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Tips for **stylish offices**, visiting **Elie Saab's** beloved Beirut and **Suzy Menkes' ten favourite things**

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GO LOCAL

"Our office décor features items from several regional designers, including Lebanese design favourites like Nada Debs and Khaled El Mays, both from Cities Dubai," says Ayman Fakoussa, The Qode managing partner.

Armchair by Nada Debs and bench from Khaled El Mays' Rhizomes collection

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Leading Middle East fashion PR firm The Qode's office distils the latest thinking in workplace design

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS Tactile and colourful materials are upending the bland office aesthetic. Statement furniture in the waiting area gives visitors a glimpse of the company's ethos in The Qode office, designed by Vick Vanlian. "We love the mix of textures, colours and materials used, and our waiting area is the perfect example with its mashrabiya-style screen in gold, the velvet Nada Debs couch, and vintage Bean coffee tables from The Odd Piece," says Ayman Fakoussa.



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DESK CANDY
Utilitarian office accessories become objects of wonder.



Tape dispenser and organizer, Dhs 438 and Dhs 365, **Beyond Object**

Stapler, Dhs 244, **Tom Dixon**

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BANISH SUNDAY BLUES Research shows that natural light and greenery have a positive effect on wellbeing, increasing productivity. Colour has the same effect – these pieces harness the power of colour to energise and uplift.



Prism lounge by David Adjaye, Dhs 37,158, **Knoll**



Roller arm sofa upholstered in fabric by Scholten & Baijings, Dhs 21,270, **Herman Miller**