



# Your essential guide to Art Basel Hong Kong 2026

Groundbreaking presentations, exclusive performances, and more – the show at your fingertips

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It's almost time for Art Basel Hong Kong! The general public is invited to attend the fair at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) from Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29. For those seeking early access, an exclusive vernissage is taking place on Thursday afternoon, March 26 (tickets available [here](#)). The full event will be filled with extraordinary artworks and special events: Here is everything you'll need to know to plan the perfect visit.

## The fair

The 2026 edition of the show will host 240 world-class galleries from 41 countries and territories, with over half hailing from Asia Pacific, reaffirming Art Basel Hong Kong's role as a global platform rooted in the region. The fair is divided into several exhibition sectors, each with its own focus.

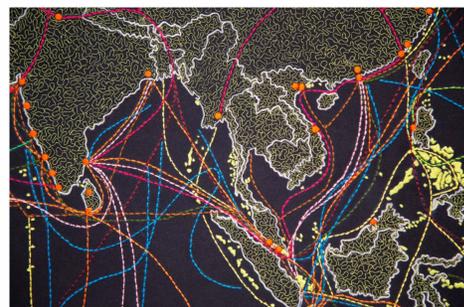
**Encounters**, the sector dedicated to large-scale installations, sculptures, and performances, has been curated for the first time by a collective, led by Mami Kataoka, who worked alongside Isabella Tam, Alia Swastika, and Hirokazu Tokuyama. Twelve artworks will be presented, articulated according to the five elements outlined in Asian cultures. Highlights will include a multimedia textile installation landscape by Suki Seokyeong Kang ([Kukje Gallery](#)); Parag Tandel's yarn-based installation exploring ancestral connections to the sea ([Tarr](#)); and glazed ceramic sculptural works by Masaomi Yasunaga ([Lisson Gallery](#)). Encounters will also extend beyond the HKCEC: [Christine Sun Kim's](#) site-specific digital animation installation *A String of Echo Traps* (2022–26) will be on view at Pacific Place's Park Court until April 12.

A brand new sector, **Echoes**, will be spotlighting pieces created within the past five years in focused displays of work by up to three artists. Highlights here will include [Max Estrella's](#) presentation of [Tiffany Chung's](#) embroidered maps of spice routes and Miler Lagos's carved book sculptures, as well as an immersive spatial installation by the Polish artist Natalia Zaluska, presented by [Double O Gallery](#) (Hong Kong).

Learn more about all the sectors [here](#) and discover the full list of exhibitors [here](#).



Masaomi Yasunaga, Mosaic Vessel, 2026. © Masaomi Yasunaga, Courtesy Lisson Gallery, Nonaka-Hill Gallery



Tiffany Chung, Global Spice Trade routes from ancient time to the age of exploration-exploitation (detail), 2025. © Courtesy of the artist and Galeria Max Estrella

### Public program

The Public program returns with free public access to screenings within the Film sector, live debates presented by the Conversations team, and collaborative events with cultural institutions across Hong Kong, reinforcing the fair's connection to the city and its communities.

For the fifth year, Art Basel and M+ have co-commissioned an artwork for the M+ Facade, presented by UBS. From March 23, the Pakistani American artist Shahzia Sikander's radiant animation *3 to 12 Nautical Miles* will be bringing her hand-painted watercolors to life on the museum's exterior, mapping enduring currents of power, trade, and global exchange.

**Conversations**, Art Basel's flagship talks program, returns to Hong Kong with an expanded four-day format and 11 talks, including the traditional Premiere Artist Talk, this year with Shahzia Sikander. One day of the programming will be guest-curated and moderated by the acclaimed curator and writer Venus Lau, Director of Museum MACAN in Jakarta. The three panels meeting that day will examine digital world-making, the shaping of cultural and bodily flows, and the social mechanics of fear, with a roster of speakers that includes Angela Su, Steph Huang, and Joshua Serafin.

