

Decorex Cape Town lines up design stars

Decorex Cape Town, which takes place from 29 April to 2 May at the CTICC, promises a line-up of both established names and exciting emerging talents.

Amongst those exhibitors is interior designer Adriaan Lochner, whose Salt River-based firm has been awarded the Designer Spotlight showcase at Decorex Cape Town. “The challenge for me is to work within a limited budget, proving to visitors that it is possible to creatively combine large swathes of inexpensive fabric with small quantities of high-end ranges to affordably create the required look and mood,” explains Lochner, who will collaborate with leading local textile house, Home Fabrics, on his stand.

While his design style is defined by its ability to be at once elegant and timeless, it also incorporates different cultural influences, something visitors can expect to see more of in the Decorex Trend Pods showcase. Spaces designed exclusively to mark the turning point in Africa’s design identity; this new feature will yoke high-tech, high-end design with traditional low-tech African craft, fusing them with an original, courageous, soulful, sensitive and even sexy interior decorating execution.



Decorex CT design cast

At the forefront of the task of defining a new African design language are Nicky Tyers, an established interior designer whose consultancy, Lion & Tyers, is based in Wynberg, Cape Town, and designer Dorothy van’t Riet, whose design and décor consultancy is located in Parkmore, Johannesburg, but has wide experience in Africa.

Jeanne-Louise Lamont is one of the designers appointed a stand on the new Top Man by Natural Stone Warehouse showcase, in which four local designers have each been tasked with interpreting the character of a male celebrity in the ultimate “men-only” room setting. Appropriately, Lamont, who has been paired with four-time World Surfski Champion, entrepreneur and speaker, Dawid Mocke, will draw on the colours and materials of the ocean for her feature stand.

Local designer Petra Vonk’s creative studio is sponsoring the VIP/Media lounge at Decorex Cape Town, adjacent to her showcase stand. “We’ll dress the lounge in items from our in-house furniture range, while our stand will showcase our craftsmanship, innovation and a few of our favourite things. Here, we will be looking to create a fusion of old and rare, new and modern, and natural. Materials such as twine, wood, Perspex, copper, leather, wool, velvet, steel, glass and mesh will have a strong presence.”

“Cape Town has a remarkable pool of design talent and we are privileged to showcase some of the province’s leading lights at Decorex 2016,” says Sian Gutstadt, portfolio director of Decorex SA. “In keeping with its new theme, ‘Take it Home, Make it Home’, Decorex Cape Town promises to bring design-hungry visitors more inspired ideas than ever.”

Decorex Cape Town details

The show runs from 10am to 7pm daily (6pm Monday) and ticket prices are R85 for adults, R75 for trade, pensioners and students and R20 for kids under 12. For more information, go to www.decorer.co.za or [click here](#).

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