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Deutsche Bank and Salsali Private Museum exhibit the work of Artist of the Year Imran Qureshi in Dubai

Deutsche Bank in cooperation with Salsali Private Museum (SPM) will be presenting the work of Imran Qureshi, Deutsche Bank's Artist of the Year 2013, in Dubai from 24 January to 28 February 2014. The show is part of the bank's 5 years anniversary celebrations of its Middle East Foundation and its commitment to promote art and culture in the MENA region.

Trained in miniature paintings, Imran Qureshi is one of the most important figures in Pakistan's art scene today. The 1972 born artist works from the motifs, symbolism and ornaments of the Mogul tradition that flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries in the north of the Indian subcontinent. Qureshi utilizes old Islamic forms of art and expands them in his miniatures, paintings as well as installations to become contemporary means of expression.

Commenting on the exhibition, Philippe Vollot, Chairman of Deutsche Bank's Middle East Foundation and the Bank's regional Chief Operating Officer, said: "This exhibition is a concrete manifestation of our extensive engagement in the world of art to make the Deutsche Bank Collection accessible to a wider audience around the globe to foster creativity. We are pleased with our partnership with SPM, an organization that strongly believes in the important role of art in the Middle East."

Ramin Salsali, Founder of SPM, said: "We feel honored to host this important show in Dubai and appreciate the support of Deutsche Bank to bring this exhibition to the Middle East. Imran Qureshi's art represents a dimension of the society and culture in Pakistan unknown to many in the world. The impact of this show will be far reaching, it will create a cultural bridge between Pakistan and the international and especially the Middle East Art scene."

Imran Qureshi's art is both a reference to tradition and a vehicle for criticism. He delves into the constant alternation between violence and hope, destruction and creation, and calls for optimism and peaceful resistance against violence and intolerance in difficult times.

Like its corporate collection, Deutsche Bank's "Artist of the Year" award is committed to the present. The aim is to acquaint a wide public with new and

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exciting artistic positions. Every year, based on the recommendation of Deutsche Bank's Global Art Advisory Council, the bank honors one promising international artist.

Unlike many other prizes, "Artist of the Year" is not based on a financial reward, but is positioned as an integral part of the Deutsche Bank art program, which has been opening up the world of contemporary art to the public for the last thirty years. Each "Artist of the Year" is presented in a solo exhibition at the Deutsche Bank KunstHalle in Berlin. Subsequently, the exhibitions move on to other international locations around the world, and Dubai has been chosen to be part of the exhibition tour for 2014.

The exhibition will be open to the public from Friday, January 24th until Friday, February 28th, 2014 in Salsali Private Museum SPM in Alserkal Avenue, Al Qouz.

[For more information about Imran Qureshi's work please visit](http://www.deutsche-bank-kunsthalle.de/kunsthalle/en/archive/exhibition_qureshi.html)

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