Saudi 100 Brands fashion exhibition makes its way to Milan

Fashion label Qoftan will showcase its latest line at the event. (Supplied)

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- The Saudi 100 Brands show is a traveling exhibition featuring a curated selection of clothing and accessories from the Kingdom

DUBAI: One hundred Saudi fashion designers will show off their latest collections at an international wholesale exhibition during Milan Fashion Week from Sept. 22-25

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The Saudi Fashion Commission collaborated with WHITE Milano, which stages the ExpoWhite exhibition, to organize the showcase.

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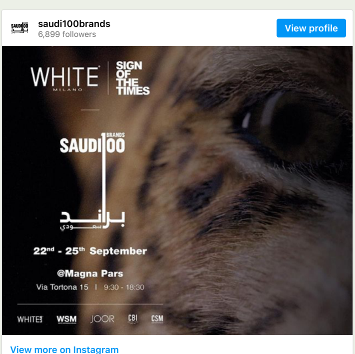

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For the first time in the history of the International Fashion Calendar, 100 Saudi Design Leaders will show their Spring/Summer 2023 Collection in Milano, to the best top buyers from USA, UK, Europe, GCC and Asia. Saudi 100 Brands programme is a Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture initiative empowered by the Fashion Commision that supports Saudi brands to develop their fashion, luxury and jewellery businesses, providing them with the best tools to grow in local and international markets.

From 22 to 25 September 2022, Saudi 100 brands leaders will be present in the most famous showroom in Europe: WHITE SHOW, where they will introduce the Saudi products to the wholesale market. Also, from 20th September to 15th December, Saudi Designers will showcase their collection in the LUXURY Digital Showroom JOOR, creating online businesses with more than 10.000 worldwide buyers.

Please join us and be part of this significant moment for the remarkable implementation of the Saudi Vision 2030 in Milano, Italy.

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The Saudi 100 Brands exhibition features 80 female designers from the Kingdom.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has a rich culture shaped by the diversity of its people, traditions and heritage. Through Saudi 100 Brands we will honour artisan tradition, embrace technology, nurture creativity, and inspire the next generation of Saudi designers to share their talents with the world. We would like to express our gratitude to WHITE for creating ExpoWhite, a unique program that builds a bridge between fashion creatives and the international fashion community," said Burak Cakmak, Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Fashion Commission, in a released statement.

"We are excited to launch ExpoWhite and profile a new generation of designers and brands from diverse backgrounds on the global fashion stage. Saudi 100 brands will celebrate Saudi's local fashion talents and showcase the Kingdom's growing fashion industry to a new audience," commented Brenda Bellei, Chief Executive Officer of WHITE.

Brands on show include Adelfes, Almuhaisen Jewellery, Atelier Hekayat, Bovenue - By Sadeem, Charmaleena, Dazluq, Dollybrand, Eman Joharjy, Kaf By Kaf, Khawla Al-Aiban, Lillian Ismail, Loomer Jewellery and Lurline.

The news comes after the Saudi 100 Brands initiative staged a show in New York this summer.

The designers were chosen from a pool of 1,500 and finalized into the top 100 based on their pieces.

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- Yusra Mardini was depicted in the BAFTA-nominated film 'The Swimmers'

DUBAI: After sharing her story with the world in the BAFTA-nominated Netflix documentary "The Swimmers," Syrian Olympic swimmer Yusra Mardini is turning her focus to her non-profit work and has announced the launch of the Yusra Mardini Foundation.

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Dedicated to advancing access to sports and education for refugee communities around the world, as well as directly supporting refugee athletes, the Foundation's aim is to advocate for the rights of refugees.

Mardini spoke to Arab News in February about her studies and her plans for the organization.

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"I am studying in a university here in California called University of Southern California and I am studying film and production," she said at the time. "I am doing a lot of activities in the fashion domain and I have a non-profit organization and I am doing something with the UNHCR and I am also studying, so generally I am happy with my life."

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Gigi Hadid hopes to take her Netflix show to the Emmy Awards

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DUBAI: US Dutch Palestinian model Gigi Hadid this week urged fans to vote for her Netflix show "Next in Fashion," which she co-hosts alongside British TV personality Tan France, to win an Emmy Award.

