



Above: *Vondom Sabinas* by Javier Mariscal
Right: *Turbo Coffee* by Abwab



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game-changing, big-name designers of the future will be, you'd do a lot worse than to start here.

Elsewhere, we're boasting about our nation's creativity across the disciplines of architecture, food, fashion, interiors, graphic design, toys and even artificial intelligence and virtual reality, much of which is underscored with a sustainable and social ethos and consciousness. On this topic, architect, "undisputed global leader in sustainable practices," and curator of the Italian Pavilion in the upcoming Venice Biennale, Mario Cucinella will be giving a talk on best sustainable practices on 15 November on the DXBDW main stage at d3.

Grazia will be heading to The Ripe Design Market to discover and support our city's blossoming start-ups – and to eat treats from the organic stall, obviously – as well as to the Arabic Type Workshop, a talk on the influence of typography on perception, and the *Industry to Luxury* exhibition hosted by DRAK to explore what a new definition of luxury would be.

We're also happy to see interactive sessions for high-school design students wanting to build their portfolios up. A promising and nurturing push for the future stars of Dubai Design Weeks to come, no? 



DESIGNS ON DUBAI

WE'RE PROUD OF MANY THINGS HERE IN DUBAI; tall, shiny buildings, the world's best hotels, year-round sunshine – but it's our burgeoning art and design scene that is one of the real unsung heroes of life here in the UAE; at least, for anyone who doesn't know it that well, anyway.

If you do though, you'll be happy to hear that Dubai Design Week is back again for its third year on the trot, a 200 event-strong programme running from 13-18 November at a cluster of venues across the city – d3, understandably, being the central hub, although Al Quoz, Deira and Ras Al Khor are also playing host to an impressively diverse array of keynote speeches, exhibitions, workshops, public performances and film screenings.

Major shows will include *Downtown Design*; the fifth edition of the famed homeware fair that platforms the kind of offbeat brand design that #interiorsinspo dreams are made of, and *Global Grad Show*; modestly pitching itself as “the largest ever student gathering, representing 92 of the world's best design schools, from 43 countries on six continents.” If you want to know who the most innovative,



Main: From *Iconic City: Loading... Casa* by Zineb Arraki
Above: From *Not A Toy: Be@utrick Collection Exhibition*