

## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

*As the members-only Soho House opens in Mumbai, we take a tour of the exceptional pieces on display*

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Soho House in Mumbai is many things: A 38-bedroom hotel with rooms inspired by India. A space for creative events. A workout centre, with a gym and a rooftop pool. A dining venue, with the easy lounge bar The Allis and hotspot Ceconis from Venice. But, above all, it is a place to savour art. The 10-storey building overlooking Juhu Beach houses about 200 pieces of art, spanning photography, painting, collage, drawing, sculpture, and one installation work by Subodh Gupta. Here, we speak with Kate Bryan, head of collections at Soho House and Co, about the art on display. **How did the energy of Mumbai influence the curation of art?** We wanted a vibrant, colourful collection to represent the city. Around 80 percent of the artworks are by Indians, many of whom are from Mumbai. It is also important that we reflect the international aspect of Mumbai, so we also have Western names like Gavin Turk, Michael Craig-Martin, and British artists, like Scarlett Bowman, who have made work in India. **How is the experience of art different at Soho House?** The Mumbai House will be a busy space, so things that would work in a gallery wouldn't work for us. Some artworks are installed as solo presentations, but mostly the collection is salon-style. We have artists from different stages of their career, and from very different backgrounds, alongside each other. It makes for a diverse, unique display—you wouldn't find it quite like this. **Which pieces are you most excited to see on display?** We are very excited about 11 works that span the entire width of the club above our members' heads, like an artistic halo for them! The collection is permanent to every house, and it's been a labour of love to assemble it so it tells a story about Mumbai and its art world. ■



(From top) Little Beach House Malibu; artworks by Thukral & Tagra and Raqib Shaw on display at Soho House in Mumbai.

