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## The Most Exciting Gallerists at The Armory Show 2022

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Since 1994, New York's The Armory Show has welcomed contemporary galleries from around the globe in a celebration of art, bringing curatorial leadership together with inspiring engagements with the public. Described as “essential to New York’s cultural landscape”, the show gives space to challenge curatorial boundaries, support the next generation of gallerists and create meaningful relationships between artist and gallery.

This year, the show returned for the second time to the Javits Center during New York Fashion Week. While in-between fashion shows, SLEEK visited The Armory Show to indulge in some art. Read our roundup below.

### **CARBON 12 Gallery – Dubai**

Established in 2008, CARBON 12 demonstrates a comprehensive global programme of institution-grade artists. Over the last fourteen years, CARBON 12 has introduced both established and emerging artists to the UAE contemporary art scene.

For this year's Armory Show, Carbon 12 presented Anthony Olubunmi Akinbola who showcased a nuanced selection of textile works from his series “Camouflages”. An exploration of the unrepresented soft side of black masculinity, Akinbola work manifests itself through canvases bursting with colour through a careful weaving of du-rags. By placing the durag in the context of high art, Akinbola elevates its status from a mere everyday low-cost material to a ready-made object that reflects the communities and cultures in which its presence is intimately recognised and used.