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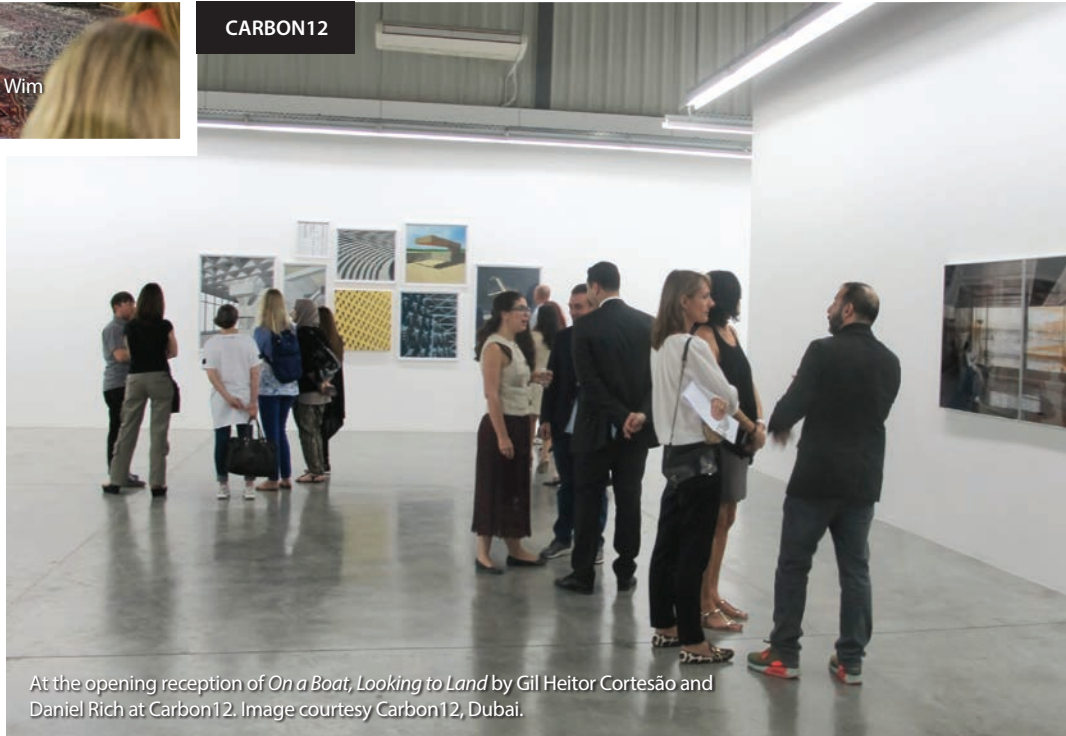


Visitors at an artist talk in The Yard by Leila Heller Gallery, with Ghada Amer, Wim Delvoye and Shiva Balaghi. Photography by Tara Atkinson.



A4 Space. Photography by Tara Atkinson.

CARBON12



At the opening reception of *On a Boat, Looking to Land* by Gil Heitor Cortesão and Daniel Rich at Carbon12. Image courtesy Carbon12, Dubai.

# ALSERKAL AVENUE GALLERIES NIGHT

This special instalment of Alserkal Avenue's Galleries Night celebrated the opening of long anticipated international galleries such as Leila Heller Gallery (New York) and Elmarsa gallery (Tunis) on 16 November. Other names that have opened new spaces at the avenue included Ayyam Gallery and 1x1 Art Gallery (see page 76). The evening featured musical entertainment along with artist talks held at The Yard.

ELMARSA



Amel Makkawi, owner of Artsawa, Dubai; art patron Paula Al-Askari and Lilia Ben Salah, co-founder of Elmarsa, Dubai / Tunis. Image courtesy Elmarsa, Tunis/Dubai.



