Dubai’s Alerskal Avenue Announces New Additions

As we previously reported, the Dubai arts district known as Alserkal Avenue, currently home to Carbon 12, Grey Noise, Lawrie Shabibi, and others, is in the midst of major expansions (with $14 million in funding to help speed things along). This morning, the beekers behind the initiative held a press conference to announce a few more specifics regarding changes and additions. Leila Heller Gallery of New York will open an outpost at Alserkal, as will newcomer Stephane Custot Gallery, who plans to show Marc Quinn later in 2015. Dubai powerhouse The Third Line will move to the district from its current location. Their less conventional neighbors will include MB&F M.A.D.Gallery (“a captivating universe of kinetic art where Horological Machines and Mechanical Art Devices reign supreme,” per their website), and a performing-arts theater dubbed the Junction.

This morning’s announcement kicks off a busy Art Week in the city, which includes a slew of exhibition openings in Alserkal Avenue, as well as fairs like Art Dubai and Design Days Dubai and the Thinkers & Doers Conference.

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(Photo: An aerial view of Alserkal Avenue taken in March 2015. Photo by Mohamed Bin Mayed, Courtesy of Alserkal Avenue)