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Facet round chandelier from The Facet Collection

ESSENCE OF LIGHT

We sit down with famed interior designer Laura Hammett to discuss her newest project, the collaboration with Bella Figura and her endless design inspirations

World-renowned eponymous interior design studio Laura Hammett has joined hands with decorative London-based lighting company Bella Figura to design the brand-new 'The Facet Collection', which was first unveiled at London Design Week (12-20 September 2020). "I wanted to create something sculptural that would add volume to a space," says Laura. "I find the combination of materials really exciting, and the rich bronze paired with the almost ethereal milky glass is so beautiful to me. Understated luxury is what our brand is all about and I think this collection is a real example of that. To me, lighting is the showpiece in an interior."

The shape of the pieces featured within the new collection enables them to emanate a warm, calming light, best paired with dimmers for a luxurious ambience. "This exquisite collaboration took two years to create," says Ross Lloyd, Sales Director of Bella Figura. "Materials were sourced from Italy and Bella Figura worked with family-run businesses in Venice with over 50 years of experience in researching the latest techniques in terms of lighting and design, whilst always ensuring quality at the fore."

Partnering with Bella Figura was a natural evolution for Laura Hammett as both brands share similar values of only sourcing the finest materials and working to the highest

standards for their discerning customers. A bespoke piece of note featured within the collection is 'Dry Ice', a glass set into brushed bronze, gold or nickel metalwork.

When designing pieces, Laura often finds inspiration from her surroundings. "I find inspiration all over and am always taking photographs of details, colour and material combinations wherever I go," she shares. "Bars, restaurants and hotels offer so much inspiration. I often find myself being inspired by something less tangible which will spark an idea, like colour tones in nature."

She teases with an upcoming project that will be revealed in 2021: "We have something very big in the pipeline. I've been working on it behind the scenes for a few years now and it's a real labour of love and an exciting progression for us as a company."

The interior designer's team is dedicated to delivering the finest quality of craftsmanship and custom-made furnishings, all of which work harmoniously with their surroundings. The new collection includes various elegant pieces such as chandeliers, lanterns and lamps, which are all displayed at the G24 Bella Figura showroom in the Design Centre, Centre Dome in London. "I really can't imagine doing anything else," expresses Laura. "This is so much more than a job for me, it's a borderline obsession! I truly believe that good design has the ability to completely elevate and enhance your life." ■ laurahammett.com

Below from left: Facet rectangular chandelier, Facet table lamp and shade. From The Facet Collection



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