"If you're an Emmy voter and enjoyed @nextinfashion as much as we did making it, we would LOVE your vote in the Competition Category and Host Category, SO much," the pair shared on Instagram in a collaborative post. "Voting ends in a week. Let's get NIF to the Emmy's."

The 75th edition of the prestigious award will take place on September 19.

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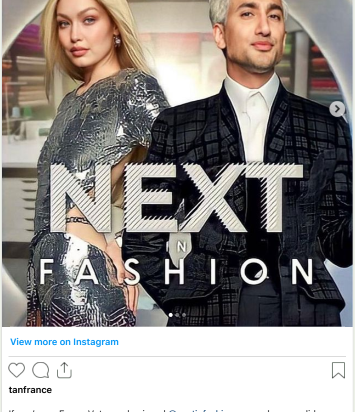

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The show was released on March 3 and featured a group of 12 up-and-coming talents who competed in weekly design challenges to win $200,000 and a chance to debut their collection on e-commerce platform Rent the Runway.

The promising designers included Amari Carter, Bao Tranchi, Courtney Smith, Danny Godoy, Deontre Hancock, Desyrée Nicole, Eliana Batsakis, James Ford, Megan O'Cain, Nigel Xavier, Qaysean Williams and Usama Ishtay.

The season boasted an ensemble of fashion royalty appearing alongside France and Hadid as guest judges.

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In the show, Hadid was seen alongside A-list guest stars, including her supermodel sister Bella Hadid, Italian designer Donatella Versace, US model Hailey Bieber, French fashion designer Olivier Rousteing, South African model Candice Swanepoel, "Emily in Paris" star Ashley Park, Danish model Helena Christensen and US internet personality Emma Chamberlain.

The lineup certainly supported the title's authority on future trends in the industry.

The first season of the fashion competition show, which premiered in January 2020, featured 18 designers who faced weekly design challenges to win a $250,000 prize and a chance to have their collection sold on Net-a-Porter.

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Amina Muaddi attends Prada show in Milan

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DUBAI: Romanian Jordanian designer Amina Muaddi attended the Prada Spring/Summer 2024 show during Milan Men's Fashion Week.

The footwear designer wore an oversized grey suit, with a long pencil skirt and a white tank top. She paired her look with a grey clutch and black heels from her eponymous label.

The Italian luxury fashion house's collection was viewed through a wall of clear falling slime — a form of fluid architecture — that gathered on the metallic grate runway in piles of green foam. The moving architecture was a metaphor for a collection that was meant to express the fluidity of menswear, according to the show notes.

Co-creative directors Miuccia Prada and Raf Simons said they were experimenting with the idea of a fluid architecture that animates the male form, never constricting, The Associated Press reported.

The collection's building blocks are the white shirt, mid-thigh shorts, black socks and thick-soled shiny loafers. The collection also includes jeans, blazers and raincoats. Leather bags are soft, with decorative pockets.

The textiles are super-light, allowing button-down shirts or jackets to be tucked neatly into shorts, which are gathered at the waist.

Hawaiian-inspired prints of sci-fi dragons were curtained with a long fringe, creating motion. Pockets on a reporter's vest were more decorative than utilitarian, the designers said. Looks were finished with molded eyewear and headbands, conveying a kinetic energy.

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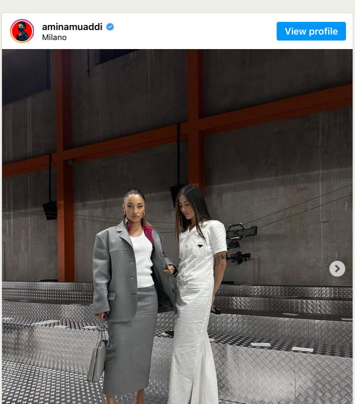

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Earlier this week, Muaddi landed on the shores of Lake Como with the opening of her first pop-up store, in partnership with Tessabit.

The shoemaker collaborated with the historic boutique, located inside Villa D'Este, in Como, for a seven-week-long pop-up.

To celebrate the opening of the pop-up, a special dinner was organized, featuring guests such as Moroccan Italian model Malika El-Maslouhi, Italian actress Sabrina Impacciatore, musician Joan Thiele, German blogger Caroline Daur and more.

