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A changing of the guard at Masterpiece; Saatchi's still got it











Corinthian Helmet, Spain, Circa 6th Century B.C. CREDIT: COURTESY DAVID AARON

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here has been hot competition for vacant stands at Masterpiece, London's swankiest summer season fair. In the course of normal turnover for a young fair, a clutch of antiques and modern art dealers have made way for 26 new exhibitors giving some indication of how the fair's character is evolving.

In antiquities, David Aaron will focus on Islamic works of art, while Asian art dealer John Berwald will mix oriental grace with modern British art. Old Master dealers De Jonckheere, Derek Johns and Sarto will add gravitas to the mix.

"The fair will reflect the market of today," says chairman Philip Hewat-Jaboor, with additional galleries showing modern and contemporary art; notably Kalman Maklary from Budapest and Paul Kasmin from New York.

Modern Decorative Arts are boosted with galleries Chastel Marechal and Mathivet from Paris. Photography has a greater presence with specialist dealers Peter Fetterman, and Bernheimer from Switzerland whose 1940 vintage print of Lisa with Turban by Horst P Horst (\$120,000 / £97,000) epitomises the glamour of the fair.



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