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INDUSTRY REPORT

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T LONDON LAUNCHES DIMBULA COLLECTION ONLINE

British candlemakers T London have launched their Dimbula range, inspired by the high altitude teas grown in the Dimbula mountain plantations of Sri Lanka. Caren Roberts, the master perfumer behind the new fragrance, describes it thus: "It's distinctive from top to base. Spicy yet



cool, it's complex and multi-faceted, with an unusual blend of ingredients combining to create something really unique." Free from parabens, SLS/SLES, and artificial colours, T London's candles are hand-poured in England from 100% pure vegetable wax, with lead-free cotton wicks. Candles are one of the fastest-growing areas of homeware, and the UK is the biggest market in Europe.

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SOHO HOUSE INTRODUCES HOMEWARE RANGE

Now you can recreate the signature Soho House look with the private member's club's new homeware range – Soho Home. From the iconic stripy towels that border their rooftop pools to one-off vintage pieces sourced by their well-travelled team, the collection places emphasis on quality, design and



attention to detail. "We created a range to bring the House home, from the Chesterfield sofa you sit on at Soho House Chicago to the Barwell Crystal you drink your Negroni from at 76 Dean Street," says Nick Jones, Founder and Chief Executive of Soho House.

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THE BERKELEY UNVEILS NEW LOOK FOR THE BLUE BAR

Under the direction of Robert Angell and his design studio, Robert Angell Design International, the iconic Blue Bar at London's Berkeley hotel has been transformed. Having worked alongside the legendary David Collins for over 15 years, Angell was perfectly positioned to reinterpret this historic



bar by drawing inspiration from the original interiors. Angell commented: "I am very proud and touched to have been asked to work on this project. I adored working with David and to help continue his legacy is a great honour." While some former elements have been kept – such as the glass entrance doors – other details have been replaced or revamped by their original makers.

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PALAZZO VERSACE DUBAI SHOWCASES HOUSE OF VERSACE DESIGNS

Still in its soft launch period, the Palazzo Versace Dubai hotel is set to be unveiled officially at the end of this year. Each piece of furniture and fabric within the hotel's 215 hotel rooms and suites, and 169 residences, is designed and crafted by the House of Versace exclusively for



the hotel. The property's eight restaurants and bars have been designed with an al fresco terrace – a nod to traditional Italian palazzos. Surrounded by landscaped gardens, the three outdoor pools are decorated with mosaic tiles. Versace also has a five-star hotel on Australia's Gold Coast.

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ZAHA HADID ARCHITECTS TO BUILD QATARI HOTEL

Zaha Hadid Architects have announced plans to develop a 70,000 square metre hotel with residential apartments in Lusail City, Qatar. Designed by Zaha Hadid for Al Alfia Holding, in partnership with engineering firms Arup and Atelier Ten, the project is scheduled for completion in 2020.



The 38-storey building's design is based on the shape of the desert hyacinth, a flowering plant native to the Arabian Gulf region. "We often look at nature's systems when we work to create environments; at her unrivalled logic and coherence," Hadid previously explained. The building will contain 120 apartments and 200 hotel rooms.