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The first Beirut Design Fair will be held from 20 to 24 September 2017 at the BIEL (Beirut International Exhibition and Leisure Center).

It will take place at the same time and in the same location as the 8th edition of the city's art fair which regularly attracts more than 20,000 visitors.

The organisers said: "We're sensitive to the vibrant, scintillating quality of the Lebanese design scene. Its rightful place is without question at the forefront of the cultural landscape of the Middle East."

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"It seems to us that this is the right time to turn the spotlight on the driving and creative role of Lebanese design in the region."

"Lebanese designers form a real community, open to the world while remaining rooted in their birthplace. Creative currents from

throughout the region converge upon this energetic and inspiring centre, where an international flavour will mix with the rich profusion of local craft workshops."

Last year, designMENA spoke to various [design fairs in the Middle East and how it has influenced the development of design across the region.](#)

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