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What To Look Out for When PAD London Brings the Best in Contemporary and Historical Design to Mayfair This Month



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Back for its 18th year, PAD London brings leading galleries from across the world to showcase work that spans from masters of Scandinavian modernism to ethereal sculptures by cutting-edge artists.

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London's most art-filled month of the year is here. And if you're wondering how best to navigate October's plethora of fairs and exhibition openings then there's one event that no design fan should miss – and that's PAD London. Running with Frieze London (October 13–18), PAD London brings the best in global design and craft to a tent in Berkeley Square.

The sister to PAD Paris, the fair was founded in 2007 by fourth-generation Parisian antique dealer Patrick Perrin. It's the UK's only fair dedicated to contemporary and historical design, and it's loved by design enthusiasts (as well as collectors, designers and interiors specialists) for the world-class experts and leading contemporary galleries that exhibit there. You can explore the full exhibitor list on the PAD London website; but below, we've pulled out some highlights to look out for.

Boundary-pushing first-timers

The 18th edition of PAD London will bring together 67 exhibitors from 18 countries. And while certain galleries tend to be mainstays of the fair, this year, Pad London is welcoming 12 new galleries and designers – many of which will explore fascinating unifying themes in their booths. There's Buccellati (which specialises in Italian jewellery, silverware and watches) unveiling its sumptuous silver pieces in collaboration with designer Chahan Minassian. South Korea's Lloyd Choi Gallery curates *Quiet Materials*, which will showcase craftsmanship spanning ceramics, metal, textiles and even rain-imprinted porcelain. Art and collectible design from eastern Europe, made with unexpected materials, comes from Initio Arts & Design. And don't miss a celebration of Brazilian modernist design by Galeria Bessa Pereira, focusing on chairs, stools and sofas by masters of the movement.

Major contemporary design galleries

The thrill of PAD London is getting up close to design that spans the functional (such as chairs, lighting and tables) to the sculptural and decorative. Some pieces play with the boundaries between the two, like Lukas Wegweth and Corinna Dehn (Gallery Fumi) in their ongoing *Armadillo* series, where objects like rounded cabinets appear made from shingles. Galerie Kreo also explores this blurred boundary, with works like Marco Campardo's sleek *Jello Tempio* coffee table, while Seugjin Yang (Gallery LVS & Craft) exhibits playful furniture that looks to be made from balloon animals.

Rare historical treasures

Museum-quality pieces curated by international experts will be on display at PAD London – some of which are being displayed for the first time in a fair. They span everything from French art deco to Italian post-war – and even if you're not a collector, they're well worth seeing. Modernity gallery will showcase some pieces by masters of Scandinavian modernism, including Hans J Wegner, Märta Måås-Fjetterström and Kaare Klint. And over at the Galerie Jacques Lacoste booth, there'll be works by Pablo Picasso, Diego Giacometti and more. Vibrant post-war design pieces will be on display at Zigzag Modern, by artists including George and Mira Nakashima and Finn Juhl.

Tickets to PAD London are onsale now, and the public opening runs from Thursday, October 15 to Sunday, October 18.

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