



**Mukesh Shah: *IN BETWEEN***

Vernissage: 11<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm-9pm

Exhibition Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

XVA GALLERY, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Bur Dubai

Mukesh Shah was born in Aden, Yemen, and educated at Eton and Cambridge. *IN BETWEEN* at XVA Gallery is his first solo exhibition, having begun as a self-taught visual artist in 2010 in London. He currently lives in Dubai.

The works on display span a period from 2011 to 2016.

**Artist Statement**

'My practise is an innate response to change and the narratives that impact me. Abstraction that is contemplative and detached but also human seems to me more relevant than ever; I am drawn to the space where figuration dissolves into abstraction and where abstraction coalesces into figuration. My compositions often have a geometric structure with space, repetition and chance as keynotes. The process of making is important in itself and the use of different materials adds a tactile textural physicality to the work.'

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**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 Basel Hong Kong, SH Contemporary, Singapore Art Fair and Abu Dhabi Art in 2014, in order to further expose Middle Eastern contemporary art.

XVA Gallery and XVA Art Hotel are located in Dubai's heritage district, now called Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood. 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. For three years XVA was located in DIFC, and has now expanded its premises in Al Fahidi.

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