



## Squire & Partners designs bespoke installation for Surface Design Show

Squire & Partners has been invited by the trade association Stone Federation to design the Stone Knowledge Hub at the Surface Design Show (SDS) 2020. A regular feature for the association's Stone Gallery, the hub showcases innovations in the use and application of stone in the built environment.

The bespoke installation is made in collaboration with Italian furniture maker Lema SpA and natural stone supplier SolidNature, while the display is illuminated by independent lighting specialist Atrium.

SolidNature collaborated with Squire & Partners to curate a collection of samples provided by SolidNature and three British suppliers. Showcasing the variety of natural stone on offer in the UK, from marble, onyx and quartzite to slate and

limestone, the display creates 'a tapestry' rich in colour – ranging from off-whites, greens, yellows and pinks to red, browns and blacks – and patterns and texture, with seven different finishes including polished, honed, sandblasted, leathered, corrugated, ribbed and pillowed.

With sustainability in mind, photographic postcards with supplier details are available for visitors to take away instead of bulky, heavy and wasteful stone samples, while following SolidNature's sustainability policy a third of its samples are created from off-cuts.

The hub will be open throughout SDS, from 11-13 February at the Business Design Centre in London. [stonefed.org.uk](http://stonefed.org.uk) | [squireandpartners.com](http://squireandpartners.com) | [lemamobili.com/en](http://lemamobili.com/en) | [atrium.ltd.uk](http://atrium.ltd.uk) | [solidnature.com](http://solidnature.com)

## Hackney orders removal of Antepavilion commissions

Hackney council has ordered the removal of two Antepavilion projects – 2019's Potemkin Theatre by Maich Swift Architects, and 2017's H-VAC by PUP Architects – for incongruity with surroundings and a resulting 'loss of amenity'. Following this news, the 2020 edition of the Architecture Foundation's annual commission asks for proposals for a floating pavilion on Regent's Canal, as was seen in 2018, rather than a rooftop one. [antepavilion.org](http://antepavilion.org)

## Bisley announces senior board appointments

Bisley has announced three appointments to its Group Board in the shape of Robin Bayliss, group sales director; Richard Costin, commercial director; and David Botterill, group finance director. On the appointments, John Atkin, CEO, said: 'I am delighted to welcome Richard, Robin and David as Group Board members – their collective experience, expertise and leadership will enhance and strengthen Bisley to ensure the long-term sustainable future of the business.' [bisley.co.uk](http://bisley.co.uk)

## Toyota and BIG to build prototype future city

During January's Consumer Electronics Show (CES), Toyota announced plans to build a prototype 'city' of the future at the base of Mount Fuji in Japan. Across a 175-acre site, Woven City will be a living laboratory for a fully connected ecosystem, powered entirely by hydrogen fuel cells. Toyota commissioned Bjarke Ingels of BIG to design Woven City, and also invites further collaboration from commercial and academic partners. [toyota.co.uk](http://toyota.co.uk)



## Entries now open for Brintons and FX's Carpet Design Competition

Entries are now open for the carpet design competition that British carpet maker Brintons has launched with FX Magazine.

Entrants are invited to design a commercial product for use in the hospitality market; a sample of the winning design will be made by Brintons in its factory, while cash prizes range from £500 to £100.

The brief asks for personal interpretations of 'ritual' – often connected to culture, history, spirituality and traditions, it might also relate to an everyday ritual: a recurring behaviour, a gesture, a word or a treasured object.

The deadline is 17 April 2020. For all competition information and to enter, please visit: [brintons.net/fx-competition](http://brintons.net/fx-competition)

## 13th IFI Congress will take place in Dubai

On 25-28 February 2020, the biannual International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI) Congress and General Assembly will take place in Dubai at the Park Hyatt hotel. Organised in collaboration with the Association of Professional Interior Designers and hosted by the City of Dubai, UAE, the event hopes to bring the international design community to Dubai to discuss the theme 'Design 2050 – Technology. Design. Education'. The event will feature the GAP Prize, given to an individual or collective that has made an outstanding international contribution to the fields of architecture and design. [ificongressdubai.com](http://ificongressdubai.com)