The **Exchange Circle**, located on the Level 1 Concourse, will serve as an open platform for short and experimental presentations, including artist talks, discussions, lectures, book presentations, signings, and workshops.

The **Film program**, meanwhile, has been curated by Ellen Pau, a pioneering media artist and curator whose practice has shaped Hong Kong's art and technology landscape.

Learn more about the Public program [here](#).



Venus Lau, Director of Museum MACAN in Jakarta, will guest-curate one day of the Conversations program of Art Basel Hong Kong 2026. Photo by Muhammad Fadli.



Ellen Pau, Media Artist and Curator. Courtesy of the artist and Kiang Malingue. Photo by Martin Cheung.

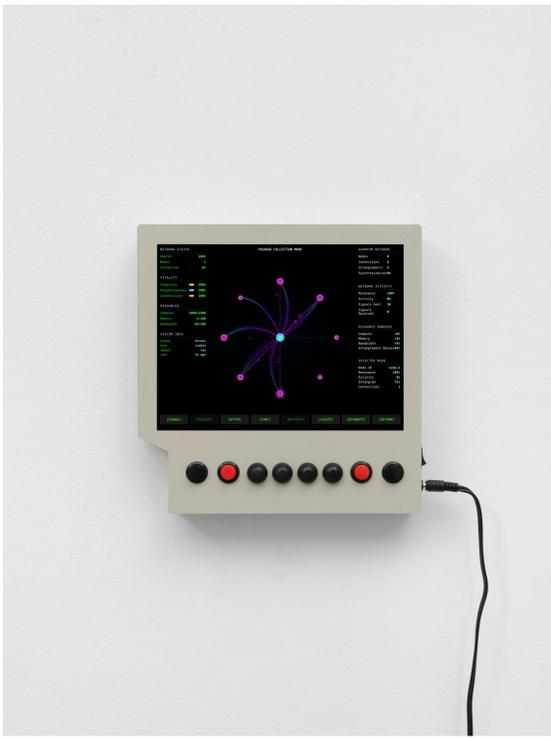


Shahzia Sikander, *3 to 12 Nautical Miles* (still), 2026. Co-commissioned by M+ and Art Basel, presented by UBS, 2026. Photo: Courtesy of the artist.

### Zero 10

Art Basel's global initiative dedicated to art of the digital era will be making its Asia debut at Art Basel Hong Kong 2026, following its inaugural appearance at Art Basel Miami Beach in December 2025. Curated by Eli Scheinman and presented by GoTone Privilege Club, Zero 10 will feature 14 exhibitors: Art of This Millenium (AOTM), Art Blocks, Asprey Studio, biforms gallery, BottoDAO, Fellowship x ARTXCODE, vK Contemporary, Nguyen Wahed, Office impart, Onkaos, Plan X, Silk Art House, Solos, and Taex.

Learn more about Zero 10 [here](#).



Jonas Lund, Network Maintenance #1, 2025. Courtesy the artist and OFFICE IMPART. Photo: Marjorie Brunet Plaza.



Botto, Suffice Nuance. From the Genesis Period. VQGAN. Minted 2/25/2022. Courtesy of BottoDAO.

#### The Art Basel Shop

Returning to Hong Kong, **the Art Basel Shop** will once more be filled with a selection of lifestyle products that celebrate and enhance the Art Basel experience.

The AB by Artist Collection will feature an exclusive body of work by the Hong Kong-based artist Chan Wai Lap, created especially for the Art Basel Shop. Rooted in Lap's long-standing fascination with public swimming pools as spaces that blur the boundaries between public and private, self and other, the pieces center on his 'LOVEGUARD' body of work.

Visitors will also be able to peruse the shop's Core Collection and collaborations: This season's highlights include the highly anticipated Art Basel Hong Kong Labubu by Kasing Lung and the upcycling pioneer FREITAG's exclusive, new-edition tote bag. Meanwhile, collectors and art enthusiasts alike will appreciate the Marc Jacobs Joy line, featuring collaborations with Derrick Adams, David Shrigley, and Hattie Stewart. The shop will also be spotlighting works from the digital art community, hosting in-store activations, and offering Artist and Author meet-and-greet moments, creating an immersive experience that will bring together a global community of art and design.

