

Sri Lanka Design Festival 2016: Contemporary Sri Lanka, Craft Innovation for Interior Design



SLDF will include an interior design exhibit

Sri Lanka Design Festival (SLDF) annually presents a powerful platform for design and related industries in Sri Lanka. Parallel to its agenda to support the multibillion dollar apparel industry as well as supporting scopes for travel, tourism and hospitality, SLDF also focuses on interior design. It aims to raise the bar in local interior design and share the new innovations of the sector.

The internationally curated exhibition is freely open to the public, and is supplemented by mini-conferences. SLDF looks to create a hotspot of progressive energy to push forward Sri Lankan interior design with new knowledge, education, fresh talent and new advances in tech and creativity. A special focus at the event is the Sri Lankan contemporary craft pavilion, which culminates the collaborative efforts of nearly five hundred artisans with a group of designers.

The SLDF Interior Design Exhibition aims to share a new living ideal from Sri Lanka, which characterises the spirit of the Island within a contemporary context. Produced by benchmarking events like London Design Festival and Maison et

Objet in Paris, SLDF Interior Design Exhibition brings together some of the country's leading brands curated into designer spaces and unique installations.

The event will create spaces by collating elements of tropical style with contemporary design using a mix of cold and warm materials and by depicting industrial and vegetation through lighting, shadows and textures. The exhibition not only aims to inspire the public and students of interior design and architecture. It also provides a fantastic platform for property developers, design firms, architectural studios, real estate agencies and property owners, looking for modern Sri Lankan design, to meet designer studios, home brands and interior supply chains.

Parallel to the exhibition, the festival will also host interior design talks featuring a mix of international and local speakers, to share new and interesting viewpoints as well as knowledge on Future Tropical Modernism with students, experts, professionals in the field and those interested.

SLDF is held from November 3 - 6, 2016 at the SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre).

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