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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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The Monthly Artists and Collector Report is an Art Kelen publication devoted to the news and developments of contemporary African art. Published once a month, in French and English, it gathers and analyses publicly available information on the artists, the works, the market and the dynamics shaping the sector, in Africa and across its diasporas.

This framing is deliberate. Contemporary African art now develops through scenes, markets and circulations that reach well beyond the continent's borders. Over the month of September, Nairobi held the first architecture biennale on the African continent, while in Paris a Tanzanian painter took over a gallery. In London, an artist born in Harlem took possession of the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. On the market, a still life painted in 1935 became the most expensive work sold at auction on the continent so far this year.

Each issue opens with the works, exhibitions and artists that marked the month, in Africa and across its diasporas. It then turns to developments in the market, repres-

entation, auctions and fairs, before setting out the current opportunities and the key dates ahead.

Our method

The factual information in this report is dated and verified against publicly available sources. Where necessary, we distinguish the date of an event from the date it was published. Where information rests solely on an announcement, we say so. Analysis is clearly identified as such.

Who it is for

This report is for collectors who want to understand their acquisitions better, for artists who want to situate their practice in a sector in motion, and for the curators, gallerists and institutions who follow the market's developments.

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One platform, three regions

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