

## Patrick Smith

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Enlightened stroller, Patrick Smith never separates gazing from questioning. Every horizon carries a meaning that his photography endeavors to bring to light. And so, as a critical observer of the unstable relationship between the 21st century environment and its inhabitants, he initiated this singular project called « The Leisure Territories » : a photographic approach of our « natural environment » that reveals how our society secularly designs landscapes to fit our requirements.

Patrick Smith shows us a world polished to smallest detail, carrying the unreal, the abstract, even some strange poetry. He 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 both of French and British descent. He started photography in England at the age of 12 and turned professional after a short career as an engineer. He worked for prestigious magazines (NY Times magazine, Le Monde, amongst others) shooting architecture and travel features. His work is exhibited by several galleries worldwide. K+Y has been promoting Patrick Smith for several years now and presented his work international art fairs in London, Amsterdam, New York &hellip;

### EXHIBITIONS

2018  
AAF New York, Bruxelles

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 Beaurepaire, Paris

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

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