

Official partner of FIAC since 2009, the Galeries Lafayette group renews its support to the emerging and international art scene with the 9th edition of *Secteur Lafayette*

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As official partner of this FIAC 44th edition (International Contemporary Art Fair) in Paris October 19th to 22nd 2017 - the Galeries Lafayette group renews its engagement in favor of contemporary creation with the ninth edition of *Secteur Lafayette*.

Created by the Galeries Lafayette in 2009, *Secteur Lafayette* provides decisive financial support for young international galleries featuring the work of emerging artists by offering them strategic visibility at this major art market event.

For this 2017 edition, 10 galleries from eight countries have been selected for the quality of their programming, making a case in point for the international art market's dynamism: **Bernhard** (Zürich, Suisse), **Experimenter** (Calcutta, India), **Freedman Fitzpatrick** (Los Angeles, United-States), **Gypsum** (Cairo, Egypt), **joségarcía ,mx** (México, Mexico), **LambdaLambdaLambda** (Prishtina, Kosovo), **Queer Thoughts** (New York, United-States), **Schloss** (Oslo, Norway) and **Truth and Consequences** (Geneva, Switzerland).



Dardan Zhegrova (2015)
"Where we meet sometimes at night, bright, bright, long talk in white"
Courtesy of the artist and **LambdaLambdaLambda**
Mixed media installation, appr. 350 x 250 x 180 cm
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Diamond Stingily (2016)
Kaa
Kanekalon hair, knockers, barrettes
Queer Thoughts
Variable dimensions

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This year's galleries made the cut among over one hundred applications, selected by a jury of experts composed of **Daria de Beauvais** (Curator - Palais de Tokyo, Paris), **Mark Dickenson** (Gallery owner, Neue Alte Brücke, Frankfurt), **Guillaume Houzé**, (Director of Patronage and Image, Galeries Lafayette group, Paris), **Elisa R. Linn** (Curator, km temporaer, Berlin), **François Quintin** (Delegate Director, Galeries Lafayette Corporate Foundation, Paris) and **Matt Williams** (Curator, ICA, London).

This ambitious program reflects the Galeries Lafayette group's historical engagement in favor of contemporary creation. For over 120 years, the Group has acted as a key mediator between emblematic artists, young designers and the public at large, promoting and democratizing creation in all its forms. With the impulse of its Direction of Patronage and Lafayette Anticipations - its Corporate Foundation created in 2013 that will open a unique site of production, experimentation and exhibition in Paris in spring 2018 -, the Group aims to work alongside artists, museums and cultural institutions that constitute the art scene of today and tomorrow and support young designers throughout their entire creative process. As a continuation of these actions, the renewed partnership with FIAC is the occasion to reaffirm the support of the emerging art scene in Paris and internationally.

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