

French president inaugurates major Picasso exhibition



French President Emmanuel Macron has inaugurated a major Picasso exhibition in Paris, focusing on one key year in the Spanish master's art and life. After visiting the show for an hour and a half with his wife Brigitte, Macron said he likes in Picasso's paintings a "great sensuality" and at the same time a "political meaning" especially in the years leading up to World War II.

The "Picasso 1932. Erotic Year" show displays many portraits of Picasso mistress Marie-Therese Walter, including a famous masterpiece, "The Dream," and a "Girl Before a Mirror," a treasure of the Museum of Modern Art in New York that rarely travels. Macron, an art and literature lover, enjoyed the visit in the presence of members of Picasso's family, including Maya Widmaier-Picasso, the daughter the master had with Walter.

The exhibition displays colorful, surreal paintings inspired by Picasso's young lover, but also many documents, archives and photos. Macron noted Picasso could "live up to three or four lives at the same time," sharing his time between his wife, Olga Khokhlova, and his mistress, "which

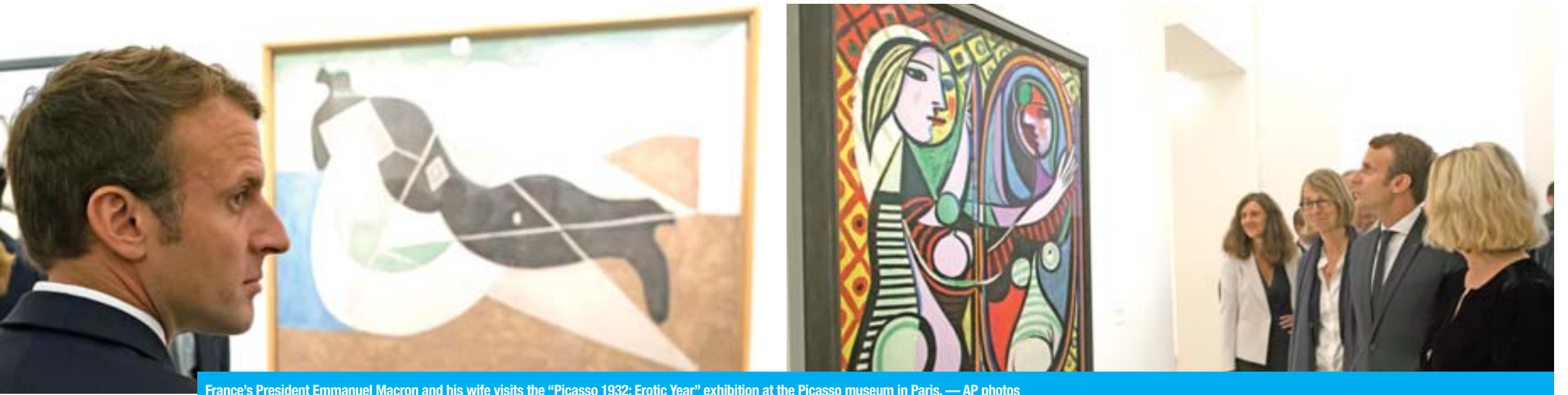
wasn't going without some kind of violence for everyone."

Macron said he has a very strong personal memory of discovering Picasso's paintings for the first time in a museum in his hometown of Amiens in northern France, at the age of 12 or 13. "I can tell you that for the young teenager I was ... this was an event. I do remember it very well. I was moved, hit," he told reporters. Macron said that it would be "great" if a Picasso painting could be displayed at the Elysee presidential palace.

Includes masterpieces "The Dream," "Girl Before a Mirror"



"I would like, indeed, open the Elysee to modern, contemporary painters and other artists. This is a project," he said. The curator of the exhibition, Laurence Madeline, said that 1932 was "decisive" for Picasso who turned 51 that year - "an important moment in the middle of his existence, and the year of his first retrospective including 30 years of artwork since his youth." The exhibition "Picasso 1932. Erotic Year" at the Picasso National Museum in Paris runs from Oct 10 to Feb 11. It is then scheduled to open at the Tate Modern in London, which co-organized the show, from March 8 to Sept 9. — AP