Learn more about the Art Basel Shop [here](#).



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LOVEGUARD Sun Hat from Art Basel shop by Chan Wai Lap.

#### MGM Discoveries Art Prize

The MGM Discoveries Art Prize, an award established in 2025 to support emerging artists, will once again unveil its winners during the fair. The jury members this year are the international experts Aaron Cezar, Founding Director of Delfina Foundation; Antonia Carver, Director of Art Jameel; Christopher K. Ho, board member of Asia Art Archive and Powerhouse Arts and a member of the Design & Architecture Acquisitions Committee at M+; Park Seungho, Chairman of Park Seo-Bo Foundation; and X Zhu-Nowell, Executive Director and Chief Curator at the Rockbund Art Museum (RAM).

Learn more about the MGM Discoveries Art Prize [here](#).



Shin Min, laureate of the MGM Discoveries Art Prize 2025, in front of her work showcased by P21 at Art Basel Hong Kong 2025.

#### Practical information

First, make sure to purchase your tickets, exclusively available at our [online ticket shop](#).

Go to our [visitor information page](#), where you will discover all kinds of useful information: opening hours, [rules for your safety](#), tips to help you plan your stay, information about [Hong Kong's world-class museums and private collections](#), how to book a private tour, and more.

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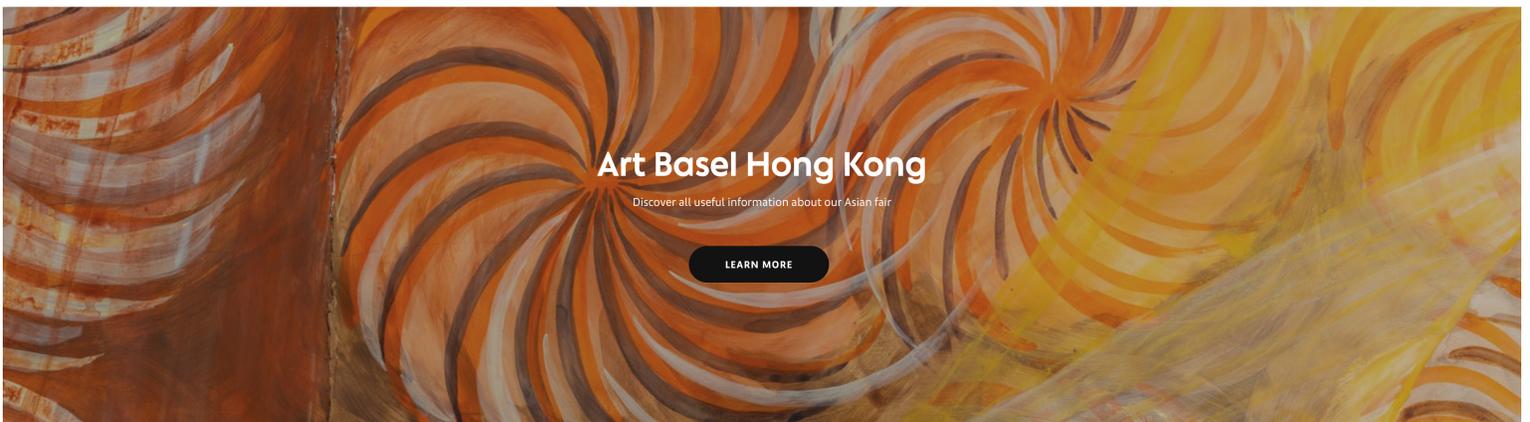
We look forward to seeing you soon at Art Basel Hong Kong. Enjoy the fair!



Esther Schipper's booth at Art Basel Hong Kong 2025.



Doki Kim's work in Gallery Baton's booth at Art Basel Hong Kong 2025.



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