

## Antidote brings regional designers to Dubai

**UAE** — Following the success of last year's event, Antidote, a Dubai-based art and design platform, will set up a new Artroom from March 9–31 at the Zumtobel warehouse in Al Quoz, opposite Al Serkal Avenue. Artroom is a concept that enables the audience to discover an ephemeral art and design collection in an informal and relaxed private environment.

The collective loft is a life-size installation of the interior of a young collector's home, who picked up pieces with a special connection to the places he visited around the world, creating a well-rounded international collection with a special emphasis on the Middle East.

The Artroom will feature artworks and handmade design pieces by 22 artists and designers from 11 countries, including Pakistan, Iran, Egypt, France, Cuba, USA and Argentina among others. But the big focus of this edition is emerging artists from the region.

Ibrahim Quraishi, recipient of numerous awards, and French designer Smarin, introduced in the UAE by Antidote during Downtown Design 2015, have been commissioned to produce site-specific installations for this collection. Antidote also announced a new collaboration with two Pakistani artists, Idrees Hanif and Aamir Habib.

“For edition II, we are introducing their 3D pieces in cement and neon. We will also present work of Mohamed Rabie, a young emerging Egyptian artist whose rich paintings draw from his heritage and cultural practices,” explains Laure Parise, co-founder of Antidote.

