the side table series MR 515 by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and a new colour concept for the iconic Coffee House Chair 214, both by Studio Besau Marguerre. Other exhibiting companies include Danish company True North Designs, La Cividina and Ondarreta from Spain and SilentLab, all displaying innovation and clever use of technology in their designs.

Light

The former cold-store turned nightclub, Fabric aptly hosts [Light](#), an exhibition dedicated to top international lighting brands within its cavernous brick vaults showcasing spectacular stand-alone installations. Exhibitors include [NOVE lighting](#), which specialises in contemporary products using only natural, sustainable materials including cork from Portugal. Award-winning British brand [Bert Frank](#) will also present new lighting designs.

Swedish company [ateljé Lyktan](#) will present new lighting for both outdoor and indoor use, whilst Austrian based company [XAL](#) will present its revolutionary [MOVE IT SYSTEM](#). Other exhibitors include [Graypants](#), [John Hollington Design](#), [Lomas Furniture](#), [Syska](#) and [ARKKI by Lovi](#).

Elements

Design is in the detail – and details are showcased at [Elements](#) which brings together a leading selection of ironmongery, hardware, switch plates and architectural accessories within a street-market style pavilion on St John's Square, becoming a go-to destination for designers looking for the perfect finish.

This year, Australian brand [TIRAR](#) will showcase beautifully tactile solid timber door furniture designed and made in Sydney, whilst [Harbrine](#) will launch Geo hardware, inspired by geometric forms in classical architecture. Designer [Doorware](#) will present the multi award-winning Monte Timber Collection. English ironmongers [The Beardmore Collection](#) will showcase contemporary products, whilst their master pattern maker will demonstrate the lost-wax casting process for visitors to witness one of the oldest forms of metal working. [Aston Matthews](#) will be exhibiting for the first time, showcasing a diverse range of taps and shower fittings including the Acme collection in scuffed brass and Alto in bronze. Other exhibitors confirmed for Elements include [Dowsing & Reynolds](#), [Hamilton Litestat \(Hotel Designs' Recommended Supplier\)](#) and [Carrson International](#) among others.

Detail

For fine craftsmanship and high glamour, [Detail](#) at The Order of St. John celebrates the most prestigious names in luxury interiors. The venues crypt, cloister garden and church are the perfect setting for the finest designs. This year at Detail, [Sinclair Till](#) will present Swedish company [Kasthall's](#) latest rugs and carpets. Bespoke wallcovering company, [Muraspec](#) will present new products including the Eternity textile and Everglades grasscloth collection. [Arte](#) have created the Vanguard collection, inspired by abstract art from the 1950s. The company has also collaborated with [Moooi](#) to create a luxurious wallcovering collection, [Extinct Animals](#), which first launched at [Maison & Objet](#) earlier this year. Each pattern is inspired by characteristics of one extinct animal from Moooi's Museum of Extinct Animals. [Anna Hayman Designs](#) will present maximalist, luxury homeware inspired by the Bloomsbury movement and the Biba era of the swinging sixties. Other exhibitors include Danish furniture brand [Cane-Line](#), [Samuel Heath](#), [Artwood](#) and [Altfield](#).

Platform

[Platform](#) showcases new design talent in the infamous surroundings of The House of Detention, a former remand prison which opens for the public during CDW. [Junction Fifteen](#) will make its first appearance at CDW to showcase their new Morf Collection, a contemporary furniture collection made using sustainable materials and local craftsmanship. [Trouping Colour's](#) latest exhibition will showcase uncovered design talent chosen by a guest curator. [Gwendoline Porte Design](#) will present a modular concept RAILS, inspired by the form of railway tracks and the concept of 'journey'. These limited edition functional sculptures are playful, graphic and ergonomic. They can be stacked on top of one another to form a column, multiplied to form a hexagonal, or separated to become a stool, chair, coffee table or side table. [INTARC Design](#) will showcase a modular furniture solution which allows for individual or collaborative working environments within a flexible working space, whilst [Takumi Woodwork](#) takes inspiration from Japan to create handcrafted wooden furniture. [Monkey Puzzle Tree](#) will also be presenting a selection of unique designs in collaboration with fine artists. The business has a strong social conscience, paying the artists a generous royalty and supporting British manufacturing. Other exhibitors include [Arte&Stijl](#), [Olenka](#), [Pete Hill Designs](#), [Decimal Design](#) and [Glas Design](#).

Project

Set within the beautiful grounds of St James Church, [Project](#) brings together a leading selection of contract furniture and surface brands from around the globe. Project's first outing was so successful it was extended to cover two linked pavilions and will be even bigger for 2019. [AllSfär](#), a brand dedicated to improving workplace wellbeing will showcase a new range of acoustic products including Muffle and DIFFUSE, an innovative range of modular acoustic furniture. [Sixteen3](#) will present a carefully curated collection of upholstered seating, both new and established. Flooring company [Modulyss](#) will present a range of carpet tiles for the contract market, whilst [Hawk Furniture](#) will exhibit at CDW for the first time, launching two new products perfectly suited to modern workspace interiors. Other exhibitors include [Guialmi](#), [Burgess Furniture](#), [aeris](#), [Amtico](#) and [Rigg](#).

In addition to the pop-up appearances, there are also, as ever, an abundance of new showrooms that are expected to arrive in Clerkenwell including Optelma, Vescom, Fredericia, Workstories, Duravit, Abstracta, Piemme Industrie Ceramiche S.P.A, Haiken Ltd, Savile Row Projects, Parkside and JPMA Global. New Clerkenwell resident, Fredericia will officially launch new pieces by the Danish American designer Jens Risom, in the UK for the first time during CDW. Luxury lighting brand Bert Frank will also open its first showroom in EC1 during CDW.

Hotel Designs is a proud media partner for Clerkenwell Design Week 2019. The team will be on the ground during the event – and if you would like to arrange a meeting, please tweet us [@HotelDesigns](#).