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Curated, Contextual, Slower and Strategic: A New Blueprint for Art Fairs Emerges in Doha

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Carbon 12 presenting Sarah Al Mehairi. Courtesy Carbon 12

Another rising young star in the region worth watching is 27-year-old artist [Sarah Al Mehairi](#), showing with Dubai-based gallery Carbon 12 as the youngest U.A.E.-born and based artist presented at the fair. Featured in the solo booth is her latest body of work, Off-Centered, which investigates the line between painting and sculpture through negative space, architectural unfolding and shifting perspectives. With works priced between \$28,000 and \$36,000, the gallery reported strong interest and confirmed several placements in collections across Asia and the Middle East, along with notable institutional interest in Al Mehairi's work.