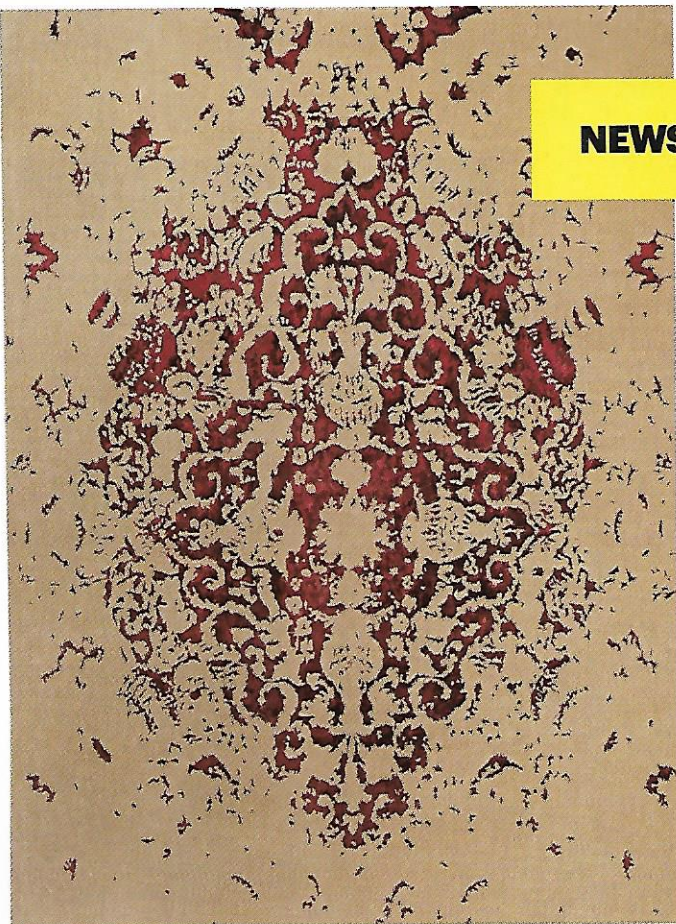


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Knot in my name

A Persian rug requires a lot of time, skill, patience and millions and millions of knots

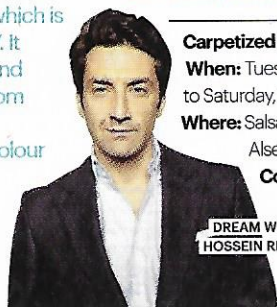
A million knots per square metre not only sounds like a lot, it actually seems to defy physical possibility. That, though, is the benchmark of a high-quality Persian rug – and there aren't many weavers who can deliver it. Today, in fact, only designer Hossein Rezvani is managing to bring that level of detail to modern rugs, as his latest collection, on view at Dubai's Salsali Private Museum from October 24, will demonstrate.

Called "Carpetized", the exhibition will feature ten pieces from Rezvani's "Persia Reinvented" collection, which is set to be released in 2017. It fuses classical patterns and centuries-old symbols from the Tabriz and Bakhtiar traditions with modern colour schemes and designs.

"Trends come and go, yet classics remain forever," says Hossein Rezvani, whose pieces are available exclusively at Iwan Maktabi gallery in The Dubai Mall. "I strive to re-create classics with a contemporary touch, while staying true to the heritage and legacy of the traditional Persian carpet."

- So, how hard is it to make a Persian rug? Very hard, we'd say:
- A six-square-metre Hossein Rezvani carpet is made of 6,000,000 knots – and the whole thing is made by hand.
 - A rug that size will require two weavers working five hours a day for seven months.
 - That equates to more than 2,000 man hours for just one rug.
 - It'll cost you around AED48,000.

Carpetized
When: Tuesday, October 24 to Saturday, November 5
Where: Salsali Private Museum, Alserkal Avenue
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DREAM WEAVER: HOSSEIN REZVANI

BRUNCHES + BITES + BARS

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IL CAPO

The Westin Dubai, Al Habtoor City

One of the most interesting elements to any new hotel opening in Dubai is the food and beverage options that will gradually reveal themselves over the subsequent months. The Westin Dubai in Al Habtoor City, for instance, will reveal Il Capo on Wednesday, October 19, an Italian restaurant that takes its inspiration from New York. The menu consists of storied Italian-American cuisine such as beef *nduja* crostini and black pepper *conchiglie* with short-rib ragu. There's also a "Pizza Table" where you can learn to master this classic culinary art. **+9714 435 5577**



SINATRA NIGHT

Seafire, Atlantis The Palm

A new theme is coming to Wednesday nights at Seafire steakhouse. The resident band pays tribute to Frank Sinatra all night, with a special menu that includes babyback ribs, foie gras torchon and pan-seared duck breast with cauliflower purée. There's a speakeasy element, too, so guests who register on atlantisthepalm.com will be sent a password to receive a free house drink. **+9714 426 2626**



HABIBI BURGER

Dubai Marina promenade

Launching this month in Dubai Marina is a new homegrown burger concept with a touch of local flavour. Habibi Burger will not only be home to classic burgers and fries, but they're adding freshly prepared mezze to the menu. The highlights include their homemade four-ounce burgers, made from prime Argentinian beef, and traditional Arabic starters such as fattoush and kibbeh. **+9714 421 8228**