THE TOP 5 ART EXHIBITIONS TO SEE IN MAYFAIR AND ST. JAMES'S THIS AUTUMN

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Tabish Khan, the @LondonArtCritic, picks his top gallery exhibitions to see within walking distance of each other. If you are looking for more exhibitions, check out his previous top 5.

Still Life, Then and Now at Robilant

From a lamb with its legs tied together, painted by Francisco de Zurbarán, to a neon skull by Andy Warhol, this exhibition traces the evolution of still life through an all-star cast. 17th-century still-life paintings of fruits, food, and drink hang alongside Philip Guston's pink rocks and works by Picasso. It's a sensational collection of artworks, highlighting the diversity within the still life genre. **Until 18th December.**

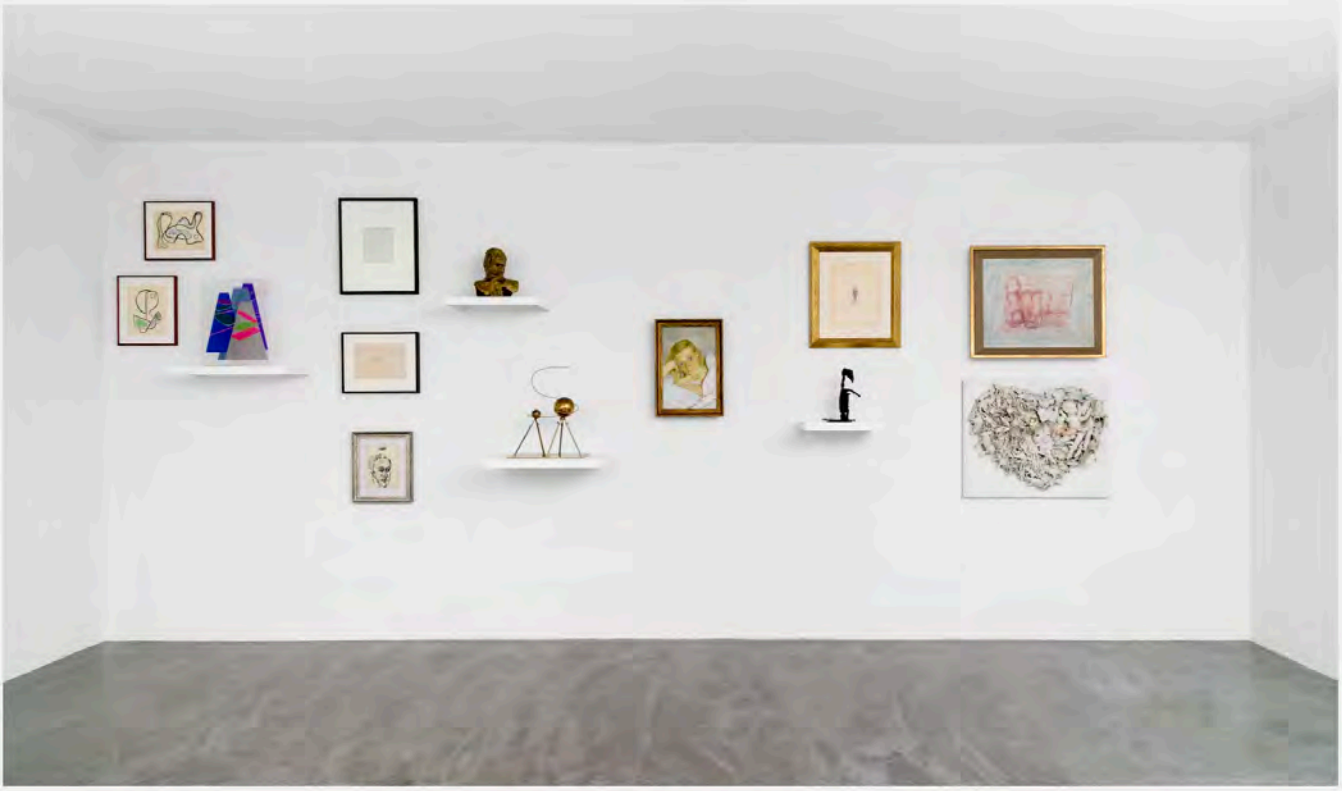
Reena Saini Kallat: Elsewhere is Already Here at Richard Saltoun

The outlines of a country are shrunk to show how much water they consume relative to the water they have access to. It's a sobering reminder of how water scarcity is a major global issue we will all have to deal with. Elsewhere, electrical wires connect a map of the world, leaving us to ponder how those lines have become important connectors and how AI is also exacerbating the global water shortage. **Until 19th December.**

Paul Pfeiffer: Pasodoble at Thomas Dane Gallery

Paul Pfeiffer has always been obsessed with the ritual that surrounds a sport, and in his take on bullfighting, we see very little of the bull. Instead, we are treated to close-ups of the crowd, the fighter's movements, the applause, and the fanfare. It's this ritualistic element that explains why this blood sport still exists despite its barbarism. **Until 19th December**.

Hanover Gallery at Ordovas



You may not have heard of Erica Brausen, the founder of the Hanover Gallery in Mayfair, London. She was the first gallerist to establish Francis Bacon's career and worked with several artists now cemented in art history. Uniting these legendary names, Ordovas has assembled works by Bacon, Lucien Freud and Giacometti, among others, and has also adopted the name of the Hanover Gallery for the duration of the exhibition. **Until 11th December.**

Hubert le Gall: Arbres de la forêt, vous connaissez notre âme (Trees of the forest, you know our soul) at Cuturi Gallery

St. James's is part of a burgeoning gallery scene, and now we can add Cuturi into that mix. Hubert le Gall is an artist who sits at the intersection of design and art, drawing inspiration from the natural world. A mirror surrounded by coloured fur, flower heads made into a table, and a snake that's swallowed a cube stool. It's playful, fun, and an eye-catching show that draws you into this new gallery. **Until 9th January.**

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