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Models sashay into town for Barcelona Fashion Week

Barcelona Fashion Week kicks off featuring a host of glamorous shows and events from Moda Barcelona with Passarela Gaudí, Circuit and ModaFad, with big names such as Antonio Miró, Victorio & Lucchino and Armand Basi



The collection of Antonio Miró at last year's Passarela Gaudí at the Pavelló italià. / ANDREU PUIG

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● Barcelona Fashion Week (BFW) takes center stage from Saturday, September 17 to Friday September 23. As in past years, this week will feature fashion shows and events from the three main organizations in the city: Moda Barcelona with its ever-famous Passarela Gaudí; Circuit showcasing innovative designers; and finally, ModaFAD, designed to promote the youngest generation through their PassaFAD and MerkaFAD.

This edition, however, begins a bit differently. Events from ModaFAD, usually reserved for the end of the week, will inaugurate the week. This year's edition entitled *KIT* starts on Saturday 17 at FAD (Plaça dels

Àngels 5-6), followed by PassaFAD, the catwalk established for young designers trying to make their first entrance into the fashion arena, scheduled for 9 p.m., on Saturday at Fabrica Moritz, (Ronda Sant Antoni 39).

The following day begins with the ever-popular MerkaFAD, an all day and night affair (open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.), where these same young fashion designers have the opportunity to sell their creations to the public and get a feel for what clients think of their work. This event also takes place at Fàbrica Moritz and is open to anyone interested in checking out what the newest generation of young designers is all about.

Following these events, the long-standing Passarela Gaudí takes place from Monday the 19th to Thursday the 22nd at the Fira de Barcelona, Z-6 (old Pavelló Itàlia). Ever present heavy hitters such as Antonio Miró, Victorio & Lucchino, Josep Font, Armand Basi, Lydia Delgado and Joaquim Verdú, to name a few, will lead this fantastic show. In addition, raising stars such as Alberto Tous and Cristobal Vidal continue to receive much desired attention. Two interesting shows worth mentioning are the emerging collective of designers show scheduled for Wednesday at 10 a.m. and the Dirk Bikkemberg

show featuring Barca players and models at the Camp Nou scheduled for Monday at 10 p.m.

Circuit, considered by many a pioneer in Spain and Europe for taking fashion to the limits by merging together different art and design disciplines rounds off the week's events with their shows on Thursday and Friday.

This year's edition, entitled *Zero*, will take place at either the Sala Caixa Negra or Sala Caixa Blanca, located at Fira of Barcelona, Pavelló 8. There will also be a showroom featuring those designers presenting their collections as well as others. This edition will highlight David Valls, El Delgado Buil, Snoopy, Cecilia Sorensen, Bambi, with special international guest Marina Yee. The week comes to a close with the already famous and hip Circuit Fashion Party at the Up&Down.

The public merely needs to remember that the Passarela Gaudí is open only to professionals in the fashion field or members of the public with an invitation. Circuit and ModaFAD are open to everyone interested in learning about innovative fashion and design in the city of Barcelona.

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