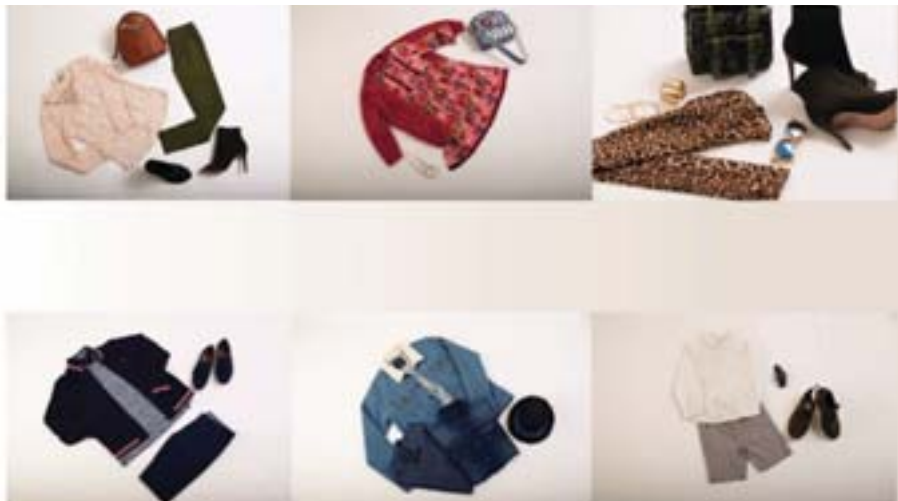
France's President Emmanuel Macron and his wife visits the "Picasso 1932: Erotic Year" exhibition at the Picasso museum in Paris. — AP photos

Centrepoin's Autumn Winter Collection has you covered for every occasion

Centrepoin, the Middle East's largest fashion retailer, has launched its Autumn/Winter '17 collection - with hundreds of fresh new clothing and lifestyle accessories to give everyone's wardrobe their most fashionable revamp of the year.

Trendy autumn winter looks for women

Centrepoin's A/W women's wear 2017 collection is largely inspired by the 90s- from grunge through to cosmo aesthetics with staple silhouettes. The collection comes equipped with a variety of different pieces that will keep you on-trend during the cooler months. The Splash collection features new textured clothing including popular camo, prairie and gingham prints, which have been combined with the key details of the season such as embroidery, ruffles and pleatums.



The collection's color palette is a combination of earthy and natural colors from rusty oranges and blush tones through to fuchsias and burgundy. There is also a focus on green with a spectrum of shades including washed khaki hues and army green. Shoe Mart covers a range of fashionable female footwear styles. There is a nod to the 90s with gothic and grunge inspired designs, alongside a wide selection for those looking for something sleeker and minimalist. The collection also offers ankle-length boots and high-heeled sandals in earth tones, leisure sneakers and chunky platforms to complement the more rugged styling of the season.

Stylish autumn winter looks for men

Grunge luxe, sports nostalgia and extreme utility trends remain at the forefront for men this A/W '17. Bright colors and rich darks have also taken over this season with steel grey and uniform blue anchoring this season's collection. Splash makes a splash with its color choices this season, from bold red, to ripe orange and hazard yellow, autumn doesn't all have to be dulled out colors. Quieter shades such as olives, camels, baked pinks, and rust tones contrast nicely with the other brighter colors.

Exaggerated details, oversized proportions, and wash silks with their military reference are heavy trends that feature throughout the collection. Eastern styling also remains an essential this winter with subtle references such as kimono necklines worked into shirting, long line jackets and muted blue and denim palettes.

In Shoe Mart, purple haze and saddle brown work as richer base colors, whilst white bright chartreuse and even a bold lilac adds a fresh modern edge. The earthier tones ground the modern design of the shoes giving the collection a seasonal feel.

Stylish autumn winter looks for children

Boys and girls from two years to tweens can find all their autumn essentials at Centrepoin. There are collections to appeal to girls of all ages from Preppy Street and Floral Dreams to Hello Kitty and Barbie for younger fans. Whilst Babyshop has boys covered with their Urban Geek, Grunge Rewind and Midtown Manhattan ranges. For tween boys between 8-14 years, the Underground collection is a smartened-up take on punk with tartans, photo-print and traces of metallic that also offer a dose of futurism.

Whether in school or prepping for the season's festivities, elevate kids' style and finish off their new outfits by dressing them in this season's trendiest shoes from Shoe Mart. The new selection features classic designs with twists, color blocking and soft urban palettes to achieve the look - be it retro geek or sophisticated chic.

Lifestyle

Lifestyle has a wide range of new accessories to accompany every new fashion look. With new launches from Charlotte Reid and Fiorelli - those coveting a new bag will be delighted with the range of designs from prints, through to monochrome in an assortment of flattering shades.

For the beauty fans, Centrepoin will be stocking several new haircare brands - Bedhead, Tigi, Big Sexy Hair and Toni and Guy - just in time for those late-night parties! Whilst for make-up, this season offers the paradox of glossy lip prints and nude lip mattes - so something for every occasion! With color correcting palettes, also a focus in-store and new exotic fragrances from Heart & Home, Apsley and Millefiori Milano. Finally, for those looking to give their homes a seasonal revamp - there will be a range of home accessories available including the launch of a new brand V1969, whilst younger shoppers can get their hands on a wide range of funky and themed stationery and merchandise.

Get your hands on the Autumn/Winter '17 Collection; do visit any of the stores located at Al Rai, Avenues, Salmiya, Fintas, Jahra, Fahaheel, Sulaibikhat, Kuwait City, Khaitan and Hawally.

