

## **INDEX and workspace at INDEX 2016 close largest editions of the events to date**

- Over 27,000 attendees so far
- Successful four days for over 1,000 exhibitors

**DUBAI, UAE – 26 May 2016** – INDEX, the GCC's biggest event for sourcing interiors and design products, and workspace at INDEX, the region's only exhibition dedicated to commercial interior design, today announced highlights from the 26<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> editions respectively.

The events, which took place at the Dubai World Trade Centre were officially opened by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance and Industry of the UAE, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, and on the first three days welcomed over 27,000 attendees.

Samantha Kane Macdonald, Event Director, INDEX said: "The shows have been really successful this year - we had 350 additional exhibitors compared to 2015, bringing it to a total of over 1,000 suppliers. On top of this, we introduced a whole host of new show features which proved to be extremely popular, such as the INDEX Design Innovation Forum, which provided an ideal platform for the industry to come together to discuss current trends and challenges in the design world. An initial look at figures shows that not only are we up on exhibitor numbers but that the number of visitors to the shows has also risen for another year."

workspace at Index, the largest commercial interiors fit-out and design exhibition in the Middle East, completed its 16<sup>th</sup> edition, attracting thousands of top tier architectural & interior design firms and end-users over the course of the event. This year's show featured an even larger range of exhibitors and products

"According to the Ventures Middle East Report earlier this year, the value of the GCC interior and fit-out market has risen and is now worth an estimated \$7.35 billion, an increase of 25 percent compared to the previous year and we see this growth mirrored in the continued growth of workspace at INDEX. workspace at INDEX is the longest running exhibition of its kind in the region and consistently provides the industry with unrivalled intelligence and information when it comes to trends," said Rebecca Lockwood, Event Director, workspace at INDEX.

The 2016 winners of the fourth edition of the Middle East Interior Design and Architecture Awards and of the INDEX and workspace at INDEX



Product Design Awards were announced as well as the 12 winning projects selected by a judging panel for the INDEX Product Design Awards.

INDEX 2016 featured a total of 850 exhibitors from 50 countries and workspace at INDEX presented 180 exhibitors from 20 countries.

For more information on INDEX visit [www.indexexhibition.com](http://www.indexexhibition.com) and for workspace at INDEX visit [www.workspace-index.com](http://www.workspace-index.com)

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