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**Contemporary Istanbul announces galleries for the 13th edition
20-23 September 2018**



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Contemporary Istanbul (CI), the leading annual art fair in the region, announces today the galleries for its 13th edition, taking place 20 – 23 September 2018 in the Istanbul Congress Center and Convention and Exhibition Centre. Situated at the meeting point of Europe, Asia and the Middle East, in one of the great cities of the world, CI is led by Chairman Ali Güreli and Director Kamiar Maleki, alongside Akbank, CI's main sponsor and Ferko, associate sponsor.

CI brings together leading international and Turkish contemporary art galleries, offering a platform for the city's thriving art scene and growing art market. The 13th edition of the fair will feature 85 galleries from 21 countries. CI is pleased that galleries such as Archeus Post Modern, Galleria Continua, Galeria Plan B, Galerie Jerome Poggi, Galerie Michael Schultz and Marlborough Gallery have returned to the fair this year, building on their presentations at past editions. For the first time, the fair welcomes participation by new galleries including Almine Rech, Ethan Cohen, Galerie Laurent Godin, Mohsen Gallery and The Hole.

Continuing to build the fair's reputation for innovation, the 13th edition will also see the expansion of the Gallery Support Program, which assists galleries with participating in the fair. Launched in 2017 with the support of Bucuresti Mall, the initiative has grown to support galleries in countries including the Netherlands, France, Portugal, Romania and the USA.

"In its 13th year, Contemporary Istanbul continues to shine a spotlight on Istanbul as a cultural hub with a growing contemporary arts scene. CI has played an integral role in developing a strong market of local collectors, offering a platform to present contemporary art from across the region and globally to both local and international audiences. This year we are particularly looking forward to hosting for the second time our expanded Gallery Support Program, which has allowed for participation from a wider representation of galleries from across the globe," says Ali Güreli, Chairman, Contemporary Istanbul.

"We are thrilled to announce the list of participating galleries for the 13th edition of Contemporary Istanbul which features a strong representation of galleries from the region and further afield. This year we welcome over 30 new galleries and over 50 returning exhibitors from past editions as we continue to offer a platform for the Turkish art market, both locally and internationally," says Kamiar Maleki, Director, Contemporary Istanbul.

Participating Galleries

44A, Istanbul; 55 Bellechasse, Paris, Miami; AB Gallery, Seoul; Almine Rech, Paris, Brussels, London, New York; Andakulova Gallery, Dubai; Anemoi Art Gallery, London; Anna Laudel Contemporary, Istanbul; Antonio Colombo Arte Contemporanea, Milan; Archeus / Post Modern, London; Art On Istanbul, Istanbul; Artmedy, Vallauris; Atelier Rose & Gray, Manchester, Bozlu Art Project, Istanbul; C.A.M. Galeri, Istanbul; C24, New York; CA Contemporary, Vienna; Dastan's Basement, Tehran; Dirimart, Istanbul, Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Florence; Efremidis Gallery, Berlin; Ethan Cohen, New York; Faur Zsofi, Budapest; Galeri 77, Istanbul; Galeri Baraz, Istanbul; Galeria Joan Gaspar, Barcelona; Galeria Plan B, Cluj, Berlin; Galerie Alberta Pane, Paris, Venice; Galerie Allen, Paris; Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris; Galerie Antoine Levi, Paris; Galerie Art Concept, Paris; Galerie Dix9, Paris; Galerie Jerome Poggi, Paris; Galerie Jocelyn, Paris; Galerie Laurent Godin, Paris; Galerie Loevenbruck, Paris; Galerie Michael Schultz, Berlin; Galerie Odile Ouizeman, Paris; Galerist, Istanbul; Galeri Binyil, Istanbul Galerimiz, Istanbul; Galeri Nev, Istanbul; Galeri Siyah Beyaz, Ankara; Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulins, Habana; Gallery Tableau, Seoul; Gama Gallery, Istanbul; Gibbons & Nicholas, Dublin; Initio Fine Arts, Budapest, London; Isabel Croxatto Galeria, Santiago; Karavil Contemporary, London; Kranjčar Galerija, Zagreb; Krank Art Gallery, Istanbul; Lamb Arts, London; Liquid Art System, Capri, Istanbul; Mark Hachem, New York, Paris, Beirut; Marlborough Gallery, New York, London, Madrid, Barcelona; Martch Art Project, Istanbul; MFC-Michele Didier, Paris; Mixer, Istanbul; Mohsen Gallery, Tehran; Montoro 12 Contemporary Art, Rome; NK Gallery, Antwerp; Nosbaum Reding, Luxembourg; Olcay Art, Istanbul; Perve Galeria, Lisbon; Pg Art Gallery, Istanbul; Pi Artworks, Istanbul, London; Pilot Galeri, Istanbul; Pyramid Sanat, Istanbul; Project ArtBeat, Tbilisi; RED art Istanbul, Istanbul; rh+artproject, Istanbul; Sanatorium, Istanbul; Sector 1, Bucharest; Sevil Dolmaci Art Gallery, Istanbul; Shirin Gallery, Tehran; SMAC, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Stellenbosch; The Hole, New York; Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam; Galeria Victor Lope Arte Contemporáneo, Barcelona; Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona; X-Ist, Istanbul; X-Pinky Lab, Berlin; Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Berlin; Zorzini F Gallery, Bucharest.

