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idd cologne 2026 captivates with its cross-city premium interior design showcase

Second edition of the urban design event brings the international interiors community together

Five days, 149 brands from ten countries and 23 selected locations across the entire city of Cologne: From 27 to 31 October 2026, interior design days (idd cologne) presented exclusive furnishing concepts, the latest furniture collections and new design launches. A diverse programme of events complemented the brand presentations, providing numerous opportunities for gathering inspiration as well as exchanges of ideas with sector professionals and face-to-face conversations. The second edition of idd cologne built on its successful debut in the previous year and transformed Cologne into a platform for high-end interior design. Together with the parallel event ORGATEC and Design Season Cologne, it formed part of a city-wide interiors week that provided new impetus for the design of private residential spaces, contemporary work environments and modern contract interiors.

“idd cologne has shown once again just how much potential an urban design format has. With an increase in the international premium brands appearing and more locations participating, combined with the varied event programme, it has transformed interior design into an experience to explore across the whole of Cologne. The quality of the showcases, the face-to-face exchanges and the enthusiasm for design defined the unique atmosphere at the event. Together with ORGATEC and Design Season Cologne, it has turned Cologne into a gathering point for the international interior design industry,” says Oliver Frese, Chief Operating Officer of Koelnmesse.

Urban-only: interior design in the heart of Cologne

Staying true to the urban-only concept developed in 2025, idd cologne again adopted a decentralised layout. The event’s centrepiece was Design Post Köln. In this former industrial building and listed monument in the Deutz district, the showcases focused on the latest trends in outdoor living alongside exclusive interior design. These presentations highlighted the merging of indoor and outdoor spaces, a growing trend that is opening up new potential for holistic home design concepts.

Joining idd cologne for the first time was WallStudio Cologne in the Südstadt area of the city centre. The location expanded the spectrum of offerings presented with high-quality wall coverings, paints, flooring solutions, ceramic surfaces and architectural design elements.

machwerkhaus köln also served as a gathering point for design, the skilled crafts and

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urban manufacturing once again. Across the grounds of a former industrial works in the Kalk district, halls, workshops and showrooms provided insights into contemporary design, innovative materials and new production approaches.

In addition to these venues, numerous showrooms and stores across the city participated in idd cologne. Ranging from established furniture retailers to specialist design destinations, they brought the diversity of the local interiors scene to life and invited visitors to discover and exchange ideas.

From design icons to the Kölsch wreath: event highlights at idd cologne 2026

Alongside the brand showcases, idd cologne 2026 featured a varied programme of events. Exhibitions, talks, lectures, panel discussions, guided tours, workshops and networking and evening events responded to the latest industry topics, provided inspiration for new design ideas and fostered personal conversations and professional dialogue.

Among the highlights was the exhibition 11 Kränze / 11 Studios at Design Post Köln. Eleven Cologne-based design studios created new interpretations of the traditional Kölschkranz (Kölsch wreath), the ring-shaped carrier for Kölsch glasses, combining everyday local culture with contemporary design. The exhibition Knoll. Ikonen der Moderne (Knoll. Icons of Modernism) at Markanto Depot presented selected design classics from the Knoll collection alongside vintage museum pieces. The idd cologne Aperitif rounded off the first day of the event, providing an opportunity to discuss topics in greater depth and make new contacts in a relaxed atmosphere.

“One Week. One City. – Workspace. Contract. Residential.”

Hosting ORGATEC parallel to idd cologne created a unique constellation and positive synergies, in particular for trade visitors. The leading international trade fair for workspace and contract solutions (27 to 30 October 2026) expanded the thematic spectrum to include the design of professional work environments and contract interiors.

Additional impetus was provided by Design Season Cologne, which enriched the diverse programme across the city from 26 to 31 October 2026. Although the urban design festival and idd cologne were staged independently, they were linked via participating showrooms and store partners.

Together, ORGATEC, idd cologne and Design Season Cologne formed a city-wide interiors week. Their showcases of workspace, contract and residential interiors connected different segments of the interior design industry and appealed to both a trade audience and private visitors with a passion for design.

The next edition of idd cologne will be hosted parallel to ORGATEC once again in 2028.

Koelnmesse – Global Inspiration for Living, Contract and Public Spaces
Koelnmesse is the world’s top trade fair organiser for the areas of Living, Contract

and Public Spaces. Leading international trade fairs such as ORGATEC, interzum, FSB, aquanale and spoga+gafa come together at the Cologne trade fair location to form renowned and established industry meeting points. This strong portfolio is further enhanced by imm cologne and idd cologne, both of which are also held in Cologne. These fairs comprehensively represent the interior and design segment, the furniture and interior construction industries' supplying sections, the kitchen world, all topics for the modern working world, garden lifestyle as well as modern work environments, public spaces, sports and leisure facilities, along with saunas, pools and wellness centres.

Beyond that, Koelnmesse is strategically expanding its portfolio in international growth markets. The imm brand family includes imm india and IFFINA+ powered by imm cologne in Indonesia. The ORGATEC brand has established a global footprint with ORGATEC Tokyo, ORGATEC India, and ORGATEC WORKSPACE Saudi Arabia. The international presence of the interzum brand extends to interzum guangzhou, interzum bogota, interzum jakarta, and the interzum forum italy. The FSB brand is also internationally active, with the FSB Sports Show Riyadh and the FSB Forum Italy in Bergamo. Furthermore, the portfolio features La Feria De Diseño Medellín powered by idd cologne in Colombia.
Further information: www.idd-cologne.com/en/trade-fair/portfolio-worldwide/

The next events:
FSB Forum Italy - The Networking Event in Italy for Sports, Leisure Facilities and Public Spaces, Bergamo 11.11. - 12.11.2026
ORGATEC India - India´s International Trade Fair for the Future of Workplaces & Ecosystems for Facilities, Mumbai 19.11. - 21.11.2026
imm cologne - The interior business event, Cologne 19.01. - 22.01.2027

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