

Fondazione Sanlorenzo reveals itself at Art Basel in Basel 2023

A first glimpse of the future of Sanlorenzo at Venice between art, sustainability and growth

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Sanlorenzo Lounge, Collectors Lounge

15 - 18 June 2023

Press release, 31st May 2023 - **Art Basel**, the leading fair for international Modern and contemporary art, opens the doors of its historic Basel venue for the 2023 edition. **Sanlorenzo**, host partner of the exhibition since 2018, chooses this occasion to present the Group's ambitious new project: Fondazione Sanlorenzo headquarters in Venice.

Established in 2021 at the behest of the Perotti family, **Fondazione Sanlorenzo** is an innovative institution dedicated to **promoting sustainability and environmental conservation** by supporting ideas, projects, and research to enhance Italy's smaller islands and their communities. With a strong focus on collaboration and partnership, **it seeks to build bridges between the worlds of science, technology and art**, inspiring new ways of thinking and creating solutions to local challenges, microcosms of larger global issues: these include economic stagnation, environmental problems and social isolation.

The vision of Fondazione Sanlorenzo is based on a **deep respect for the environment and indigenous population**: only through a holistic approach that takes into consideration social, economic and environmental aspects is it possible to plan sustainable forms of development.

From 15 to 18 June, in the Sanlorenzo Lounge at Art Basel, **the shipyard will offer a first glimpse of what will be the headquarters** of **Fondazione Sanlorenzo** in Venice, which will rise in a historic building a few steps away from the Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute and will be **inaugurated in 2024**.

A series of **shots of the interior of the Venetian palace** contextualises the foundation on a spatial level, through glimpses that frame the still unfinished rooms that will soon be transformed into the Institute's premises. The arched windows overlooking the Grand Canal open up the view of the city, connecting architecture and landscape, man and nature, art and scenery, thanks to a redevelopment that respects the context and history of Sanlorenzo and Venice.

The **floor plan of the space and the mock-up** in the centre of the Lounge, on the other hand, illustrate what will constitute the sequence of rooms that will host Sanlorenzo's permanent collection of contemporary art, the site-specific works created by the international artists who at each edition of Art Basel have interpreted the values of the shipyard by addressing the themes of the present within **Sanlorenzo Arts**. The rooms will also serve as a **valuable hub** for educational programmes, conferences, artistic residencies, temporary exhibitions, shows and other cultural events: a platform capable of immersing oneself in the complexity of the contemporary through images, words and visions, proposing a voyage of discovery and encounters to navigate towards new latitudes.

Fondazione Sanlorenzo in Venice will be **a place in which to experience the company's different entities**, from production to the bond with art, in a continuous relationship between tradition and innovation, choosing culture, sustainability and region as the core values on which to imagine and build a new future.