

SIDE GALLERY

ELISSA LACOSTE (1994-)



Stool

From the series "Shagreen"
Manufactured by Elissa Lacoste
France, 2022

Steel, acrylic resin, fiberglass, pigment

Measurements

77 cm x 65 x 45 cm
30.3 in x 25.5 in x 17.7 in

Edition

Unique piece

Exhibition

Infinito Viviente, 9th November 2022 - 14th February 2023, Side Gallery, Barcelona.

Side Gallery's first solo exhibition with the French designer Elissa Lacoste, Infinito Viviente takes its title from Jules Verne's Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, and alludes the vibrant atmosphere of a speculative and immersive underwater landscape that characterises Elissa's collection. This new body of over 21 functional sculptures for her first solo show unfolds like an expanding never before seen seascape of floating, hovering and grounded elements in an inviting game of pareidolia. Lacoste's work considers the gathering of materials and their assemblage and interplay as a celebratory act of defying prediction and conjuring mutating synthetic topographies and rebellious biomes within contemporary boundaries. Just as Jules Verne describes the sea, 'you feel life stirring on all sides', Elissa's collection evokes the diversity that was or could be, with materials flowing free from tyranny.

Biography

Elissa Lacoste is a french designer born in 1994 who graduated in 2018 from Design Academy Eindhoven, MA Contextual Design. Hands-on and instinctive, her work ensues from her quest for the wild, the inexplicable and the sensorial in the contemporary. Her interest in allowing matter to show its vibrancy leads her to unexpected results presenting an unconventional beauty. Textures and material otherness in objects reflect upon our relationship to our physical environment, be it anthropogenic or natural