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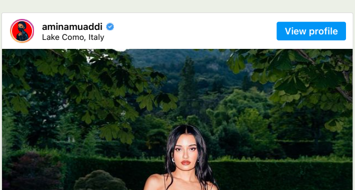

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El-Masloubi also took to Instagram to support Muaddi's pop-up, posting photos from Lake Como, alongside Dunr and model Maty Diba. She captioned the post, "Amina's Angels."

Muaddi launched her eponymous footwear line in August 2018, about one year after departing from her role as co-founder and creative director of luxury footwear label Oscar Tiye.

The creator also helped design the shoes for Rihanna's Fenty collection. The collaboration was so successful that it received the Collaborator of the Year award at the 34th edition of the FN Achievement Awards in 2020.

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'Secret Invasion' sees Samuel L. Jackson team up with Marvel newcomers Emilia Clarke, Olivia Colman

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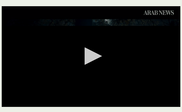
DUBAI: The Marvel Cinematic Universe is gaining new ground with its latest Disney+ series, "Secret Invasion," a tense spy thriller that sees a world-weary Nick Fury fight to protect Earth from an extremist group of Skrulls, who want to claim the planet for themselves.

At a recent virtual press conference, Marvel president Kevin Feige said of the show and its grim tone: "We love to do different genres for everything, and this was an attempt to really dive back into things we touched upon in 'The Winter Soldier' and 'Captain America 2' but hadn't in a while, and really (delve) into the issue of a spy show."

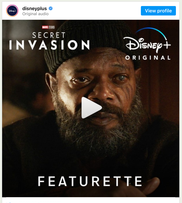


"Secret Invasion" — releasing in the Middle East on June 21 with weekly episodes dropping on Wednesday — is based on the comic book story of the same name by Brian Michael Bendis and Leinil Francis Yu. Reprising their past MCU roles in the new series are Samuel L. Jackson (Fury), Ben Mendelsohn (Talos), Cobie Smulders (Agent Maria Hill), Martin Freeman (Agent Everett Ross) and Don Cheadle (Rhodey/War Machine).

The series reunites Jackson and Smulders who have played SHIELD agents for the last 15 years and counting in the MCU.

"I remember meeting Cobie for the first time at the screen test. Because I screen-tested with all the people that were trying to be Maria Hill. She killed it. I mean, the audition was straight-up technobabble. And she had it down. She was one of the few people that knew all of it," said Jackson of his co-star.

"And I have not gotten it right since," quipped Smulders.



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"Game of Thrones" star Emilia Clarke makes her Marvel debut with "Secret Invasion," playing the mysterious G'ah.

When asked what made her want to join the MCU, the actress gestured to her co-stars, "All the people sitting right here. I like, literally. Who on Earth would ever not want to be sitting here with all of these incredible people? Even just a single one of these people on their own is enough. Altogether, it's completely undeniable."

Emilia Clarke and Ben Mendelsohn in 'Secret Invasion.' (Supplied)

Another newcomer to the MCU is Academy Award-winning English actress Olivia Colman, who plays Mh6 agent Sonya.

"She likes wearing red. And she's quite funny," said Colman, trying to describe her character while avoiding a minefield of spoilers. "And she's potentially a little bit not that nice sometimes."

To which Jackson added: "And possibly, the most dangerous woman in the UK."

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Robbie Williams to perform in Abu Dhabi this October

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DUBAI: British pop star Robbie Williams will perform at Abu Dhabi's Etihad Arena on Oct.18, 2023.

Known for his smash hits "Angels," "She's The One" and "Rock DJ," Williams' repertoire includes 25 years of music.

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Tickets go on sale on June 23.

The icon, who was formerly a member of boy band Take That, is a regular in the UAE and was in the country in late 2022 to unveil an exhibition of artwork.

Shown at Sotheby's Dubai, the exhibition featured paintings by Robbie Williams and his creative partner, Ed Godrich. Under the name Williams Godrich, the exhibition – titled "Black and White Paintings II" – featured 15 paintings.

"Dubai has a special place in my heart, and it feels particularly fitting that after ringing in the New Years in the city, I will be closing the year by unveiling my art here," said Williams, who performed at Atlantis, The Palm in Dubai for a New Year's show this year, in a statement at the time.

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