

# ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

## 5 Exhibitions You Can't Miss This Spring in Milan

In Milan for Salone del Mobile? Take in one of these shows (or all five)  
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As we turn our attention to [Milan](#) for the upcoming [Salone del Mobile](#) design fair, we noticed there's a lot going on beyond the Design Week festivities. We're sure your schedule is just as packed as ours. But if you do happen to find yourself with a moment of free time—or if you're simply visiting the city for another reason—there are a few exhibitions you should try to squeeze in. We say, forgo that booking for *The Last Supper* and opt for one of these shows, in town for a short time only. Sometimes a visit to a museum or gallery can be just as productive as viewing the new collections at the fair—just call it inspiration hour.

If you consider the chest of drawers one of the less inspired forms of furniture, you might want to pay a visit to the Poldi Pezzoli Museum. Once the residence of art collector and nobleman Gian Giacomo Poldi Pezzoli, the ornate home hosts a cast of contemporary case pieces that have serious personality. The exhibition “Almost Secret: Drawers Between Art and Design” ranges from a pixelated piece by Alessandro Mendini to a wavy work by Shiro Kuramata. *Through April 24;* [museopoldipezzoli.it](http://museopoldipezzoli.it)

Contemporary furniture and jewelry designer Hervé Van der Straeten gets his first Italian showcase at Robilant+Voena, where his sculptural

furniture and lighting will be displayed alongside works by notable artists including Lucio Fontana, Yves Klein, and Andy Warhol.

*Through May 31; [robilantvoena.com](http://robilantvoena.com)*



If you haven't been to Milan since last year's Design Week, you'll want to get a glimpse of Fondazione Prada, the striking distillery turned art museum by Rem Koolhaas's firm OMA. "L'Image Volée" ("The Stolen Image"), curated by artist Thomas Demand, is on exhibit now, showcasing 90 works where either appropriated imagery is added or original forms are cut out. *Through August 28; [fondazioneprada.org](http://fondazioneprada.org)*

For immersive installations beyond the Design Week festivities, stop by contemporary art space Pirelli HangarBicocca, where "Doubt," a show of German artist Carsten Höller, will deliver a maze of sensory experiences ranging from upside-down goggles to a merry-go-round for adults. *April 7 through July 31; [hangarbicocca.org](http://hangarbicocca.org)*

What better afternoon pick-me-up than taking in the work of Joan Miró? The Museo delle Culture di Milano is showcasing a selection of more than 100 pieces created by the Catalan artist between 1931 and 1981. *Through November 9; [mudec.it](http://mudec.it)*