CIF Dialogues

CIF Dialogues, the fair's talk symposium, has been a key element of the Contemporary Istanbul program, having been held every year for over a decade. This year's edition will be the first event hosted by the new Contemporary Istanbul Art, Culture and Education Foundation, as part of its educational outreach, with consultation from Vanessa Arelle and support by Akbank, CIF Dialogues' main sponsor. Based on the theme of *Sensibilities*, it will take place ahead of the opening of the fair on 18 September 2018. Sessions will explore topics including Design and Heritage; Tech and Innovation; Art, Architecture and Spaces; Art World, Culture and Dialogue; and Game-changers. Moderators and guest speakers for CIF Dialogues 2018 include:

Igor Ramirez, Editor, Solar Magazine; **Kristina Blahnik**, CEO, Manolo Blahnik; **William Gilchrist**, Stylist, UK; **Defne Koz**, Co-founder, Koz Susani Design; **Bünyamin Aydın**, Founder, Creative Director, Les Benjamins; **Ismail Hakkı Polat**, President, Digital Transformation Association; **Nicole Junkermann**, Entrepreneur, Investor, Founder of NJF Capital; **Güvenç Özel**, Architect, Artist, Researcher and Lecturer, UCLA; **Sherry Dobbin**, Cultural Director, FutureCity; **Tolga Ulutaş**, EVP of Direct Banking, Akbank; **Prof. Suha Özkan**, Architect, Founding President of World Architecture Community; **Frida Escobedo**, Architect, Designer of Serpentine Pavilion 2018; **Murat Tabanlıoğlu**, Architect; **Melisa Pezuk**, DIFC VP Property Development, Museums Dubai; **Anissa Touati**, Curator; **Alexander Schwarz**, Partner, David Chipperfield Architects Berlin; **Prof. Hasan Bülent Kahraman**, Rector of Netkent Research and Science University; **Philippe Van Cauteren**, Artistic Director, SMAK; **Michael Benson**, Director of Prix Pictet, Founding Director of Photo London; **Hakan Çarmıklı**, Collector, CEO of Çarmıklı Holding; **Charlotte Eyeran**, Director and Chief Curator, JPMorgan Chase Art Collection at JPMorgan Chase & Co.; **Ahu Büyükkuşoğlu Serter**, Serial Entrepreneur, Investor, Enabler; **Nizam Uddin**, Senior Head of Mosaic and Community Integration; **Prof. Mehmet Toner**, Biomedical Engineer, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology; **Eglantina Zingg**; Founder of Proyecto Paz Latino América; **Princess Martha Louise** of Norway, Author, Founder of Soulspring; and **Kim Polman**, Founder, Reboot the Future.

CIF Dialogues will be followed by a special presentation of work by Turkish artist Murat Akagündüz as part of a CIF Exhibitions series, hosted by the Contemporary Istanbul Art, Culture and Education Foundation. The exhibition, which brings together recent works alongside seminal paintings inspired by the mythological Kaf Mountain, will be held from 18 September – 22 October 2018 at the Sofa Hotel Istanbul, Autograph Collection.

The 13th edition of Contemporary Istanbul will coincide with a number of events in the cultural calendar of the city including global photography prize Prix Pictet, 18 September – 17 October 2018.

13th Edition of Contemporary Istanbul

Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) and Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC)

CIF Dialogues
18 September 2018
By CI Foundation
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Preview day
19 September 2018
By invitation only

General admission
20 – 23 September 2018

Notes to Editors

About Ali Güreli

Ali Güreli is the Founder and Chairman of Contemporary Istanbul and the Chairman of Contemporary Istanbul Art, Culture and Education Foundation, under whose leadership CI has become the leading annual art fair in the region. He is the Founder/Chairman of the Hotel Association of Turkey (TÜROB) and Founding Partner of ICEC (Istanbul Convention & Exhibition Center). He is currently Vice President of The Turkish Tourism Investors Association (TTYD) and Chairman of the Board of The Sofa Hotels/ Autograph Collection Marriott.

About Kamiar Maleki

Kamiar Maleki is the Director of Contemporary Istanbul. With 15 years of experience in the contemporary art world in collecting and patronage, Kamiar has developed a significant interest in emerging artists. He is a founding member of the ICA's Young Patrons.

About Contemporary Istanbul Foundation

The Contemporary Istanbul Foundation for Art, Culture and Education was founded in 2018 to support the development to the art environment and relations in Istanbul. With a strong educational remit, the Foundation will hold art events, workshops and artist residencies.

About Akbank

Akbank is one of the leading banks in Turkey with 91bn USD consolidated assets. Incorporated as a privately-owned commercial bank in Adana in 1948, the bank is 48.9% owned by H.Ö. Sabancı Holding, affiliated institutions and individuals, with a free float of 51.1%. With its dedication to innovation and technology, Akbank continues to provide unrivalled financial solutions to its customers leveraging its robust capital, diversified funding base, strong liquidity, ability to raise foreign financing on favorable terms and superior asset quality together with its non-banking subsidiaries Ak Asset Management, Ak Investment and Ak Lease. Its strong presence in the country and extensive network of 900 branches enable the group to reach all segments of the population and act as a vital pillar of the economy.

Akbank embraces the social development through culture and the arts as a prime responsibility alongside supporting economic growth. This year Akbank celebrates its 70th year and the 25th anniversary of Akbank Sanat. Having supported the arts and artists since its foundation, Akbank has contributed significantly to Turkey's social and economic development thanks to its long-term corporate social responsibility projects. Akbank remains committed to Contemporary Istanbul in its 13th year.

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