

Achille Salvagni Debuts Book, Alexandra Champalimaud Receives FIT Prize, and More News in New York

Here's what you need to know

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The amenity spaces of The Centrale, designed by Champalimaud Design. Photo: Evan Joseph

The New York design world is always busy. Keeping up to date on all the news can be tough, which is why we're here to give you the news roundup for New York, a one-stop shop for everything you need to know.

Events

Achille Salvagni to Debut New Book at Maison Gerard

[Maison Gerard](#) is welcoming guests to celebrate the launch of a new [book](#) on architect and designer Achille Salvagni on November 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Salvagni and author Pilar Viladas will be available to sign books and chat over refreshments. The evening is taking place in the Elizabeth Collective at 10 West 56th Street.

Crosby Street Hotel to Host Curated Art Walks

After overhauling its art program, The Crosby Street Hotel, owned and designed by [Kit Kemp](#), is hosting art tours guided by local artist Lyora Pissarro. After making their way through the hotel's collection, guests will then venture off to galleries in Chelsea and Tribeca as part of the tour. The tours cost \$110, or \$155 with the inclusion of a light lunch afterward at the Crosby Street Hotel. The next tour is November 23, and starts at 10:30 a.m. Designers can purchase tickets [here](#).

East Hampton House Tour to Showcase East End's Finest

Those heading out to the [East End](#) for the Thanksgiving holiday should mark their calendars for the East Hampton House Tour. Peek inside some of the most incredible homes in the hamlet on November 30 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Now in its 35th year, the event also follows a kickoff party the night before from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maidstone Club. Tickets can be purchased in person at Clinton Academy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, November 29, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

IFDA to Celebrate Rising Stars at FAIR Showroom

The New York chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA) will host an event on November 21 to celebrate the "Rising Stars of Design." The event is located at FAIR, Brad Ford's showroom at the New York Design Center at 200 Lexington Avenue, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Designer [Amy Lau](#) will serve as the emcee for the evening.

Party of the Week

1stdibs Fêtes 1stdibs 50

Last week, guests gathered in the sprawling gallery of 1stdibs, just south of Hudson Yards, to celebrate the third iteration of the 1stdibs 50, a grouping of some of the most talented designers working today. There were several open bars serving drinks, canapés being passed on trays, and a sectioned-off maze of art and design pictures, where everyone from Bill Sofield to [1stdibs](#) CEO David Rosenblatt could be spotted feeling their way through.

"The 1stdibs 50 is a unique grouping of designers who possess talent, discernment, historical knowledge, a touch of playfulness, and the ability to make a space truly soar," Anthony Barzilay Freund, editorial director of 1stdibs, tells AD PRO. "These men and women are inspiring, in the true sense of the word. We salute their remarkable achievements."

Openings

Area Opens on Fifth Avenue

New York-based [bedding](#) and accessories company Area has opened a new showroom at 1 Fifth Avenue. The showroom will also feature a rotating selection of other artists and designers' works. On view now are pieces by Klein Reid, a Brooklyn ceramics studio.

Aalto + Chamberlain Debuts at the Judd Foundation

Coming straight from Donald Judd's architectural office in Marfa, Texas, the furniture and paintings of two accomplished creators will be on display at the Judd Foundation's Spring Street outpost starting on November 21. The exhibition, *Aalto + Chamberlain*, features furniture from Alvar Aalto and paintings by John Chamberlain, and is co-managed by Aalto's Finnish furniture brand Artek.

The Centrale Unveils New Amenities for Opening

There's a lot to be seen at [The Centrale](#). As one of Midtown's buzziest new real estate offerings, the building has recently unveiled its interiors and amenity spaces, designed by Champalimaud Design. Developed by Ceruzzi Properties, with architecture by Pelli Clarke Pelli, the building features 71 floors and a few standout moments, such as the great room, with its 36-foot ceilings, Nestos marble accents, and a floral-inspired installation by Pascale Girardin.

Frampton Co Opens Exhibition Penthouse at New Studio

Designer [Elena Frampton](#) is welcoming guests on November 21 to the opening of the Exhibition Penthouse, which will be located inside Frampton Co's 9 East 19th Street studio and will showcase the work of artists and designers on Frampton's team and beyond.

Hodinkee and Omega Open Holiday Pop-Up

For the latest holiday pop-up, watch brand Omega and retailer Hodinkee have built a living-room environment for guests to explore and lounge in while trying on watches. The pop-up, located at 247 Lafayette Street, features vintage rugs, midcentury lamps, Jeanneret armchairs, an Eames lounge chair, and vintage photos mounted on the walls. The opening runs through November 24.

Awards

Alexandra Champalimaud to Receive 2019 Lawrence Israel Prize from FIT

The interior design school within the Fashion Institute of Technology has named designer [Alexandra Champalimaud](#) the winner of the 2019 Lawrence Israel Prize. The award celebrates designers or firms that enrich the lives of FIT students. On November 21 at 6 p.m., Champalimaud will accept the award and deliver a talk at the school.

Trust for Public Land Honors Architect Thomas L. Woltz

Guests converged on Cipriani Downtown last week for the Trust for Public Land's annual honors. Among the honorees, architect Thomas L. Woltz was celebrated for his work creating ecologically conscious [landscapes](#). In attendance was everyone from elected officials to philanthropists, real estate developers, and financial executives.

Business

Sandow Acquires *Metropolis* Magazine

Media brand Sandow has announced that it has acquired architecture and design publication *Metropolis* in a recent sale. The magazine joins Sandow's other design titles, *Interior Design*, *Galerie*, and *Luxe Interiors + Design*. *Metropolis* was founded in 1981 by Horace Havemeyer III.

Product Launches

Roric Tobin Debuts Holiday Table for Luxury Living

Designer [Roric Tobin](#) has been tapped to create a special holiday table for Luxury Living, which will go on view at the brand's 153 Madison Avenue showroom on November 20. Tobin's design, which will be built on Baccarat la Maison's Tuile dining table, is inspired by graffiti artists. "We wanted to introduce splashes of color into the clean space, and the brash style and bold palette of graffiti also perfectly express the exuberance of the holiday spirit," Tobin said in a statement.

Preservation

550 Madison to Get a Lobby Facelift

After finally being recognized as a city landmark earlier this year, the postmodern tower at 550 Madison Avenue, originally designed by Philip Johnson and John Burgee, is getting a revitalization to its lobby from the team at Gensler. Gensler's Paris-based design director, Philippe Paré, is leading the project.