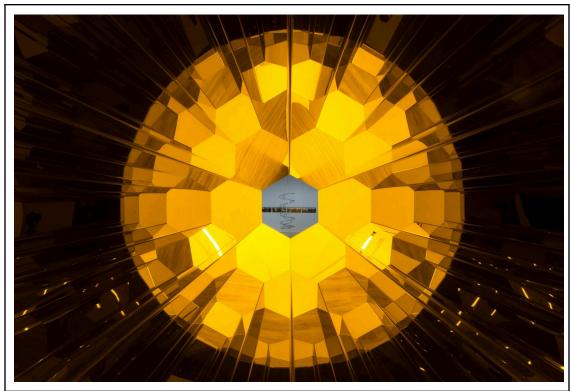
# Museum MACAN to Presents "Olafur Eliasson: Your curious journey", A Captivating Exploration of Art, Nature, and Perception

Drawing over three decades of artistic practice, Olafur Eliasson's artwork explores natural phenomena, human experience, and ecological connection, prompting reflection on how we connect with nature, ourselves, and the world.



Olafur Eliasson, Multiverses and futures (2017) (detail), Installation view: Olafur Eliasson: Your curious journey, Museum MACAN, Jakarta, 2025, photo: Liandro Siringoringo, courtesy of Museum MACAN, private collection, © 2017 Olafur Eliasson

**Jakarta, 28 November 2025** - Museum MACAN proudly presents *Olafur Eliasson: Your curious journey*, an exhibition showcasing more than three decades of the Danish-Icelandic artist's practice. This exhibition offers visitors a unique opportunity to engage with a selection of key works that trace the evolution of Eliasson's explorations, including exclusive to Jakarta works that expand the exhibition's interpretive breadth, which offer unique and fresh perspectives to the Indonesian edition.

Eliasson's work highlights how natural phenomena and objects hold their own form of agency, moving beyond traditional roles as subjects of observation. Through the use of elements, such as light, water, fog, and even invisible forces like magnetism, Eliasson creates immersive environments where forms, shadows, sensations, and rhythms come to life. The art is completed through the active engagement of the viewer, inviting viewers to renew their awareness and engage their senses.

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The exhibition invites visitors to pause and reconnect, not just with themselves, but with the museum and the world around them. Eliasson encourages us to see with fresh eyes, opening up possibilities for uncertainty to spark our curiosity and renew the way we experience.

Olafur Eliasson said, "The artworks are only ever complete when you, the viewer, engage with them, with your curiosity. Being curious means being open to listening, to seeing the unexpected, to change. It requires us to take on different perspectives, as in the artwork Multiverses and futures (2017), on view here in Jakarta, where the kaleidoscopes offer you a range of unfamiliar, fragmentary views of your surroundings. These works, as with the entire exhibition, invite you to engage with all your senses, to re-examine your perceptions of yourself, the museum, and the world."

Eliasson's work also reminds us that we are not separate from nature; instead as a part of vast, interconnected ecosystems where every element plays an essential role.

At Museum MACAN, the journey is about embracing ecological awareness and celebrating diverse cultural perspectives. It's a reminder of how small actions have a ripple effect to shape its ongoing story. Your curious journey offers a special opportunity to witness how nature communicates through their signs and signals.

Venus Lau, Director, Museum MACAN, said, "we are honored to present Olafur Eliasson's transformative exhibition Your curious journey to Jakarta, inviting visitors to engage deeply with nature, colors, lights, and elements that invite us to rethink our roles as humans within the ongoing process of worlding, perception, and environmental connection through his groundbreaking works. This exhibition exemplifies the powerful bon between art and ecological thinking that resonates across cultures, encouraging us to embrace our responsibilities, acknowledge our limits, and deepen our relationship with the nature world"

Olafur Eliasson added, "The artworks I am showing in Your curious journey have covered great distances to arrive in Jakarta. They come from many locations and reflect diverse moments from the last three decades of my practice. They have their own tales, their own itineraries. Each bears the marks of its creation and the challenges that led it to assume the particular form in front of you. They carry within them a mixture of intentions, interpretations, and contexts, and they react to the specific conditions of the exhibition. Here, at MACAN, they come together in a new arrangement that is different from any before or after, including a number of artworks that have not been seen together in previous iterations of this traveling exhibition.