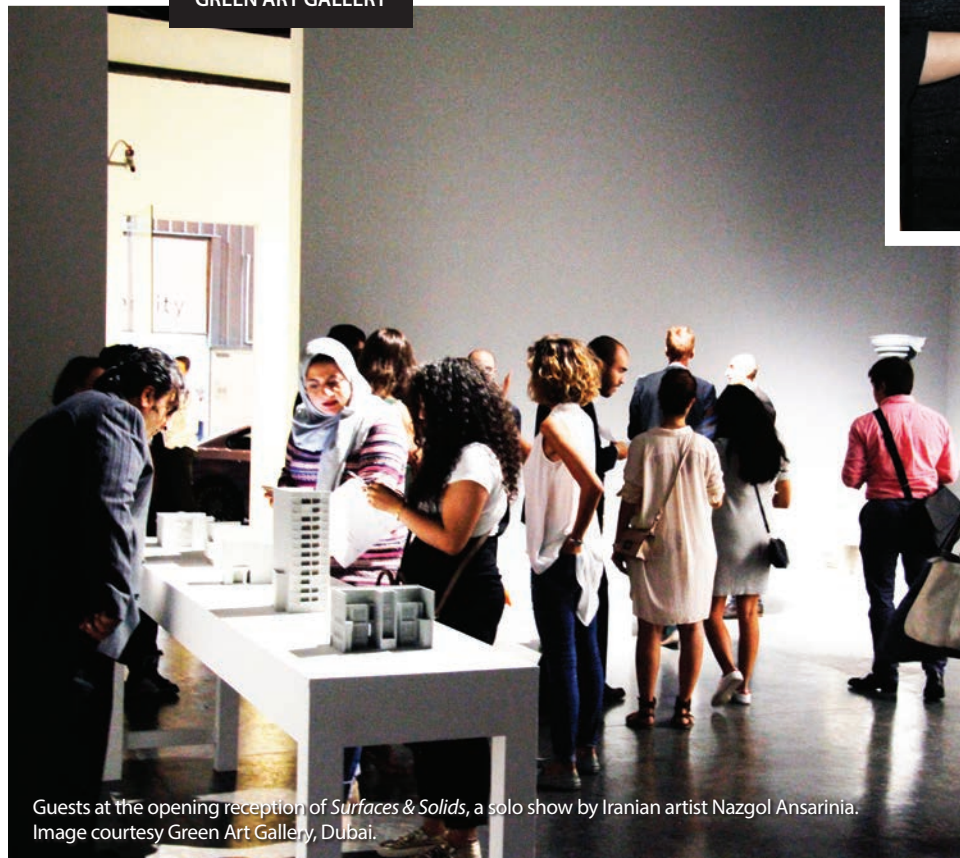
Artist talk with Rachid Koraichi at Elmarsa. Image courtesy Elmarsa, Tunis/Dubai.





Far left: Green Art Gallery director Yasmin Atassi with Ismail Al-Naqi, Tairone Bastien, Alserkal Avenue's Programming Director, and a guest during the *Surfaces & Solids* show by Nazgol Ansarinia. Image courtesy Green Art Gallery, Dubai.

#### GREEN ART GALLERY



Guests at the opening reception of *Surfaces & Solids*, a solo show by Iranian artist Nazgol Ansarinia. Image courtesy Green Art Gallery, Dubai.



Shobha Pia Shamsdani, HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nahyan, Rami Salsali of SPM and Malini Gulrahani of 1 x 1 Art Gallery at the opening night. Image courtesy 1 x 1 Art Gallery, Dubai.

#### 1X1 ART GALLERY



Works by Mithu Sen. Image courtesy 1 x 1 Art Gallery, Dubai.

#### LEILA HELLER GALLERY



Artist Ghada Amer with guests. Image courtesy Leila Heller Gallery, New York/Dubai.



Shobha Pia Shamsdani; Vilma Jurkute, Alserkal Avenue's Communication Director; James Khazaei, collector; HH Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al-Nahyan, Leila Heller, Abdelmonem Bin Elsa Alserkal and Alexander Heller. Image courtesy Leila Heller Gallery, New York/Dubai.