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***What We Are Made Of* – the first ever curated exhibition of works by distinguished Qatari artists in Russia as a part of Cosmoscow 2018**

- A launch of the 5-year partnership between Cosmoscow and Qatar Airways as a part of the **Year of Culture Qatar-Russia 2018**
 - Focus on cultural activism and female artists
 - Educational programme featuring artists from Qatar

Press Release, 31 August, 2018 – Cosmoscow is honored to announce the first ever exhibition of Qatari contemporary art in Russia entitled ***What We Are Made Of*** curated by **Reem Fadda**, an independent curator and art historian. The exhibition, supported by the Main Partner of Cosmoscow, **Qatar Airways**, taking place within the **Year of Culture Qatar Russia 2018**, will consist of two instalments. The first one will showcase the works of five pioneering and most prolific Qatari artists known for their influence and cultural activism in Qatar: **Yousef Ahmad, Faraj Daham, Ali Hassan, Amal Al-Athem & Mohammed Al Atiq**. The second instalment will present a more nuanced understanding of what the meaning of feminism is in Qatar, featuring mainly sculptures and installations of leading contemporary female Qatari artists: **Noor Abuissa, Sophia Al Maria, Bouthayna Al Muftah, Hana Al-Saadi, Aisha Al-Suwaidi, Ghada Khater, Maryam Yousef Al-Homaid**.

“This exhibition represents a more nuanced understanding of what is meant by “growth” and “development” happening in Qatar, through an existential materialistic underpinning. The artists respond critically to their environment and historical conditions, and base their practice on a primarily material and textural approach,” said **Reem Fadda**, curator of the exhibition.

The exhibition brings together a curated selection of Qatari artists from different generations, showcasing the remarkable historical development of the artistic avant-garde and progressive sensibility of artists in Qatar. They question issues such as the loss of tradition and collectivity, rising consumerism, isolation from nature and society, women’s issues and even comment on the current political state of affairs in the

Gulf. They do so through the mediation of a wide variety of materials, from dried palm leaf, wood, steel, aluminum, to even concrete. The exhibition will also show a multidisciplinary connection between art and design.

"We are honored to contribute to the process of strengthening cultural dialogue between Qatar and Russia and to introduce Cosmospow guests to the work of the distinguished Qatari artists. I am extremely grateful to our Main Partner Qatar Airways and personally to H.E. Akbar Al Baker, H.E. Fahad bin Mohammed Al Attiyah, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Russian Federation, and curator Reem Fadda for making the first exhibition of Qatari contemporary art in Russia possible," added **Margarita Pushkina**, Founding Director of Cosmospow International Contemporary Art Fair and Founder of Cosmospow Foundation for Contemporary Art.

As a part of the public educational programme, there will be two panels during the days of the fair coinciding with the exhibition. Each will host multiple speakers from Qatar and Russia, providing the opportunity to give a voice to the museum directors, and the artists participating in the exhibition.

Panel # 1 - THE DIRECTOR: New Narratives, New Visions

Date: September 7th, 2018

Time: 1 pm

Speakers:

- Zelfira Tregulova, Director, The State Tretyakov gallery, Moscow, Russia
- Anton Belov, Director, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art
- Reem Fadda, former Associate Curator, Middle Eastern Art for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Project
- Vasili Tsereteli, Executive Director, Moscow Museum of Modern Art
- Nayla Hadchiti, moderator, Collector and Patron of SEAL Lebanon

The panel is aimed to discuss the role of museum directors, their challenges and goals in developing the vision of their organizations with a special focus on contemporary art institutions from Qatar and all around the world. The conversation will provide an opportunity to explore the variety of museums' concepts, aimed at managing large collections, and different aspects of institutional relations with artists and arts practitioners. How do museums make a difference? What are the programmes developed for the audience locally and how to make a long-lasting impact internationally? How does an art institution handle the global dynamics of evolving art, political and social environments, remaining relevant?

Panel # 2 - THE ARTIST: What We Are Made Of

Date: September 7th, 2018

Time: 5 pm

Speakers:

- Bouthayna Al Muftah, artist, Doha, Qatar
- Ghada Khater, artist, Doha, Qatar
- Taus Makhacheva, artist, Moscow, Russia
- Mohammed Al Atiq, artist, Doha, Qatar
- Reem Fadda, moderator, Ramallah, Palestine

A selection of the artists, participated in the exhibition What We Are Made Of, will discuss their diverse artistic practices, alongside with Russian artist Taus Makhacheva, Cosmoscow 2018 Artist of the Year, who is presenting a newly commissioned work at the fair.

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Note to editors:

Reem Fadda

Reem Fadda is an independent curator and art historian. She is a former Associate Curator, Middle Eastern Art for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Project from 2010 to 2016. Recently she worked as artistic director of the 6th Marrakech Biennale (2016), and curated the inaugural exhibition of the newly opened Palestinian Museum, titled Jerusalem Lives (2017). Last year Fadda was presented with the 8th Walter Hopps Award for Curatorial Achievement, awarded by the Menil Collection.

Cosmoscow

Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair was launched by an art historian, young Russian artists' patron and collector Margarita Pushkina in 2010 and aims to bring together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists. Cosmoscow is Russia's only international art fair taking place every September with its own spot in an international art calendar.

Cosmoscow 2018 will take place from 7 to 9 September 2018 at Gostiny Dvor, supported by Main Partner **Qatar Airways**, Strategic Partner **Credit Suisse**, Automobile Partner **Audi**, Official Partner **Beluga**, and Official Hotel **St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya**. **6 September** is dedicated to collectors, press and art community. Public viewing is from **7 to 9 September** from 12 to 8pm.

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Year of Culture Qatar-Russia 2018

2018 has been announced as a Year of Culture between Qatar and Russia. Despite the differences in size, climate and geography, our countries share common values - the will to modernize yet save and cherish national traditions and the goal to build the most comfortable infrastructure maximizing human potential.

Cross-cultural collaborations between Russian and Qatar cultural, educational and social institutions (museums, galleries, charity foundations, universities etc.) will be a meeting point for two distinct cultures, which unite respect for their historical heritage and the ability to respond to the challenges of contemporary world. These areas reflect Russia's and Qatar's mutual interest towards key cultural spheres in which the accent on one's needs and aspirations becomes the key to nation's prosperity.

The Year of Culture Qatar-Russia 2018 create an atmosphere of trust and understanding which is crucial to build business relationships and strengthen economic, tourist and cultural partnership between two countries.

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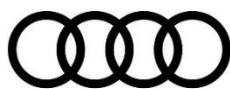
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Official Hotel

The St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya is a luxurious hotel located in the historical center of the city, the heart of the Russian capital, just a few steps away from the Red Square, the Kremlin and Gostiny Dvor – Cosmospow Fair's venue. The hotel offers 210 spacious rooms and suites, including the Presidential and Royal suites, 160 sq.m. each. Some of the rooms overlook the Lubyanka Square, others face a cozy inner courtyard. The hotel features an Italian osteria A Tavola, Lobby Bar Orlov, 6 conference rooms, including the Rooftop Hall with a panoramic view of the Kremlin and the Red Square. The hotel also offers an exclusive Iridium SPA complex with an indoor pool and patio, sauna, hammam and a modern fitness center. A distinguished feature of the hotel is its butler service for all room types, which provides individual service for every guest. www.stregismoscow.com @stregismoscownikolskaya