

## Patrick Smith

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Enlightened stroller, the questioning gaze is at the epicentre of Smith's work. A critical observer of the ever-unstable relationship between us and our planet, Smith initiated his singular project: "The Leisure Territories".

Smith's approach towards our "natural environment" explores how our society "designs" the landscape to fit our secular requirements. Patrick Smith envisions the de-naturalization of the landscape brought about by modernity through the prism of the travel industry. This industry can both transform a landscape into a "monstrous being" we no longer recognize; or render it superficially perfect and unthreatening.

Patrick Smith shows us the world in all its abstract "unreality". The figures are so ideally placed within the photographs, one can easily think they are staged. If the composition of some photographs brings to mind the paintings of Brueghel the Elder; the glazed texture and incisive colours recall the enchanting worlds conjured by advertising. Skiing on polyester snow, dining in peristyle-filled forests, sunbathing on beaches; the men and women leisurely occupying Patrick Smith's landscapes invite us to reconsider the way we see our world.

### BIOGRAPHY

Born in Lille, France, in 1955, Patrick Smith is anglo-french. He started photography in England at the age of 12, in a boarding school in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

### EDUCATION

Patrick turned professional after a short career as an engineer. He works for prestigious magazine (the NY Times, Time magazine, Le Monde, amongst others) shooting architecture and travel features. His work is shown by several galleries worldwide, among which Danziger Projects in New York that exhibit Patrick's work at Paris Photo in 2011.

### EXHIBITIONS

2017

Envie d'Art, Paris VIII

2016

AAF Hong Kong, New York

Art Hamptons

Izzy gallery, Toronto

Chroma gallery, Sao Paolo

James Danziger gallery, New York

Envie d'Art gallery, London

2015

Envie d'Art gallery, Paris VIII

AAF New York

Art Hamptons

Izzy gallery, Sao Paolo

James Danziger gallery, New York

2014

AAF London, Hong Kong, Hamburg, New York

Art Miami

2013

AAF Hamburg, Brussels

Envie d'Art Gallery, Paris VII

2012

London Art Fair

AAF Los Angeles

Art Chicago

Envie d'Art gallery, Paris

James Danziger Gallery, New York

2011

AAF New York

2010

Danziger Projects, New York

2009

AAF New York

2008

Wanted gallery, Paris

Form Art Fair, London

Bridge Art Fair, London

AAF London, New York, Paris

Glasgow Art Fair

Art Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Art London  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris

2007  
AAF London, New York, Amsterdam  
Lineart, Ghent, Belgium  
Envie d Art gallery, Brussels

2006  
Jen Bekman gallery, New York

2004  
Montages, Espace Beurepaire, Paris

2002  
"La poésie du quotidien", l'Atelier des Mélanges, Paris

2000  
"La poésie du quotidien", Paris Country Club, Saint-Cloud, France