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**XVA GALLERY**

**Launch of the Sadeem Collection – Nuwa Creations by Katia Al Tal**

**10 December 2013 – 31 January 2014**

**Vernissage: Tuesday 10 December, 2013 from 6-9pm**

**Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Bur Dubai**



XVA Gallery is pleased to announce the launch of *Sadeem*, a new collection of *Nuwa Creations'* calligraphic ceramics by French-Jordanian artist and sculptor Katia Al Tal.

Well-known for her previous "Figures" series of contorted abstracted, and often eviscerated, bodies, Nuwa Creations is a collection of ceramics that incorporates the artist's love of calligraphy into her creative yet functional designs. An extension of her sculptural practice, Al Tal's attachment to the medium of clay is an on-going and decade-old spiritual affair. Breathing and vibrating with life, the artist connects with clay on a fundamental level, viewing the medium as the essential, pre-historic energy of the Earth.

Al Tal's Arab origin and worldly travels are major inspirations for her sculptures and can be felt in every curve and stroke of her designs. While taking inspiration from vintage ceramic styles, the artist's primary influence were the provoking fluid and energetic shapes that Arabic calligraphy inspired in her imagination. The artist aimed to capture the essential flowing lines and elegant shapes of Arabic calligraphy in her ceramic artworks; the *Sadeem* collection is "calligraphy in its sublime lightness woven into vibrating clay to honor our daily life in a legendary fashion."

Join us on December 10, 2013 from 6-9pm for the launch of Nuwa Creations. The exhibition will run from December 10, 2013 to January 10, 2014 at XVA Gallery in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, Bur Dubai.

## Notes to the Editors

### About the XVA Gallery:

Established in 2003, XVA is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East that specializes in contemporary art from the Arab world, Iran and the Subcontinent. Exhibitions focus on works by the regions foremost artists as well as those emerging onto the scene. The gallery's artists express their different cultural identities and perspectives while challenging the viewer to drop prejudices and borders. XVA Gallery exhibits both locally and internationally; collaborating with galleries and participating in international art fairs, such as Art London, SH Contemporary and Art Basel Hong Kong in order to further expose Middle Eastern contemporary art.

XVA Gallery and XVA Art Hotel are located in Dubai's heritage district Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood (formerly named Bastakiya). XVA founded and organized the Bastakiya Art Fair from 2007- 2010 as part of its commitment to raising the profile of contemporary art practice in Dubai.

In November 2013 XVA Gallery expanded its operations in Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood to continue its program of curated exhibitions and launch Projects @ XVA Gallery, a series of public programmes and events designed to further engage the public's interest in art

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