

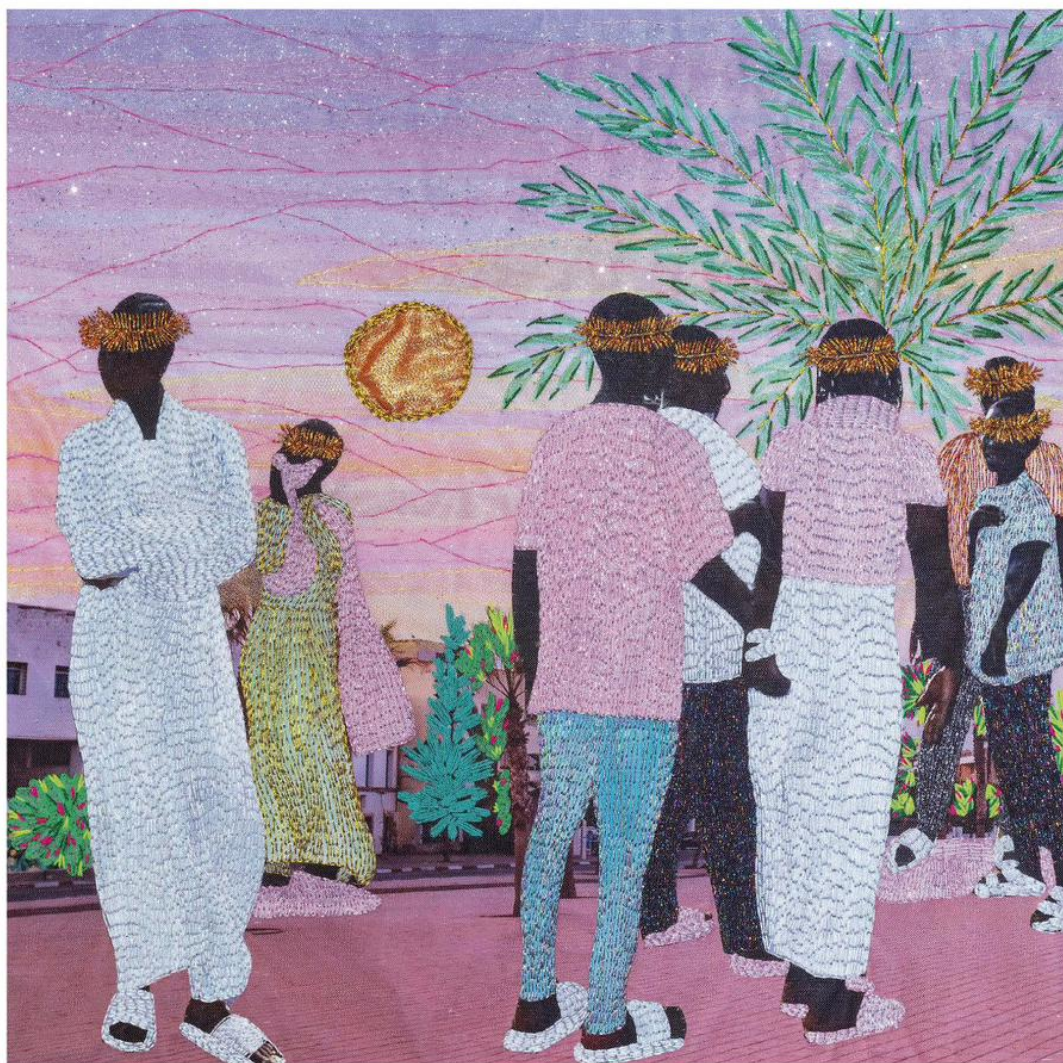
OPENING SHOT

SHIFTING SANDS

The Abu Dhabi Art fair is growing in step with a flourishing Emirati scene

First the Louvre, now the Guggenheim – Abu Dhabi will boast outposts from two of the world's most important museums come next year, when the New York art institution opens its Frank Gehry-designed gallery in the UAE. But before they arrived, there was the homegrown Abu Dhabi Art fair, which debuted in 2009 and quickly attracted major art galleries to come and do business. Now in its 17th year, the fair is the biggest in the region, with more than 140 galleries representing and an emerging artist programme curated by the significant Syrian-born artist Issam Kourbaj. Next year, it will evolve into Frieze Abu Dhabi. A particular highlight of this edition is Joana Choumali's photographs, showing with Ivorian gallery Farah Fakhri, which she prints onto fabric and embroiders with cotton and wool thread to create textured, dream-like scenes of life in west Africa. **BAYA SIMONS**
Abu Dhabi Art runs from 19 to 23 November

Right: *The Season of Being Undefined*, 2025, by Joana Choumali



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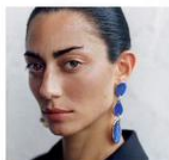
ANITA POUCHARD SERRA

Having trained as a ballet dancer and practised as an architect, Serra now works in France and Argentina as a photojournalist. For our *How To Spend It* In... column, she shot mixologist Renato "Tato" Giovannoni at his favourite spots in Buenos Aires, discussing their love of food along the way. "My restaurant recommendation is Musetta," she says. "It feels like an extension of my home because I've been going for 10 years – I know all the customers and owners."



LAURE JOLIET

The Californian photographer lives in Provence with her family in the middle of an olive orchard that they harvest every autumn. For this issue, Joliet shot the manor house *Domaine de La Cavalerie* in the Luberon in southern France. "The house was full of so many collections, histories and shadows that the challenge was deciding when I was finally finished," she says. "I could have shot for a week, watching the end of the summer light move across the walls."



CONIE VALLESE

The model and artist's creations span design, painting and sculpture, across materials such as ceramics, bronze and glass. For this week's fashion shoot, the Argentine-born polymath graced the streets of Rome wrapped in faux fur and rich earthy hues. "For me, the city represents all the movies that I love: *L'Eclisse* directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, Federico Fellini's *Nights of Cabiria* and Vittorio De Sica's *Bicycle Thieves*."



LAURA JACKSON

The entrepreneur and broadcaster is the co-founder of homeware marketplace *Glassette* and creative director of *The Art of Hosting*. Her first cruise around the British Isles this summer was the final trip she would take with her father, who died earlier this month. "At the time, you're swept up in the rhythm of the days at sea – but reflecting afterwards made me realise how special it was to share that time with my dad."