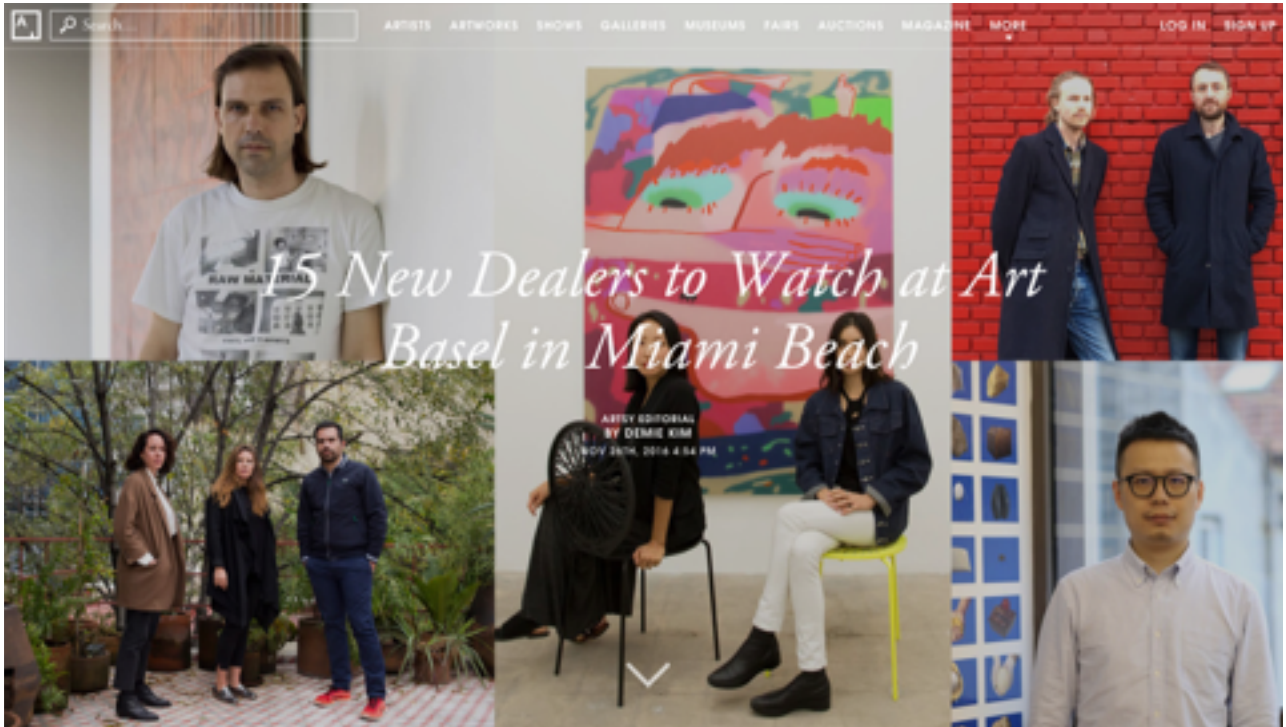


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Next week, collectors, curators, and artists from around the world will convene for the 15th edition of Art Basel in Miami Beach. Of the 269 dealers from 29 countries selected to participate this year, 21 are first-time exhibitors. They hail from both established and up-and-coming art world capitals—Mexico City, Hong Kong, and Brussels among them—and anticipate new international exposure for their artists, many of whom are young and emerging, or historically overlooked. Below, we highlight the 15 most exciting new additions. With the exception of two galleries established in the 1980s, all were founded within the last decade—from the socially engaged West Coast gallery Various Small Fires to the cross-disciplinary Shanghai arts space Leo Xu Projects.

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LEO XU PROJECTS

Leo Xu Projects

LOCATION
Shanghai

FOUNDED
2011

ON VIEW AT ART BASEL IN MIAMI BEACH
Nova Sector, Booth N13 • Film Sector

WORKS BY
aaajiao, Cui Jie, Liu Shiyuan • Gabriel Lester



Photo of Leo Xu courtesy of Leo Xu Projects.

Inspired by creative agencies and architectural firms, Shanghai dealer Leo Xu has expanded the scope of the traditional gallery model in China, nurturing artists' careers while broadening their practice by encouraging collaboration across disciplines. His gallery Leo Xu Projects is focused on two main areas: fostering a dialogue between emerging and mid-career artists, both in China and abroad; and studying urban and increasingly new media-driven cultures. Curator and Serpentine Galleries co-director Hans Ulrich Obrist described him as in a class of his own: "Leo Xu is Leo Xu and everything else is everything else." Indeed, the dealer has exhibited some of the most promising young names in Chinese art, particularly those questioning social change in contemporary China, such as video artists Cheng Ran and Liu Chuang and photographer Chen Wei.



Taking inspiration from English science fiction novelist J.G. Ballard's imagining of the urban experience, Leo Xu Projects will present recent and new work by three emerging Chinese artists who are exploring the Chinese diaspora in their work. This "neo-Ballardian vision of urban living" will include an algorithmic installation by aaajiao, an architectural painting by Cui Jie, and a cross-media collage by Liu Shiyuan. "With the rise of Shanghai on the cultural map and as a new urban model," said Xu, the booth will create a dialogue between the artists' work and their various influences in the city, including "economy, cultures, and communication." For the dealer, this first outing at Art Basel in Miami Beach will expand the gallery's footprint in the U.S. beyond Frieze New York. "And it brings me to a frontier where I reach for other parts of America," said Xu, referencing the Miami fair's key role in the art world as a bridge between North and Latin America.

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