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Here's your round-up of the latest drops, openings, and experiences worth knowing

1. Maison Valentino Presents the Valentino Garavani Vain Bag



Valentino Garavani introduces the Vain bag—a versatile new design made to transition effortlessly from day to night. Crafted in soft calf leather and glossy exotic skins, the oval-shaped vanity bag features an elongated handle for easy shoulder wear and a top flap closure. Signature styles return with rich updates: multicolour floral embroideries in beads, velvet, raffia, and leather, plus a bold animal print inspired by the RTW line. The Soft Vain offers a more relaxed silhouette, while the clutch comes in embroidered finishes with a contrasting karung skin handle.

2. GUCCI Unveils New High Jewelry and High Watchmaking Collection In Paris



Gucci presented its latest High Jewellery, High Watchmaking, and Monili designs at the Gucci Montaigne flagship in Paris. The House unveiled stunning Labirinti Gucci additions and two other signature codes, including the emblematic Horsebit and the Marina Chain. Additionally, seven new watches were unveiled, including five G-Timeless models with intricately decorated dials, crafted using exquisite Métiers d'Art techniques, alongside reinterpretations of iconic designs, such as the GUCCI 25H with a diamond setting and the Gucci Interlocking. The launch also featured the first collection co-created by Gucci and Italian fine jeweller Pomellato.

3. Tom Ford Beauty Pays A Radiant Ode to Summer with the Eau de Soleil Blanc



Tom Ford's Eau de Soleil Blanc captures the essence of summer with a luminous blend of sunlit citrus, warm florals, and sensual coastal notes. Opening with crisp bergamot, bitter orange, and pistachio, the fragrance evolves into a heart of ylang ylang, tuberose, and orange blossom, finishing with creamy amber, tonka bean, and the signature coco de mer accord.

4. Sans Souci Expands the Galileo Collection into an Universe of Celestial Design



Sans Souci expands its Galileo collection, designed by Martin Opl, with a new range of sculptural lighting—table and floor lamps, wall sconces, pendants, and a striking linear suspension. Centered around a glowing glass orb set against mirrored surfaces, each piece plays with light and reflection to create a serene, poetic ambiance. From jewel-like table lamps to floor pieces and painterly wall sconces, the collection brings luxury and elegance to any setting.

5. The Leela Ambience Gurugram Unveils The Leela Farm—An Ode to Conscious Luxury



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The Leela Ambience Gurugram Hotel & Residences introduces *The Leela Farm*—a serene, 3.5-acre organic retreat just 30 minutes from the hotel. Cultivated using regenerative, chemical-free methods, the farm supplies seasonal produce and dairy directly to the hotel's kitchens, elevating dining with unmatched freshness and integrity. More than a culinary source, the farm symbolises The Leela's commitment to mindful living—where wellness, environmental responsibility, and refined hospitality come together in perfect harmony.

6. Le Méridien Arrives in Ahmedabad



Le Méridien has made its debut in Ahmedabad with the grand opening of Le Méridien Ahmedabad, celebrated in the presence of Bollywood star Varun Dhawan and Chief Guest Shri C.R. Patil. The hotel features 164 rooms, refined interiors, and a curated art-filled lobby. Signature dining venues include The Market, Java+, Drift, Bayleaf, and Le Scoop. Guests can enjoy the Explore Spa, a fitness centre, an outdoor pool, and over 20,000 sq. ft. of event space. Through experiences like Unlock Art and seasonal lifestyle programs, the hotel offers a refined celebration of culture, cuisine, and creativity.

7. Banyan Tree Krabi Launches Jurassic Explorer Package Inspired by Hollywood Film



To celebrate *Jurassic World Rebirth*, shot amid Krabi's stunning prehistoric limestone cliffs, Banyan Tree Krabi introduces the *Jurassic Explorer* package. This immersive family-friendly experience includes film-location excursions to sites like Klong Root and Phra Nang Cave, a themed welcome drink, a longtail boat trip to Hong Island, and a rejuvenating spa treatment. Guests can also enjoy themed dishes like "Jurassic Laab" and the "Fossil Egg," along with dino-inspired cocktails at Kredkaew Bar.

8. Atmosphere Kanifushi Celebrates Sixth Win as 'Maldives Leading Family Resort'



(In image: Atmosphere Kanifushi presents endless family fun activities both on the water and on the island.)

Atmosphere Kanifushi Maldives has once again been named 'Maldives Leading Family Resort' at the World Travel Awards 2025—its sixth consecutive win. Celebrated for its perfect balance of relaxation and adventure, the resort continues to wow guests with thoughtful innovations. Its latest addition, the *Essens Spa*, offers immersive wellness journeys for all ages, including playful spa experiences for kids and tailored treatments for teens

9. Sources Unlimited Launches 'Clip' by Italamp in India



Sources Unlimited introduces *Clip* by Italamp, an elegant new wall lamp designed by Pio and Tito Toso. Sculpted in thermoformed glass with slender metal rods, *Clip* emits a soft, ambient glow, available in brown, grey, and amethyst finishes. Its asymmetric, organic form blends architectural refinement with poetic light play, making it a statement piece for living spaces, corridors, or offices. Available exclusively at

Sources Unlimited, *Clip* is both functional lighting and artistic expression.

10. IDS Launches ELEMENTIS by Elite Bohemia



Innovative Design Studio (IDS) introduces *ELEMENTIS* by Elite Bohemia, a modular lighting collection that blends natural elements with modern design. Featuring Bohemian crystal, stone, wood, and metal, each fixture is a sculptural statement of craftsmanship and elegance. With a smart mounting system, *ELEMENTIS* adapts as a pendant, wall, or table lamp—perfect for luxury residences, hotels, and retail spaces.

11. Runwal Raaya Hosts an Immersive Art Evening with Tao Art Gallery



Runwal Realty, in collaboration with Tao Art Gallery, hosted The Voracious Visual—an evocative art showcase. The showcase featured

powerful works by contemporary artists, including Jaideep Mehrotra, Kalpana Shah, Hitesh Gilder, Nahid Merchant, Ram D Kumbhar, Smita Mandlik, and Viraj Khanna. Curated by Urvi Kothari of Tao Art Gallery, each piece was thoughtfully placed to interact with the spatial design, blurring the lines between structural form and creative ingenuity. Attended by Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi, the event celebrated how spaces can be elevated into living galleries through thoughtful curation and creative vision.

12. 'VOICES' Opens at Jehangir Art Gallery



From July 16 to 24, 2025, Mumbai's Jehangir Art Gallery will host *VOICES*, a thought-provoking group exhibition presented by Bespoke Art Gallery (Ahmedabad). Curated by art historian Uma Nair, the show features 26 Indian and international artists whose works span painting, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media. Exploring themes of identity, mythology, climate, and culture, *VOICES* includes standout pieces by Arpitha Reddy and Muzaffar Ali, alongside Gond artist Bhajju Shyam, origami innovator Ankon Mitra, and sculptors Arzan Khambatta and Harsha Durugadda. International highlights include Timur D'Vatz, Jesús Curia, and Gillie & Marc.

13. Experience Formation & Fracture: An Exploration of Creation and Collapse at Method Delhi



Method Delhi presents Formation & Fracture, a compelling group exhibition featuring 13 alumni from the IMMERSE Fellowship by Somaiya Vidyavihar University. On view until August 3, the show delves into the dual forces of making and unmaking—exploring how identities, landscapes, and systems are shaped and sometimes splintered. Each work reflects on the beauty, pain, and transformation found in both formation and fracture. The exhibition underscores Method's commitment to supporting emerging voices in contemporary art.

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