




Guest Artists Space Foundation Announces a Transformative Donation from Still Earth Holdings to Support its Creative Programmes and Operations

Guest Artists Space (G.A.S.) Foundation, an artist residency with sites in Lagos and Ijebu has announced its first Founding Patron following a transformative donation from Still Earth Holdings, a group of companies whose operations span the oil and gas, construction, and financial services sector.

G.A.S. is a non-profit dedicated to facilitating international cultural exchange, and developing creative and research practices through residencies and collaborations, and was established in 2019 by British Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare CBE RA. Since launching its programme in Spring of 2022, it has hosted 19 residents based across seven countries and three continents from a broad range of creative disciplines and career levels.



The vital donation from Still Earth Holdings, whose subsidiary companies include Tirex Petroleum and Energy, Still Earth Limited, and Still Earth Capital Finance has already had a considerable impact. It has allowed G.A.S. to begin developing a public programme for the local creative community, grow its team and continue supporting fully funded fellowships for local artists, all steps that contribute to strengthening the cultural and creative sector in Nigeria.

Oyindamola Lami Adeyemi, the Executive Chairperson of the company, said the donation is part of the company's contribution to aid the successful execution of G.A.S. Foundation's various projects.

"Guest Artists Space Foundation is focused on encouraging critical and engaging practices, giving practitioners and academics the space to research, experiment, share, educate, and develop their works. Achieving this capital-intensive goal requires significant financial support from individuals and corporate bodies. Still Earth Holdings shares a vision to improve the cultural and creative disciplines in Nigeria with the G.A.S. Foundation, and we are proud to support." - **Oyindamola Lami Adeyemi, Executive Chairperson, Still Earth Holdings.**

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ABOUT STILL EARTH HOLDINGS

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Still Earth Holdings is a group of companies committed to creating value and impacting Africa's development. Headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria, our interests cut across Construction, Oil & Gas, and Financial Services. Our companies; Still Earth Limited, Still Earth Capital Finance, and Tirex Petroleum & Energy, collectively represent our commitment to solving key infrastructure challenges, while sustainably improving lives and livelihoods in Africa.

ABOUT GUEST ARTISTS SPACE FOUNDATION



Guest Artists Space (G.A.S.) Foundation is a Nigerian non-profit founded in 2019 by Yinka Shonibare CBE RA and an esteemed board of Directors. It delivers residency and public programmes across two sites located in Lagos and Ijebu. The multi-use live/work spaces host multidisciplinary artists, researchers and curators from all over the world in awarded residencies for up to three months. In Lagos, the Foundation is hosted in an award-winning building designed by Elsie Owusu in collaboration with Nihinlola Shonibare. The secondary location designed by Papa Omotayo sits on a 54-acre working farm that produces crops ranging from yams and cassava to peppers and cashew.

The Foundation's mission is underpinned by an ethos that strives to create a platform for creative and career development and knowledge exchange. Through the support of international partnerships, G.A.S. hopes to break down traditional barriers of privilege, wealth and lack of infrastructure and provide opportunities for both participants and the local community. G.A.S. delivers its programmes with oversight and support from UK registered charity Yinka Shonibare Foundation (Charity No. 1183321).

Guest Artists Space Foundation would like to thank its Board of Directors; Yinka Shonibare CBE RA; Managing Principal of W8 Advisory, Adebimpe Nkontchou; entrepreneur and Founder and CEO of Art X Lagos, Tokini Peterside; Nigerian American artist and curator, Temitayo Ogunbiyi and Executive Director of VFD Group Plc, Adeniyi Adenubi. G.A.S. would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to our new Founding Patron the Executive Chairperson of Still Earth Holdings, Oyindamola Lami Adeyemi and our supporting advisors during the genesis of this exciting journey; Dudun Peterside, Jane Cohan, Stephen Friedman and Femi Lijadu. We are looking forward to continuing to build and develop the project with supporters and collaborators in Nigeria, the wider West African region and internationally.

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