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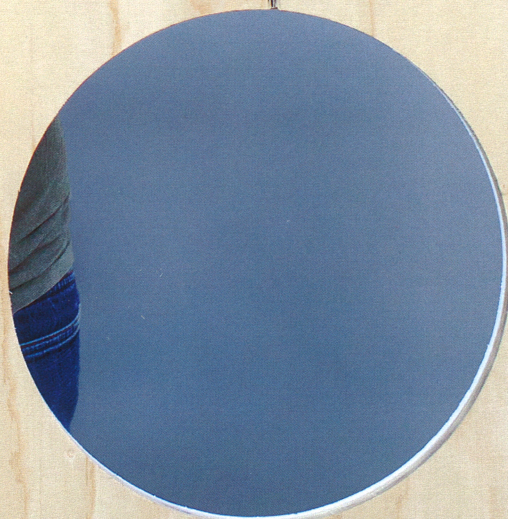
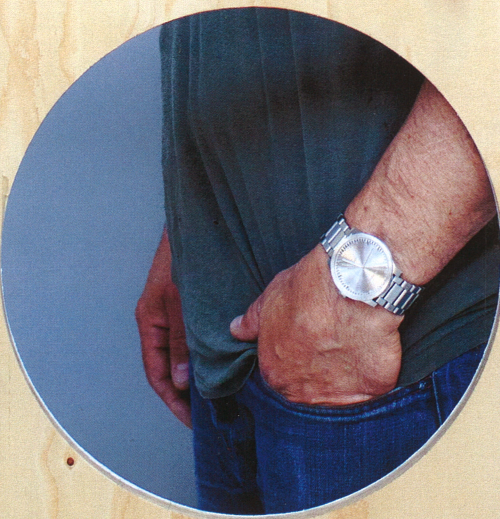
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The card firm's  
bright new home



## PREVIEW

What's coming up at  
LDF and 100% Design





# London Design Festival

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This year's festival runs from 17-25 September, with talks, installations and the city's first Design Biennale. Below, we kick off our special preview with some exhibition highlights

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## KI Europe

Furniture supplier KI will be giving graduates the spotlight and bringing workplace design innovation to the fore at an open-house exhibition in its headquarters and showroom in New Fetter Lane.

Recent graduates of the RCA/Imperial College Innovation Design Engineering double masters course will be given the opportunity to showcase a range of exciting new products that explore means of creating happier, healthier, productive and sustainable workplaces in the future.

Christian Felsner & Christina Petersen, the recipients of KI Awards in June this year, will display their winning projects. Felsner's *Aktor* makes use of a cleverly constructed three-layer material that allows users to engage with objects – shifting their size and shape and strengthening the relationship between product and consumer.

Petersen's project sees a future where artificial lighting is connected to the user rather than to the building, with lighting responding to the body's natural rhythms and needs. *LYS* is a machine learning system in the form of a light-sphere that emits the right amount of light for the individual user. These original project ideas could potentially lead to innovative products like a personal light sensor or transportable personalised lighting solutions.

A whole host of other innovations will be on display that could benefit various industries, including interior design and planning, workplace strategy and product design, as well as giving some fascinating insights into the future of the workplace. One of the works on display will be the *Lilo Bench* by recent Kingston



University graduate Connor Holland, who took the *Mixology16* award for Student Furniture Designer of the Year for his eye-catching work.

## Zaha Hadid Design Gallery

A new exhibition from the Zaha Hadid Design Gallery will feature artwork from the archives, investigating Hadid's early design proposals and research.

The gallery, in Goswell Road, provides an engaging showcase for Hadid's acclaimed product and furniture design, which is arranged over two floors.

Opened to the public in 2013, the space hosts an ever-changing programme. Past exhibitions include jewellery and fashion pop-ups, displays of Hadid's architectural models and reliefs from the archive.

## Turning Earth at Milliken

Milliken's Clerkenwell showroom in Berry Street will house an exhibition of ceramics created by Turning Earth members and alumni.

The collaboration was prompted by Milliken's new carpet tile collection, *Glazed Clay*, which takes inspiration from the subtle colours, finishes and textures of studio pottery.

The event aims to showcase the work of both up-and-coming and established artists, designers and makers. Visitors will not only have the opportunity to view and buy the works on show but also to meet many of the makers.

Around 30 craftspeople will be taking part, including Ben Sutton, Andrea Roman, Tom Kemp, Stine Dulong of *SkandiHus*, Pat O Leary, Caroline Austin, Natascha Madeiski and Tessa Barrett.

↑ Christian Felsner with *Aktor* at KI

↓ Turning Earth ceramics at Milliken

