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The Highlights Of Art Basel In Hong Kong's Record-Setting Week

[Art Basel in Hong Kong](#) wrapped up its fourth edition Saturday, attracting a record 70,000 visitors to peruse through art from 239 galleries from across the globe during its five-day run at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The week also included a number of parties, exhibitions, events and festivities that surrounded the main fair. Here are a few of the highlights:



HONG KONG – MARCH 24: People look at an art work at Art Basel on March 24, 2016 in Hong Kong, Hong Kong. The annual Art Basel in Hong Kong opened the city on March 22. (Photo by Lam Yik Fei/Getty Images)

The Sales

Depending on who you talked to, sales at Art Basel in Hong Kong were either going very well, or less than stellar. David Zwirner reported a sold out booth that included a five Michaël Borremans paintings that went for as much as \$1.6 million. Night Gallery sold out of all its paintings by Mira Dancy, while another Los Angeles gallery, David Kordansky, reported selling nearly all of its stock that included pieces by Jonas Wood and Rashid Johnson. A rep for Metro Pictures said that the gallery was very happy with

the results of exhibiting pieces by Robert Longo. Galerie Gmurzynska sold three Boteros, with the highest price one going for about \$13 million. Lehmann Maupin sold several works by Tracey Emin and Do Ho Suh.

The Celebrities

Celeb sightings were aplenty during in Hong Kong during the week of festivities. Adrien Brody and Karolina Kurkova walked through the special preview Tuesday, while Leonardo DiCaprio was spotted shopping through the fair's aisles with a crew that included Wendi Deng, while Paris Hilton, Nicky Hilton, and Barron Hilton stopped by several parties. Other notable names in attendance include Owen Wilson at the UTA and Swire Properties party for Larry Bell's installation at Pacific Place, and Craig David at the Davidoff party.

The Encounters Sector at Art Basel in Hong Kong

Curator Alexie Glass-Kantor pondered over the meaning of the word encounter — to come upon, to experience, or to meet, especially by chance — when she curated this sector of Art Basel in Hong Kong, putting together a strong display of 16 large-scale installations from artists across the world. Some, like the work of Tromarama, Pae White, Roberto Chabet and Tintin Wulia carried with them a message of social consciousness, while others, like Lawrence Weiner's installation, were more conceptual in nature.

Art Basel Cities

What comes after becoming the world's largest art fair, with three editions across the globe? Art Basel Cities! Art Basel unveiled the new initiative last week, announcing that "Art Basel Cities will offer the art world new opportunities to discover and engage with cultural scenes

across the world. As part of this initiative, Art Basel will work with selected partner cities to develop vibrant and content-driven programs specific to the city, connecting them to the global art world through Art Basel's network." Board members include David Adjaye, Richard Florida, Jacques Herzog, Sam Keller, Uli Sigg and Anne Pasternak.



'Private Riots' by Tromarama is seen during the press preview for Art Basel in Hong Kong on March 22, 2016, before it opens to the public from March 24-26. Giant gold cubes designed to be defaced and a large-scale tribute to Hong Kong's lowly cardboard sellers took centre stage as Art Basel opened its doors in the city on March 22. / AFP / ANTHONY WALLACE

The ICA Celebrates 70 Years at the Harilela Mansion

The Institute of Contemporary Art may be in London, but that didn't stop it from continuing to celebrate its 70 years of existence in Hong Kong. Architect David Adjaye, Paris Hilton, and artist Larry Bell all made appearances at the Indian-themed soiree, held in the mansion that is home to one of Hong Kong's most prominent families, the Harilelas.

MCM Partners Up With Tobias Rehberger

German luxury handbag label MCM tapped German artist Tobias Rehberger to work on a collaboration. The result is a dizzying collection of handbags, wallets and luggage covered in an array of black-and-white stripes. Rehberger did the same thing to the brand's Queen's Road store in Central, evoking the installation he

created for the 2009 Venice Biennale. Hailey Baldwin, Paris Hilton, and Barron Hilton attended the bash for the MCM X Tobias Rehberger collaboration.

BMW Announces Art Journey Shortlist

BMW selected three finalists for its coveted Art Journey from a number of solo exhibitions at Art Basel in Hong Kong's Discoveries section: Abigail Reynolds at Rokeby, London Newsha Tavakolian at Thomas Erben Gallery and New York Alvin Zafra at Artinformal, Mandaluyong City. The winner will get to select a journey of their own to inspire a new project or ideas.

Tracey Emin Everywhere

The biggest female artist to come from the YBA movement had not one, but two exhibitions in Hong Kong this week, at White Cube and Lehmann Maupin, that primarily featured a series of paintings depicting blurry scenes of a couple making love. The artist also participated in a talk at the fair. Her face was also on newsstands throughout Hong Kong, on the cover of Hong Kong Tatler.

Art in Shopping Malls

UTA Fine Arts and Swire Properties presented an exhibition of artist Larry Bell's "Pacific Red" at Pacific Place, which displayed three enormous translucent glass red cubes in a row, giving those who didn't have a chance to make to any of the art fairs that graced Hong Kong this week an opportunity to take in some art.