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London Hosts Copper in a Box

From 18th – 21st September, 100% Design, will host the Copper in a Box exhibition as part of London Design Week, underscoring the growing importance of copper in contemporary design. Dozens of objects will be exhibited on **Stand L170**, created by renowned international designers including Tom Dixon, Voon Wong & Benson Saw, Ilse Crawford and Ingo Maurer.

A number of UK designers and artists have contributed to the display, with objects including the Ball Vase by Michael Anastassiades, Michael Chaikan's Long Grouper, screens and bowls by London-based metalsmith Adaesi Ukaire and the Dance Series of bronze sculptures by Hazel Reeves.

Also on show will be a set of dazzling, geometric bowls by London design studio CoWorks. MeFar Copper is a decorative centrepiece comprising eight individual copper bowls diminishing in size to permit nesting. The bowls can also be combined in a variety of configurations to create different geometric patterns and reflections.



Ball Vase by Michael Anastassiades



MeFar Copper by CoWorks

'Copper is an exciting material to work with because of its uniquely warm colouration and soft, reflective surface qualities,' notes Tom Brooksbank, an architect who founded CoWorks alongside artist Allan Collins. 'People are naturally drawn to designs produced in copper. CoWorks will also be launching a wider range of MeFar bowls soon, including a version in bronze.'

Events on the stand will include Dutch designer Bart van Heesch showcasing his copper bicycle on Wednesday 18th September. Also on Wednesday, CoWorks will be available to discuss the MeFar bowls from 13:00–16:30.

As part of Talks with 100% Design, two presentations in the Eco Hub will explore the way in which designers work with copper and its alloys.

On Wednesday, 13:00–13:30 Italian architect and designer Marco Romanelli – known for his furniture and exhibition design, interior architecture and editing *Domus* and *Abitare* magazines – will share his personal experience of copper and how he would like to inspire others to explore its myriad possibilities.

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On Friday, 16:00–16:30, metallurgist and engineer Mark Tur will discuss the antimicrobial power of copper – an inherent ability to rapidly kill harmful bacteria, viruses and fungi – and how designers are harnessing it to improve hygiene in hospitals, public spaces and homes.

Copper has captivated designers through the ages, and is enjoying a revival and reinvention that is celebrated by Copper in a Box. Following displays over the past two years in Barcelona, Milan, Paris and Bologna, the London exhibition will invite visitors to explore the way in which contemporary creators approach, work with and present the red metal and its equally-versatile and beautiful alloys, such as brass and bronze.



'Flow' screen by Adaesi Ukaire



Dance II by Hazel Reeves

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