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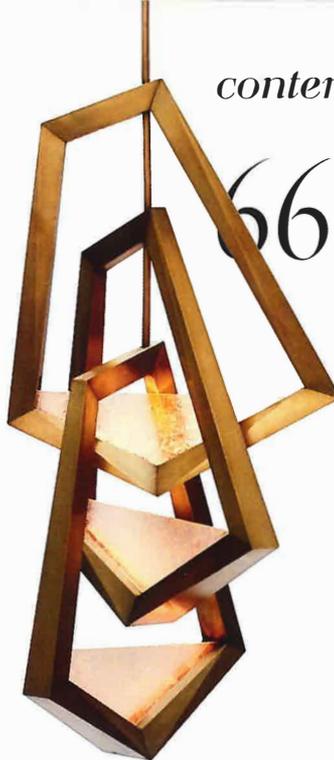
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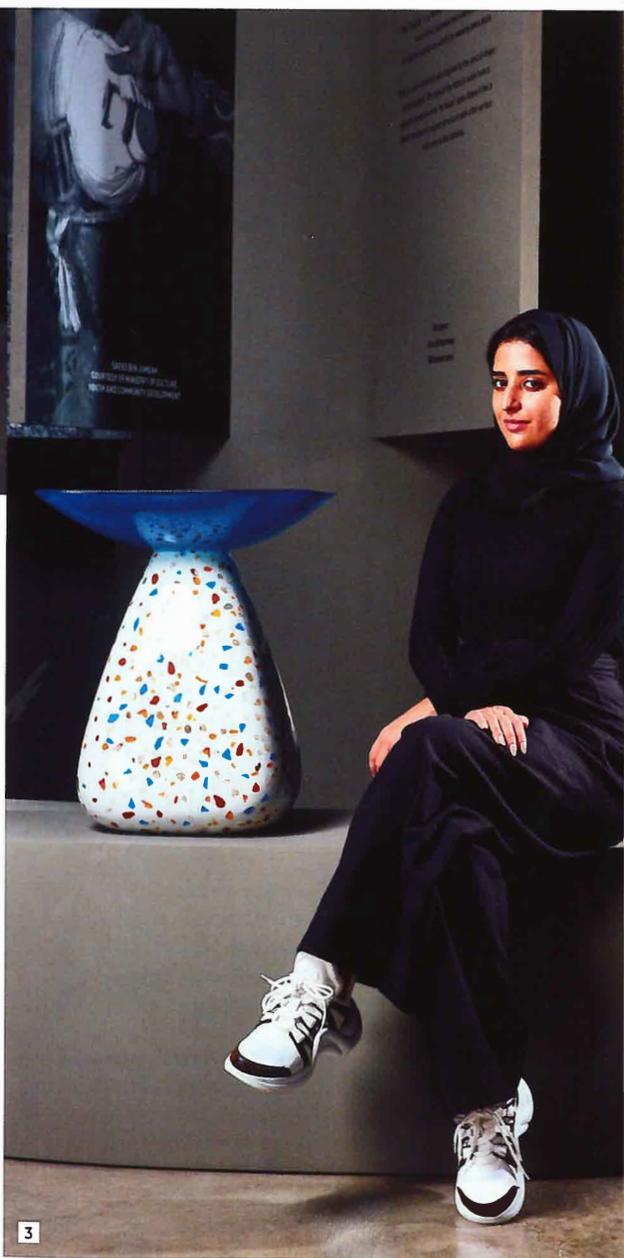
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Eight *UAE* designers are bringing a celebration of *Emirati* culture to Dubai Design Week

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Clockwise from above:
1 A free-standing coat hanger design by Azza Al Qubaisi
2 Salem Al Mansoori challenges the form of the Emirati coffee cup
3 Alia Al Mazrooei presents her KAJ table design at the London Design Fair

“**T**he Emirati design scene has definitely grown over the past few years, with local designers now showing globally,” says Roudha Al Shamsi, one of eight creatives taking part in the *UAE Design Stories* show during Dubai Design Week this November. “The emphasis on emerging designers has introduced a larger variety of talent to the country, which is good to see.”

Al Shamsi will be joining seven other local talents at the exhibition, including interior designer Alia Mazrooei, multidisciplinary designers Aljoud Lootah and Salem Al Mansoori, sculpturist Azza Al Qubaisi, jewellery designer Alia bin Omair, architect Abdalla Al Mulla, and Bedouin Emirati artist Ahmad Al Areef. Each of these creatives will be presenting original works from their collections, ranging



Clockwise from above:
4 Alia bin Omair's *Ejfa* headpiece is based on the traditional braided Bedouin hairstyle
5 Roudha Al Shamsi's *The Spindle* pendent lighting
6 Aljoud Lootah with her modern *Mandoos* design
7 Ahmad Al Areef in front of his *Qaser Al Haakim* installation

Dhabi's *Qasr Al Hosn* with contemporary footage of the emirate's new presidential palace.

After graduating, the jewellery designer Alia Bin Omair focused on creating a line that she describes as 'bold, organic and highly curated'. Her gold *Ejfa* headpiece is inspired by the traditional braided Bedouin hairstyle. Like many of the featured talents, Bin Omair is optimistic about the direction the local design scene is heading in: "The industry is slowly growing and I am happy to see that the government is creating more opportunities for the designers." □
Dubai Design Week will run from 12 - 17 November at Dubai Design District (d3). dubaidesignweek.ae

from furniture design and jewellery to art pieces. All of them have been instrumental in elevating the UAE design industry on an international level, and showed their work as a collective under the d3 banner during Milan and London design weeks earlier this year.

Dubai-based Lootah started her journey exploring product design and bespoke corporate gifts. She then established her studio with a keen interest in exploring the idea of contrasts in form and function. "My creative drive comes from a passion for detail, aesthetics, and experimental approaches to materials and techniques," she explains.

Abdalla Al Mulla will showcase furniture from his MULA line, while Ahmad Al Reef, one of the artists to be featured, will present his *Qaser Al Haakim* installation, a projection piece that atmospherically juxtaposes historic images of Abu

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