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1 LAYERED UNVEILS GIO RUG COLLECTION INSPIRED BY ITALIAN MODERNISM

LAYERED has launched the Gio collection, a new series of hand-tufted wool rugs that pays tribute to Italian modernism. Drawing on Italian architecture, floor friezes and modernist interiors, the collection explores geometry, rhythm and colour through carefully



balanced proportions. The name Gio references geometry while also nodding to influential Italian architect and designer Gio Ponti, whose approach to form and colour has shaped the brand's creative direction. Founder and creative director Malin Glemme describes the collection as "graphic and bold", designed to command space through balance rather than decoration. The collection features three designs: Coppa Canella, Mezza Confetto and Doppio Rosa.

2 ROCKWELL GROUP REVEALS INTERIORS FOR COTE VEGAS

New York-based design studio Rockwell Group has revealed its interiors for COTE Vegas, a 232-seat Korean steakhouse at The Venetian Resort, created in partnership with Gracious Hospitality Management (GHM). The project marks COTE's first West Coast location and its most ambitious to date, translating the



brand's theatrical dining ethos into a Las Vegas setting. The design leads guests through a dramatic entrance to a central bar beneath a five-petal gold ceiling installation, with tiered banquettes arranged like flower petals. A mezzanine-level DJ booth and private dining rooms hover above the main dining area, enhanced by bespoke lighting and immersive architectural details. Rockwell Group's interiors merge performance and cuisine, crafting an experiential environment that elevates dining into a theatrical spectacle.

3 ANDBEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE UNVEILS REFURBISHED INTERIORS BY HUBERT ZANDBERG

andBeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge has reopened following a refurbishment by Hubert Zandberg Interiors. Set within Phinda Private Game Reserve in South Africa, the lodge has been reimagined as an intimate, next-generation private safari retreat, ideal



for multi-generational families, small groups and milestone celebrations. With just four thatched suites overlooking a private waterhole, the redesign preserves the original shared-home feel and introduces warm tones, rich textures and handcrafted details inspired by African artistry. The refreshed spaces feature natural materials, private outdoor salas and a new family suite, alongside a reworked boma and firepit for wildlife viewing. Sustainability underpinned the project, with local artisans commissioned throughout.

4 VALOURAN TRANSFORMS LONDON LANDMARK CONNAUGHT HOUSE

Valouran has revealed its reimagination of Connaught House in St. John's Wood, London, owned by the Marcus Cooper Group. The Grade-II listed landmark, known for its grand Corinthian columns and neo-classical façade, will deliver five luxury apartments by Q4 2026.



Working with Darling Associates, the sensitive transformation restores key architectural features, including the reinstatement of the building's original cupola, lost for more than a century. Each apartment will be shaped by the building's character, with soaring ceilings, expansive windows and contemporary interiors by Gunter & Co. "Connaught House breathes new life into a distinguished St. John's Wood landmark, transforming a historic building for a vibrant 21st-century future," says Alex Michelin, Co-Founder of Valouran.

5 SALES LAUNCH AT WALDORF ASTORIA RESIDENCES SARASOTA

Sales have officially begun at Waldorf Astoria Residences Sarasota, the city's first branded residential tower from the luxury hospitality brand. Rising 18 storeys, the tower features 86 residences designed by ODP Architecture & Design with 14-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, sweeping curved terraces.



Homes boast interiors by Workshop/APD and designer kitchens with Sub-Zero & Wolf appliances. "This launch represents years of intentional planning around what we view as the heart of downtown Sarasota and one of the most pivotal sites in the market," said Sadek Omar, Partner at Jebcore Companies. Owners will enjoy over 60,000 square feet of amenities, including Peacock Alley Lounge, wellness centre, library, and a 25,000-square-foot sky garden with pool, pavilion, and entertainment spaces.