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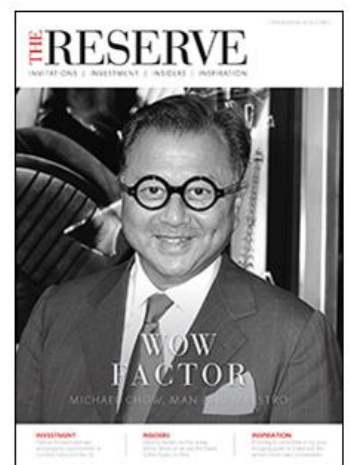


## AYA TAKANO AT BIBO



From this week until 18 February 2015, Aya Takano will be taking over Hollywood Road's trendy eatery, Bibo, to showcase her first-ever exhibition – entitled 'La Maison d'Aya'.

Aya Takano is a star of the Japanese contemporary art world. Takano's work is based on the ukiyo-e and shunga styles and is a reflection of a contemporary Japanese transliteration of the Lolita complex, known as 'lolicon' and derived from Vladimir Nabakov's famous book.



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Lauren Every-Wortman, Curator, HOCA Foundation said, "Aya Takano's work is a fascinating amalgam of innocence and sophistication. The subjects in her works are often childlike and androgynous and exemplify both the fleeting nature of childhood and the infantilisation of women in Japanese otaku culture. 'La Maison d'Aya' will showcase this background as well as introduce the artist's newest pieces to art lovers in Hong Kong. This exhibition will be a new step for Hong Kong's contemporary art scene bringing artwork to city outside the context of a commercial gallery space."



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The exhibition which has been curated by the Hong Kong Contemporary Art Foundation (HOCA), launched in 2014 with the purpose of promoting and developing awareness of contemporary art in Hong Kong. The city has quickly risen to the forefront of the Asian art market in recent years with a slew of international art galleries, art fairs and auction houses opening up and drawing the attention of international collectors and dealers. Despite this, many people in Hong Kong still protest the city's lack of cultural outlets, and the HOCA Foundation thus hopes to add to the expanding art scene by providing a new platform for contemporary art events and exhibitions.

HOCA's aim is to develop contemporary art exhibitions and events across Hong Kong to focus on bringing art to the city outside of a gallery context – something which has been achieved by placing the art in a restaurant such as Bibo.

To celebrate the exhibition, a special menu has been created which will be available for the duration of the take-over. Now you can enjoy classic French cuisine inspired by the flavours of Japan while emerging yourself in Aya Takano's colourful, almost dreamlike creations.

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