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T-CONCEPTS GEARS UP FOR ART BASEL/MIAMI

Miami, FL – T-Concepts, Inc. prepares for Grand Opening of new showroom in the Miami Design District, featuring exclusive line of furniture for Art Basel

At Art Basel/Miami, December 6 - 9, an unusual exhibition will set a precedent for future art and design fairs. T-Concepts (“Translucent Concepts”) will inaugurate its new showroom in the Miami Design District with a cutting-edge exhibition, which will demonstrate how new materials and creative collaboration are altering the way furniture and wall systems are designed and made.

The **Basel Lounge** is a limited-edition chaise lounge designed and fabricated exclusively for sale at Art Basel/Miami. Modern and elegant, the Basel Lounge was designed by New York based furniture designer and materials expert Matthew Hoey and fabricated by Panelite, the leading developer of lightweight, translucent, honeycomb panels. It’s a bold experiment in material potential and state-of-the-art fabrication technology.

The exhibition will also feature **Blobwall**, designed by Los Angeles architect Greg Lynn/FORM, fabricated by Machineous for Panelite. Blobwall is a free-standing, indoor/outdoor wall system made of a low-density, recyclable, impact-resistant polymer. The colorful and modular Blob unit is a redesign of architecture’s most basic building element, the “brick.” The voluptuous wall—in red hues, from the deepest crimson to palest rose—is simultaneously a space-maker and sculpture.

To show the versatility of Panelite products, three versions of its **ClearShade** Insulating Glass Unit will be on display. The energy-efficient facade panel was developed in an intense orange color for the Illinois Institute of Technology McCormick Tribune Campus Center, designed by Pritzker Prize-winner Rem Koolhaas/OMA. “Our production process offers a high degree of customization,” explains principal Christian Mitman. “The units can be designed to meet the technical and aesthetic requirements of almost any façade.”

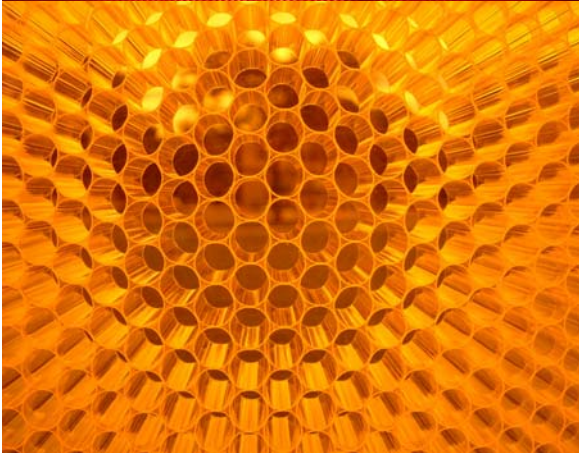
T-Concepts was founded by brother and sister team Michelle Hallagan and Paul Witherby. “We are thrilled to join the Miami design community with this inaugural exhibition in our new showroom,” explains Hallagan. “The collaborative efforts of T-Concepts, Panelite, Greg Lynn, and Matthew Hoey have created a stunning combination of materials innovation, design savoir-faire, and visualization into what the future of furniture design will hold.”

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The Collaborators



T-Concepts (t-concepts.com) is a design-integration firm located in the Miami Design District. The company represents manufacturers of translucent interior and exterior products and offers complete design services to architects and designers, including shop drawings and installation. Projects include the Austin (Texas) Convention Center Arizona Cardinals Stadium, and the Hard Rock Hotel and Condominiums (San Diego).



Panelite (panelite.us) is the leading developer of lightweight, translucent, honeycomb panels. Providing light transmission, privacy, and design flexibility, the panels can be made into interior walls and ceilings, facades, and furniture. Panelite projects including ClearShade IGU glazing and backlit walls for the new Jet Blue terminal at JFK International Airport and the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. The company's **ClearShade™** insulating glass unit is an exterior glazing product made of tubular honeycomb core using patented polymer technology for superior shading performance.



Matthew Hoey (matthewhoey.com) creates an annual collection of limited-edition experimental chairs. He develops furniture lines for leading manufacturers and custom furniture for private clients. In 1996, working closely with DuPont, he created the first chair made out of Corian®, showing the design potential of a material previously confined to countertops. **Basel Lounge** is his first collaboration with Panelite.



Time Magazine named architect **Greg Lynn** (glform.com) one of "100 Innovators of the Next Century" for his creative use of advanced computer technology and accelerated integration of new forms in construction. His **Blobwall** fabricated by Machineous for Panelite, debuted last year at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles.

For more information about T-Concepts' product lines or to schedule an interview with T-Concepts principals **Paul Witherby** or **Michelle Hallagan**, contact Abby Mitman at 305-576-5515 or design@t-concepts.com