

Natuzzi Italia showcases unique collection 'Rooted in Harmony' — Amama by Andrea Steidl at Milan Design Week 2025

Natuzzi Italia unveils its latest collection, Rooted in Harmony, at the prestigious Milan Design Week 2025, marking a significant milestone in the brand's evolution. The collection, inspired by the essence of the brand's roots, celebrates its deep connection to Puglia, the birthplace of Natuzzi, blending timeless beauty with innovative design. The collection features successful collaborations with renowned designers, including Andrea Steidl, Karim Rashid, Marcantonio, and Mauro Lippirini, alongside new creations from the Natuzzi Design Centre, focusing on a

holistic approach to comfort and wellness. Among the highlights is Steidl's Amama modular sofa, a versatile and modern solution that enhances conviviality and functionality. Also on display are new designs for tables, rugs, and lamps, all reinforcing Natuzzi's commitment to creating harmonious living spaces. This collection, showcased at the Via Durini showroom, invites visitors to experience the fusion of aesthetic elegance, innovative functionality, and timeless craftsmanship that defines Natuzzi Italia's design philosophy.



Kareena to inaugurate Malabar Gold & Diamonds' new showroom at UW Mall

The acclaimed Bollywood actress and brand ambassador of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Kareena Kapoor Khan, is set to inaugurate Malabar Gold & Diamonds' brand new showroom in Dubai at UW Mall (next to Burjuman mall). The inauguration will take place on April 12 at 7pm. This new concept showroom, which is Malabar Gold & Diamonds' 65th outlet in the UAE, is designed to offer an elevated shopping experience, blending breathtaking design portfolio with unparalleled customer service. With a luxurious ambience, personalised services, and a curated selection of gold, diamond, and bridal collections across Malabar Gold & Diamonds numerous exclusive brands such as Mine, Era, Viraaz, Precia, Ethnix & Divine, the showroom promises to redefine jewellery retail in the heart of Dubai.



The global obesity crisis: A paradox of modern life



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We live in a world of contradictions. Today, more lives are lost to obesity-related diseases than to hunger. The World Obesity Atlas projects that by 2030, one billion people, including one in five women and one in seven men, will be living with obesity. Ironically, this is the same year targeted by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's goals 1, 2, and 3) to achieve no poverty, zero hunger, and good health and Well-being. In other words, we are striving to eliminate hunger and poverty while simultaneously reaching unprecedented levels of obesity, a glaring paradox of our time.

The Atlas report 2025 underscores how weak obesity care in healthcare systems worsens non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like diabetes and cancer. The numbers are staggering, but even more alarming is that 88 per cent of overweight and obese children will live in low- and middle-income countries by then. This crisis calls for immediate, coordinated action from governments, healthcare providers, and communities worldwide.

To understand how we reached this point, and how to reverse we can compare two high-income nations with vastly different obesity rates: the US (46.4 per cent) and Japan (7.3 per cent). Genetics alone cannot explain this gap; studies show that Japanese immigrants in Hawaii, who adopted local eating habits, face obesity risks similar to Americans. Instead, Japan's success stems from its cultural and systemic commitment to health. In Japan, children as young as five walk to school alone, ensuring daily physical activity. Schools employ professional nutritionists who design fresh, balanced meals, free of processed foods, with portions of fresh and nutritious food. This not only educates students on nutrition but also instills lifelong healthy habits. This year, Japan's government even launched 'Shokoku Month', a nationwide campaign promoting food education and healthy eating awareness.

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Al Ansari Financial Services completes acquisition of BFC Group Holdings

\$200 million transactions
Al Ansari Financial Services (AAFS), one of the leading integrated financial services groups in the UAE and the parent of Al Ansari Exchange, has announced the successful completion of its acquisition of BFC Group Holdings, after receiving all the required regulatory approvals, solidifying its position as the largest bank financial institution (NFI) in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region in terms of branch network. This transformative \$200 million transaction expands AAFS's presence across Bahrain, Kuwait and India, increasing the Group's customer base by 29 per cent and branch network by 60 per cent. The integration of BFC enhances AAFS's operational scale and geographic diversification, creating substantial value for shareholders, customers, and employees. AAFS has long been at the forefront of digital innovation in the financial services sector. With its award-winning Al Ansari Exchange app and a full suite of advanced digital solutions, the group continues to lead the market in delivering seamless, secure, and customer-centric experiences. AAFS has also been actively integrating artificial intelligence across various business functions to enhance efficiency, personalisation, and fraud prevention.

