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Artist Jani Leinonen invites guests to an opening of doors at the Dolder Grand

The Finnish artist Jani Leinonen is decorating the lobby of the Dolder Grand with 24 elaborately designed doors

The installation comprising 24 pieces of art – one for each day of December – is a cheerful and colourful work by world-renowned artist Jani Leinonen. It's the second time his creations have decorated the Dolder Grand this year. The 44-year-old Finn has a long-standing relationship with the five-star hotel, which made this art coup possible.



Ronald McDonald on the cross, IKEA as a cuckoo clock and a fictitious fast-food outlet with which he alludes to the social disparity between rich and poor – Jani Leinonen's works are always provocative and unconventional, toying with world-famous brands. In his latest exploit – an oversized Advent calendar with a nod to Haribo Goldbears – the Finn has one door opened each day from 1 December 2022 onwards to reveal yet another work of art. "I'm thrilled to be exhibiting at the Dolder Grand for the second time this year. I have associated the excitement of the run-up to Christmas with Advent calendars since my childhood and hope that my art conveys this sense of joyful anticipation to guests at the Dolder Grand", explains Leinonen.

At the heart of his works is a desire to address contemporary issues and hold up a mirror to society. In his pieces, the 44-year-old focuses on capitalism and explores what he calls our "self-centred consumerist civilisation". "I often use finished products and items from the real world, like cereal boxes or beggar's signs. I turn this junk into art." He finds inspiration for this in popular culture, in big corporate brands and marketing strategies.

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Jani Leinonen and the Dolder Grand have been united by a love of art since 2009, and he regularly exhibits his works at the hotel. For his last exhibition at Easter, he created an oversized egg from fresh flowers, evoking an image of Jesus Christ and his story of suffering at Easter. Jani's contemporary Advent calendar shines the spotlight on another Christian festival, interpreting it in his customary extravagant and flamboyant style.

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With its 175 luxurious rooms and suites, exquisite cuisine, a spa encompassing 43,056 sq ft with a sperate ladies 'and gentlemen spa, generous banqueting and seminar facilities and a remarkable art collection, the Dolder Grand is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, Swiss Deluxe Hotels and Responsible Hotels of Switzerland. The Hotel's elevated location between pulsating city and invigorating nature provides guests with magnificent views over Zurich, the lake and the Alps. The 5-star-deluxe property carries the signature of architects Norman Foster as well as Sylvia Sepielli and is one of Zurich's most famous landmarks. <https://www.thedoldergrand.com/>

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