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Jubail Island has launched its Public Arts Programme, a new initiative that introduces art to the island's community, lifestyle, and beautiful landscaped public spaces.

Tarek Elkassouf's artwork, "Transformative Energy" is the first piece in Jubail Island's Public Art series, unveiled during Art of Living 2024, Architectural Digest Middle East's immersive art show that returned to Jubail Island for its second edition.

Elkassouf is an acclaimed sculptor who is consistently pushing the boundaries of what is possible within the realm of sculpture.

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Elkassouf has meticulously sculpted six unique and awe-inspiring outdoor sculptures, each possessing its own distinctive character and message. The artwork entitled "Transformative Energy" are thoughtfully crafted using basalt and lime stone, ensuring their durability and resistance to environmental factors.

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In reflecting on being part of Jubail Island's Public Art programme, Tarek shared: "This artwork finds its home in a place of unparalleled beauty. I am filled with pride to be a contributing brushstroke to the burgeoning canvas of art that is flourishing in Jubail Island and the broader Abu Dhabi landscape."

"The proximity of the stone sculpture and the living, breathing mangrove reserve of Jubail Island might seem like a contrast, but delving deeper into their symbolic interplay reveals an intricate relationship that celebrates both the permanence of art and the ephemeral beauty of nature," said Elkassouf.

"Together, they create a holistic experience, intertwining the tales of human creativity and nature being a constant inspiration."



Standing tall at 3.25m, the artwork was unveiled at Jubail Island during AD's Art of Living exhibition, where Jubail Island community members and guests discovered a new experience of island life, where architecture, art, and nature met.

The \$4.08 billion (AED15 billion) Jubail Island, a project owned by JIIC and developed and managed by LEAD Real Estate Developer, will be home to an idyllic collection of six residential village estates located between Yas Island and Saadiyat Island.

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