Thumbay Hospital Fujairah celebrates Doctors' Day 2025 with community appreciation

Relentless service

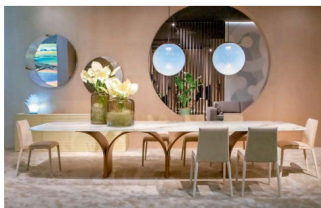
Thumbay Hospital Fujairah marked Doctors' Day 2025 with heartfelt celebrations honouring the unwavering dedication, compassion, and service of its medical professionals. The event, held at the hospital premises, brought together all the doctors of the hospital in a joyful gathering filled with gratitude and community spirit. The celebration was graced by Dr CR Sathyanarayanan, medical director and head of the department of internal medicine, and Dr Manish Singh, chief operating officer. Both senior leaders commended the doctors for their relentless service to the community and shared inspiring remarks during the event. Dr CR Sathyanarayanan, medical director and HOD of Internal medicine, shared his thoughts: "Doctors' Day is a reminder of the sacred bond between a healer and the community. Our doctors are not just professionals—they are pillars of hope, healing, and humanity. I am proud to work alongside such a dedicated team." Akbar Moleen Thumbay, vice president of Thumbay Healthcare, added: "On Doctors' Day, we express our deepest gratitude to every doctor who dedicates their time and skills to serve others. Our doctors are the heart of healthcare at Thumbay Hospitals, and we are proud of the positive impact they create in the lives of patients and the community."



Joyalukkas unveils new showroom at UW Mall

Strategic expansion

Joyalukkas recently celebrated the grand opening of its latest showroom at UW Mall, Al Mankhool, on April 6. The new showroom is set to bring an exceptional jewellery shopping experience to Dubai's Al Mankhool area, offering customers an immersive environment to discover the finest jewellery collections. The grand opening ceremony was inaugurated by Panakkad Sayyid Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal. The event was held in the esteemed presence of Sulaiman T M, chairman of UW Mall; Mohammed Shuhail, managing director of UW Mall; John Paul Alukkas, managing director of Joyalukkas-international operations; and Sonia Alukkas, director of Joyalukkas-international operations, who warmly welcomed the guests and invited them to explore the elegance that Joyalukkas is renowned for. Speaking at the opening, John Paul Alukkas shared: "We are thrilled to bring this new showroom to UW Mall in Al Mankhool, Dubai—one of the city's vibrant hubs for jewellery lovers. Our aim is to provide customers with a world-class shopping experience and offer them exclusive pieces of jewellery that reflect elegance, sophistication, and timeless beauty. The response to our opening has been phenomenal, and we're excited to share these extraordinary offers with our valued customers."



Luxury brands from Western Furniture set to introduce exquisite collections at Salone del Mobile 2025 exhibition

Western Furniture, the UAE's leading distributor of luxury furniture, is set to captivate global design enthusiasts at Salone del Mobile 2025, the world-renowned design and furniture fair held from April 8 to 13 at Milan's Rho Fiera. This year, Western Furniture presents a remarkable lineup of prestigious brands, including Tonin Casa, Tomasella, Unopiù, Bonaldo, Miniforms, Reflex, Calligaris, and Natuzzi Italia, each showcasing their latest collections that reflect a harmonious blend of craftsmanship, innovation, and timeless elegance. Among the standout presentations is Natuzzi Italia's 'Rooted in Harmony', a collection that honours the brand's Italian heritage, offering sophisticated solutions for modern living that seamlessly integrate aesthetics with functionality.



Eastman Auto & Power showcases 'Made in India' and 'End to End Solar Energy Products' at Middle East Energy 2025

Eastman Auto & Power Ltd (EAPL), a leading provider of power solutions, successfully participated in Middle East Energy 2025, held from April 7 to 9, 2025, at the Dubai World Trade Centre. As one of the most prestigious global energy events, the exhibition brought together top energy professionals, innovators, and industry leaders to shape the future of the energy landscape. Celebrating its 49th edition, Middle East Energy 2025 served as a premier platform for innovation and collaboration in the energy sector, spotlighting six major product segments: Smart solutions, renewable & clean energy, critical & back-up power, transmission & distribution, energy consumption & management, and mobility & battery. At the event, Eastman proudly showcased its wide portfolio of 'Made in India' energy solutions, underlining the brand's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and local manufacturing excellence.



Joyful return to learning: JSS Private School celebrates back-to-school campaign with heartfelt activities

The halls of JSS Private School were once again filled with laughter, colour, and celebration as students returned for a brand new academic year. The school welcomed its learners back with a morning full of excitement, expression, and energy. To set the tone for a positive and inspiring year ahead, students were warmly welcomed at the gates by the school's beloved Mirror Mates—a cheerful group of staff and student leaders who greeted everyone with bright smiles, encouraging words, and high-fives. The greeting created an atmosphere of warmth and belonging from the very first step on campus. Inside the school, creativity took centre stage as students penned heartfelt "Welcome Back" messages on colourful balloons. The celebration didn't stop there—students later took to the school grounds for a spontaneous dance party, moving to upbeat music with their classmates and teachers.