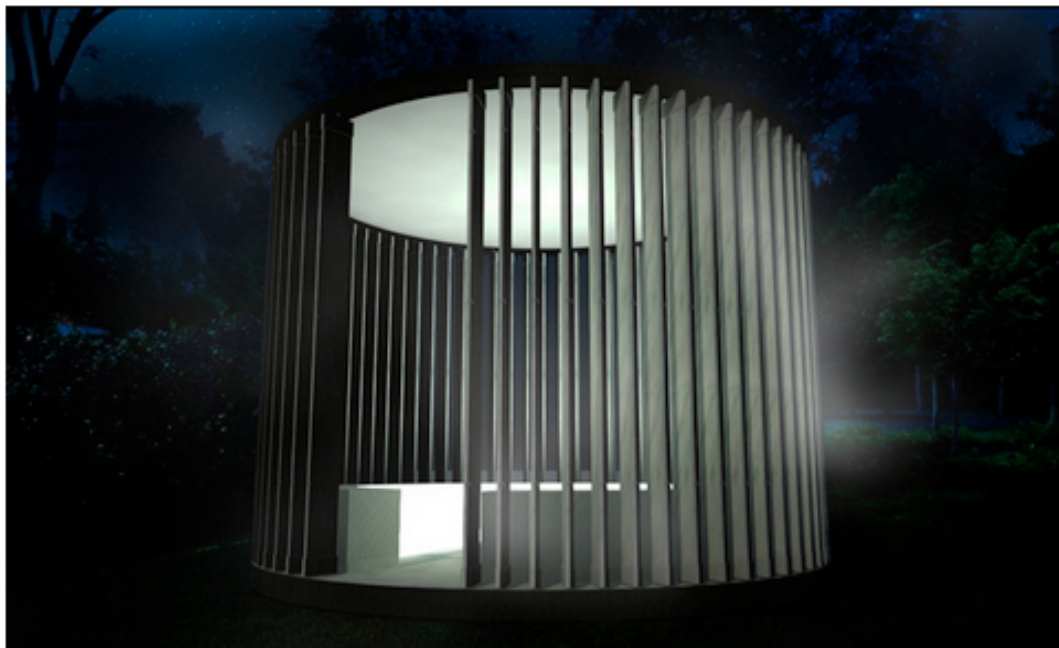




At a time when every city with even the teensiest signs of an emerging design scene is declaring itself to be 'the new Milan', the annual Salone Internazionale del Mobile still reigns head and shoulders above them all as the mecca. Because of Salone, one week in April now marks, in many ways, the beginning and the end of the Design Year, as designers, makers, artists, commentators, and in fact anyone in need of an innovation shot is drawn like iron filings by a strange magnetic force to Italy's industry capital to see and be seen, collecting business cards and cocktails as they go. With hundreds of events and exhibitions taking place around the city, as well as - of course - all the fun at the fairgrounds to absorb, navigating it all can be tricky. To make life easy, here's our guide to the shows we are most looking forward to.

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With a somewhat all-encompassing theme of 'Global Design', this year's collection of brands at Superstudio Più is a diverse bunch indeed. Particularly of note is the 'Bathing in Light' installation, organized by Istanbul Mineral Exporters' Association (IMIB), and curated by the Turkish design company, Demirten Design, which sees designers such as Dice Kayek and Mathieu Lehanneur interpret the narrative power of Turkish natural stone.

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Pictured: 'Nebula', by Dice Kayek