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Art Dubai presents the final list of exhibiting galleries at its 2023 edition. The leading global platform for art and artists from the Middle East and Global South, Art Dubai's 16th edition will present over 130 presentations from 43 countries across four gallery sections: **Contemporary**, **Modern**, **Bawwaba** and **Art Dubai Digital**. The 2023 fair will include over 30 first-time participants and more than 60% of the gallery programme is drawn from the Global South, reaffirming Art Dubai's position as the leading marketplace for art from this region.

Art Dubai Contemporary presents the very best in cutting-edge contemporary art from 76 galleries and 34 countries, with particular focus on art and artists from the Global South. For our 16th edition, we are pleased to welcome 14 first-time exhibitors, including **Art: Concept** (Paris), **Barakat Contemporary** (Seoul), **First Floor** (Harare) and **kó** (Lagos), **Piedras** (Buenos Aires), **Shrine Empire** (New Delhi), and **Barbara Thumm** (Berlin). We welcome more South Asian and African galleries than ever before, including **Experimenter** (Kolkata / Mumbai), **Jhaveri Contemporary** (Mumbai), **Latitude 28** (New Delhi), **Canvas Gallery** (Karachi), **Gallery 1957** (Accra / London), **Selma Feriani Gallery** (Sidi Bou Said / London) and **First Floor Gallery** (Harare / Victoria Falls). We welcome back 12 galleries who are returning to Art Dubai after a hiatus, these include **ALBAREH ART GALLERY** (Manama), **Ruth Benzacar Galería de Arte** (Buenos Aires), **Chemould Prescott Road** (Mumbai), **Taymour Grahne Projects** (London), **GVCC** (Casablanca), **October Gallery** (London), and **Project 88** (Mumbai). The 2023 edition of Art Dubai will feature 22 Dubai-based galleries, more than ever before, reflecting the continued growth of Dubai's artistic ecosystem and the Emirate's increasing importance as a global creative and cultural hub.

Bangkok-based **Vipash Purichanont** curates the 2023 edition of Art Dubai's **Bawwaba** section. Meaning 'gateway' in Arabic, Bawwaba exclusively features artworks made in the past year or specifically for Art Dubai, and comprises solo presentations by 11 artists hailing from across the Global South. Across a variety of mediums, from painting and tapestry to filmmaking and performance, this section explores how contemporary artists from the Global South bring forth concerns within their worlds, from socio-cultural issues such as the tension between rapid urban development and traditional values, the legacy of colonisation on environment, human relationships in the age of hyperconnectivity, or personal concerns around the meaning of language and void.

Participating galleries and artists include: **Circle Art Gallery** (Nairobi) with Dickens Otieno; **PARLIAMENT** (Paris) with Achraf Touloub; **Silverlens Galleries** (Manila / New York) with Gregory Halili; **Yeo Workshop** (Singapore) with Maryanto; and **Hunna Art Gallery** (Abu Dhabi / Sharjah) with Moza Almatrooshi.

Art Dubai 2023 sees the return of **Art Dubai Digital**, which launched to critical and commercial success at the 2022 fair. This physical section of Art Dubai provides an annual 360-degree snapshot of the digital art landscape, building bridges between the art and technology worlds, and exploring how artists are utilising new, immersive technologies to collapse the boundaries of the traditional art world. The Art Dubai Digital programme will also feature an extensive talks and education programme.

Curated by Singapore-based educator and arts writer **Clara Che Wei Peh**, the expanded 2023 edition of Art Dubai Digital welcomes galleries with innovative new media

programmes, as well as digital platforms building virtual art spaces, alongside artist collectives, Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAOs) and traditional bricks and mortar galleries that challenge and push forward new models for artistic production and support.

The selection is drawn from across 6 continents, reinforcing Art Dubai's commitment to presenting global perspectives and diversity, and inviting audiences to look beyond traditional art centres, and mapping out the key agents and platforms leading the way. In close dialogue with the region's pioneering approach to digital economies and worlds, Art Dubai was the first art fair to initiate a dedicated digital section and to build a new home for artists working across a broad spectrum of digital mediums. Highlights for 2023 will include **Window Project** (Tbilisi); **Afrofuturism** (Ikoyi, Lagos); **Galleria Continua** (San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulins, Havana, Rome, São Paulo, Paris, Dubai); **6529** (Digital); **Unit London**; AKTHR x AORIST (Jeddah / Miami); and Dubai-based **UAE NFT** and **Morrow Collective**.

The 2023 edition of **Art Dubai Modern** is curated by Paris-based critic and curator **Mouna Mekouar** and Italian art historian **Lorenzo Giusti** (director, GAMeC, Bergamo) and features solo presentations by the region's Modern masters, reinforcing Art Dubai's commitment to curatorial scholarship and art historical research. The selection focuses on the pioneers of contemporary art in the MENASA area, whose works are retrospectively playing a key role in today's art and, by extension, a key role in art history and reflecting the cultural richness and diversity of the region. Art Dubai Modern will be accompanied by a special talks programme, held in collaboration with **Dubai Collection**, which will examine the life, work and influences of leading 20th century artists from the Middle East and Africa. Featured presentations will include: Rasheed Araeen (Aicon, New York); Mona Saudi (Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai); James Barnor (October Gallery); and MARWAN (Sfeir-Semler Gallery).