



**HOME: Contemporary architectural interpretations of the home in the Arab world.
Presented by the Museum of Architecture**

Part of the British Council's International Architecture and Design Showcase 2012
London Festival of Architecture and London 2012 Festival.

Dates: 21 June – 7 July 2012
Venue: The Mosaic Rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation
226 Cromwell Road, London SW5 0SW
Tuesday – Saturday, 11am-6pm

The Museum of Architecture (MoA), a new London based organisation dedicated to public engagement with architecture and the built environment. MoA's mission is to showcase and facilitate the world of architecture through exhibitions, special programming, education and events. It aims to foster connections, promote discussion and deepen our understanding of architecture today and in the future.

This summer, MoA presents *Home*, an exhibition that picks apart the very fabric of what makes up the home in the Arab world. The notion of home is explored through visual conception, materials and forms that reference traditional typologies and environmental contexts that are uniquely Arab.

The exhibition explores and challenges traditional identities by engaging and presenting contemporary Arab Architecture that seeks to redefine or reconfirm each country's unique interpretation. Working with Architects and collaboratives from Bahrain, Egypt (Shahira Fahmy Architects, in collaboration with artist Hala Elkoussy), Iraq (AMBS

Architects), Lebanon (design collective LEFT), Morocco (Kilo Architectures), Qatar and Yemen (The Daw'an Mud Brick Architecture Foundation, led by Salma Samar Damluji), the exhibition will challenge and inform visitors of contemporary practice within architecture in the Middle East and North Africa region.

From a redeveloped passenger trunk, investigating what 'makes' a home when we take it with us, to readdressing the need for familiar, intimate spaces on a social housing scale, the exhibition presents a diverse, considered and inventive approach to contemporary practice.

This project is presented as part of the British Council's **International Architecture and Design Showcase 2012** (21 June – 23 September): a global gathering of cultural projects investigating architecture and design from across the world.

The exhibition venue partner and supporter is The Mosaic Rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation, London.

The exhibition has been developed with the support of, and in collaboration with, the following embassies and Government Agencies in the region:

Kingdom of **Bahrain** Ministry of Culture

Embassy of the Arab Republic of **Egypt**

Embassy of the Republic of **Iraq**

Embassy of **Lebanon**

Embassy of the Kingdom of **Morocco**

Virginia Commonwealth University in **Qatar** working with Independent Architects, London

Embassy of the Republic of **Yemen**



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Exhibition Venue The Mosaic Rooms (www.mosaicrooms.org)
226 Cromwell Road
London SW5 0SW
Nearest Station- Earl's Court

Opening Hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 AM – 6 PM Admission is **free**

Related events There will be a tour of the exhibition by participating architects. Date to be confirmed, please check website for further information.

Education The HOME exhibition will stimulate a year-long learning programme at The Mosaic Rooms around the notion of home, exploring what home means to young people in London and in the Middle East through a series of creative workshops. For further details please contact rachael@mosaicrooms.org

MOA: The Museum of Architecture

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The Mosaic Rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation

The Mosaic Rooms are a cultural space showcasing contemporary culture from and connected to the Arab World, bringing the most exciting, progressive and innovative voices in art, literature and film from that region to UK audiences. Find out more
www.mosaicrooms.org

The Mosaic Rooms are managed by the A.M. Qattan Foundation, a UK charity dedicated to the support of culture and education in Palestine and the Arab world. The Foundation's London office, headed by one of its trustees, Omar Al-Qattan, is responsible for the Mosaic Rooms programme. The Rooms are part of the Culture and Arts Programme of the A.M. Qattan Foundation. Find out more www.qattanfoundation.org

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