



Best of the Fest

We've got sturdy, comfortable footwear on, our Oyster Cards are topped up and (cue poor Worzel Gummidge impression) we've got our drinking heads on, Aunt Sally. It must be London Design Festival time again. As ever, we're thoroughly enjoying ourselves – catching up with industry mates, attending the odd launch and soirée – and even taking a look at a few inspirational products and displays. In fact, if it weren't for the inclement weather (we should have added waterproofs to our list) we'd be the proverbial pigs in muck. Here are a few of those inspirational products, displays and events – from both old and new friends alike.

Protocol collaborated with Italian manufacturer **Metalmobil** to showcase some new and exciting designs on its 100% Design stand. Most notable were the polypropylene Nassau chair by Marc Sadler, the Dalton range from Giulio Iaccetti and the extensive Myra soft seating range by Emilio Nanni. Protocol is now a preferred supplier of Metalmobil furniture in the UK and features on Architonic.

Our friends at **Nowy Sytl Group** reminded us that 79% of new ideas are born away from the desk and, this year at 100% Design, presented a collection of furniture that encourages collaboration and creative thinking. The company featured **LinkUP** – a modern chaise perfect for taking a break and relaxing, together with **Tepee**, a new modular sofa system with added privacy in the form of thermoset felt panels.

For those times where a desk is crucial, the Group has also introduced **Levitate**, a new desk and workbench with domestic styling, a wooden frame and a pastel colour palette.



Protocol

KI opened the doors of its New Fetter Lane showroom during LDF to unveil the new **Ruckus** seating collection, which disrupts and redefines the boundaries of learning spaces. Today's educational environments are required to support 'active learning'. Innovative curricula and pedagogies can only succeed if students are able to move freely and engage with their teachers, their materials and each other. **Ruckus** offers a unique approach to facilitating this essential movement – it allows the user to rotate 360 degrees within the chair, rather than having to move the chair itself. Regardless of starting position, the user can quickly pivot and reorient themselves to where they need to direct their attention.



KI



Kelly's Eye

Kelly Hoppen MBE has joined forces with leading carpet manufacturer, Brintons, to create a bold new collection of contemporary woven carpets.

The new venture is the renowned interior designer's first ever carpet collection and will be launched at Sleep, the annual hotel design event taking place in London this November. The Kelly Hoppen Collection by Brintons brings the designer's unparalleled eye for trend-leading design to the commercial carpet sector. The result is a distinctive new contemporary aesthetic that completely eschews the typical 'swirl and block' patterns for which the commercial/hospitality sector is traditionally known. Instead, the dynamic collection consists of 13 geometric and organic designs in on-trend colourways that reflect the designer's award-winning design style and pared-back aesthetic. Kelly Hoppen took inspiration from diverse influences ranging from geometric shapes to elements found in everyday surroundings, such as cracks in a pavement and splashes of paint.



McGee for ISG

ISG has appointed Steven McGee as Divisional Director of its hospitality business.

The move further strengthens ISG's senior management team and growth in this key sector, where ISG has established an enviable specialism. Steven has 25 years' direct experience as a main contractor and developer working on major hospitality and leisure projects, including the £185 million fit-out of Ten Trinity Square in the City of London. The mixed-use project consists of 41 super prime apartments, a 100-bed luxury Four Seasons Hotel, complete with leading restaurants, a luxury spa and a private members' club.



Show me the Sway

KI celebrated its 21st anniversary in the UK at its stunning New Fetter Place headquarters during London Design Festival.

The company marked the occasion by launching a number of new workplace furniture products designed to help enhance worker wellbeing.

Our friends at KI were also excited to present the launch of the revolutionary Sway2 lounge seating collection, which features a unique gyroscopic motion that self-adjusts to the user's preferred style. The first of its kind, this statement piece made its debut at NeoCon in Chicago earlier this summer, receiving a 'Best of NeoCon' Award for Innovation.



In 2016, increasing government involvement subjected peer-to-peer players to new taxes and regulations similar to those imposed on traditional hotels. These included building accessibility and safety rules, transient occupancy taxes and headline-making length-of-stay regulations. In New York City no longer permits short-term rentals (if the host is not present), and London and Amsterdam now restrict the number of nights per year a private home may be rented. In London the maximum per calendar year 90 days.