

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DECORATION + DESIGN**  
**Contemporary chic meets African flare**  
**1-3 February 2012, Darling Harbour**

Australia's premiere interior and soft furnishings Trade Fair, **DECORATION + DESIGN**, will return to the **Sydney Exhibition Centre**, Darling Harbour from **1-3 February 2012**. Renowned as the key national interiors event, **DECORATION + DESIGN** will bring together over 100 distinctive suppliers from Australia and the world.

Visitors to the 2012 Fair will see the latest collections in decorative accessories, fabrics, furniture, homewares, lights and lamps, soft furnishings and wall art. Alongside established labels such as **About Space**, **Craft Enterprises** and **Crowley & Grouch**, **DECORATION + DESIGN** Sydney 2012 will also feature stands by new exhibitors **DesignRSecrets**, **Inside Africa** and **Homepride Pty Ltd**.

**DesignRSecrets** will debut an eclectic range of antique and handmade pieces sourced directly from Thailand. Born from a desire to see more reasonably priced products which are unique and of high quality, **DesignRSecrets** cater to designers, architects and clients.

What began as one bag of ornamental grass hats in 1984 has grown into a rich range of stunning traditional African pieces acquired by **Inside Africa**. Now Australia's largest African importer the AIFF newcomer will unveil finds from its most recent tour.

Also providing African flare are the ever popular Queensland based **Craft Enterprises Pty**. The veteran exhibiter returns to Decoration + Design with a new range that juxtaposes classic and ethnic styles, to create a truly unique aesthetic.

Cutting-edge lighting specialist **About Space** will present its latest range of modern lighting - designed to transform a room at a flick of a switch! Pieces include sleek, customised contemporary fixtures and classic 20<sup>th</sup> century retro styles.

This year's **International Industry Seminar Series** is a must-see. Headlining the Series will be US interior designer to the stars **Martyn Lawrence Bullard**, along with **Suzanne Trocmé** (UK), Curator of the London Design Festival. Local speakers include style authority **Melinda Ashton Turner**, interior designers **Chelsea Hing** and **Sarah Davison**, and lighting designer **Petra Kleegraefe**.

**Genty Marshall**, **Decoration + Design's resident trend forecaster** will also join the series, giving a seminar on **The Collector, The Creator and The Connoisseur**. Based on her Design Futures installation area at Decoration + Design, Genty's talk will look at three distinctive ways of relating to design and through these personalities and demonstrate some of the trends we'll be seeing in 2012.

**DECORATION + DESIGN Sydney** is co-located with the **AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE FAIR** and special feature, **HOTEL + HOSPITALITY FURNISHINGS** at the Sydney Exhibition Centre from **Wednesday 1 February – Friday 3 February 2012.**

**What:** DECORATION + DESIGN 2012

**Where:** Sydney Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

**When:**

Wednesday	1 February	10am - 5pm
Thursday	2 February	10am - 5pm
Friday	3 February	10am - 4pm

**Event organiser:** Australian Exhibitions & Conferences

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