

SAFARI STYLE

Inject a sense of adventure into your interiors with a piece from Zimbabwean designer and artist Patrick Mavros' silver sculpture collections. With a fanbase including JK Rowling and Spanish royalty, the Mavros name is a formidable one in the world of silverware. Each carefully crafted creation is designed with the African soul in mind – whether you pick a candelabra, a lampshade, or even a jewellery item for yourself, you'll find it tells a unique story. Available at Showcase gallery, visit www.patrickmavros.com.



ARTISANS UNITED

Q I am stressing about finding a unique house-warming gift for my friend who has everything. Help!

A The monthly Arte Souk, a market for local, hand-made products, is great for picking up unusual trinkets. Why not give your friend a customised name-plate by Ishita Sajjani (www.ishithasajjani.com), who specialises in making them in unique materials such as glass and rock? Or, knick-knacks like salt and pepper



shakers are always useful, and these Arabian-themed ones make for cute gifts. Visit www.arte.ae for details on the next event.

HEALTHY HOMES

Turn your home into a sanctuary for your senses. By Sudeshna Ghosh.



YARD CHIC

Want to make the most of the good weather while it lasts? Hot-foot it to Ikea this month to stock up on all things garden – or balcony. You'll find everything from furniture sets to suit various size requirements, to individual chairs and benches if you just want to add to your existing set-up, and accessories like shelving units and trolleys, all sturdy enough to cope with being left out all summer long! We love the funky solar-powered lamps – one of the easiest ways to do your bit for the environment. www.ikea.com.

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SHOP TALK



DIPTYQUE

This month we're following our noses into the fragrance haven that is the new Diptyque boutique at Dubai Mall. What started out as a quest to recreate a memory from a holiday in Greece through fragrance, has now grown into an empire encompassing candles, home fragrances and perfumes. Each scent has a distinct theme – think Provençal fields in summer – and is instantly evocative of a special experience. 04-3308423.

What matters to me is that we are surrounded not just by beautiful pieces, but also by good memories.

– CK creative director Francisco Costa

3 OF THE BEST... JEWELLERY STORAGE OPTIONS

Keep a close eye on your pretty baubles with these handy solutions.



1 Asprey Cantilever jewellery box, Dh20,900



2 Wooden three-drawer chest, Dh119, Lifestyle



3 Partridge jewellery tree, Dh99, The One