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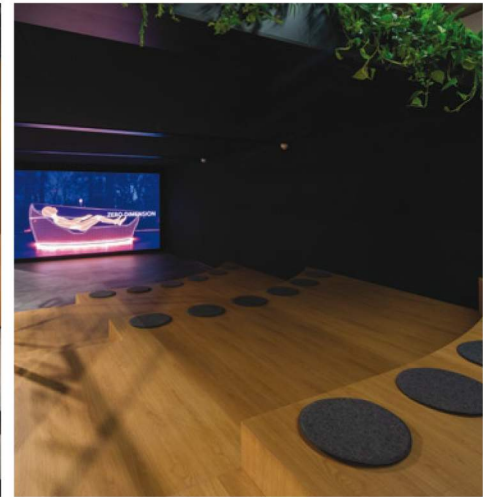
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Totolly Cool

International Sanitary and Heating (ISH) 2019 is a biennial trade fair for bathroom fixtures, toilets, heaters, air-conditioners and renewable energy systems. Among the exhibitors this past March was TOTO, maker of toilets and bathroom fixtures. The brand, which began life in Japan and now has showrooms across the rest of the world (including Hong Kong), showcased its latest taps and showerheads at the five-day-long event. "Newly launched, uncompromisingly designed washbasins and faucets are introduced," said TOTO. "With these new products, TOTO will achieve a wide-ranging lineup and offer customers the [joy of having multiple choices]." ISH is held in Frankfurt, Germany; this is the sixth time TOTO has taken part.

www.toto.com.hk



Romancing the Stone

Through the Depths is a new installation by Jaipur-born artist-cum-industrial designer Vibhor Sogani. Standing 12 feet tall, the shiny stainless-steel disc occupies the entrance to marble manufacturing firm Stonex Industries in Kishangarh, in the northwestern Indian state of Rajasthan. The artwork symbolises the process and difficulty of extracting precious stones from the depths of the earth. "It is with incessant and intense efforts that brilliance comes out," says Sogani. "It is with unrelenting focus and passionate perseverance that the outcome gets magical.

Through the Depths is an ode to such passion, endeavour and intent." It took nine months to complete and erect the installation.

www.sogani.design



Back In Shape

Doing the rounds at the Salone del Mobile in Milan this April was the Genoa outdoor chair collection by Italian manufacturer Traba. Designed by Cesare Ehr, the range comprises a stool, chair and armchair. "The distinguishing element is the 'one-line' backrest, obtained by curving a single metal tube which, with its virtually endless wavy line, also extended to the armrests in this new version, is an elegant addition to every space, bringing a sense of lightness," says Traba. The tubular metal backrest and the legs are powder-coated and available in a number of colours; the seat, which is slightly curved, is made of ash wood, left natural or painted, and has the option of being upholstered with fabric, leather or polyurethane.

www.traba.it