You too will have travelled to get here. It may be a trip from just around the street corner or from across the globe. It may be the process you have gone through that made you curious to visit the exhibition. This may be the sum of your experiences or the result of a chance encounter. You bring your own associations to the artworks when you encounter them."

Olafur Eliasson: *Your curious journey* opens to the public at Museum MACAN on 29 November 2025 and will be on view until 12 April 2026.

On the opening day on 29 November 2025, Museum MACAN will host a series of public programs, including *Young & Curious: Children & Family Tour* from 11: 00 - 12:00. This special guided experience is designed as a playful and immersive experience interacting with artworks, where children are encouraged to observe, feel, and imagine through interactive and sensory encounters with artworks that play with light, mirrors, shadows, and color. In the afternoon at 14:00 visitors will be invited to join *Your curious journey: In conversation with Olafur Eliasson* where the artist will share his artistic practice and how he uses art and creativity as an approach to communicate environmental and climate issues.

Olafur Eliasson: Your curious journey has received support through grant fundings from the New Carlsberg Foundation, Danish Arts Foundation, The Embassy of Denmark in Jakarta, in commemoration of the 75th Bilateral Anniversary of Indonesia and Denmark, and Poul Due Jensen Foundation; Mowilex as the Museum's Official Paint Partner; Artotel Wanderlust as the Official Hotel Partner; Common Grounds, Target Media Oasis, Luceria, The American Club Jakarta, Bluebird Group and Senayan City as the Event Partner.

Media partners of the exhibition are ELLE Indonesia, Whiteboard Journal, MANUAL Jakarta, Kompas.id, Parentstory, NOW!Jakarta, Dari Halte ke Halte, Harper's BAZAAR Indonesia, Cosmopolitan Indonesia, Her World Indonesia, The Rockin' Life Jakarta, CASA, Mother and Beyond, DEWI, IDN Times, Popbela.com, <a href="Popmama.com">Popmama.com</a>, FIMELA, Liputan6.com, detikPOP, TFR, Luxina, Grafis Masa Kini, The Corator, Tanamtumbuh, Ideafest, Greatmind, Little Steps Asia, Seniman Muda Berkarya, The Artivist, and Narasi.

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# About Museum MACAN

The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Nusantara (Museum MACAN) is an art museum in Jakarta, Indonesia. It provides public access to a significant and growing collection of modern and contemporary art from Indonesia and around the world. The Museum has an active program of exhibitions and events in a 5,000 square meter facility.

## About Olafur Eliasson (b. Denmark)

The works of artist Olafur Eliasson explore the relevance of art in the world at large. Since 1997, his wide-ranging solo shows – featuring installations, paintings, sculptures, photography, and film – have appeared in major museums around the globe. In 2003, he represented Denmark at the 50th Venice Biennale, and later that year he installed *The weather project* at Tate Modern's Turbine Hall, London. Eliasson's projects in public space include *The New York City Waterfalls*, 2008; Fjordenhus, Vejle, 2018; and *Ice Watch*, 2014. In 2012, Eliasson founded the social business Little Sun and contributed to its growth until 2024. In 2014, he and Sebastian Behmann founded Studio Other Spaces, an office for art and architecture. In 2019, Eliasson was named UNDP Goodwill Ambassador for climate action. In 2023, Eliasson received the Praemium Imperiale for outstanding contributions to the development,

promotion, and progress of the arts from the Japanese Imperial Family. Located in Berlin, Studio Olafur Eliasson comprises a large team of craftspeople, architects, archivists, researchers, administrators, cooks, art historians, and specialized technicians.

#### **About PT Mowilex Indonesia**

PT Mowilex Indonesia is the subsidiary company of Asia Coatings Enterprises, Pte. Ltd, a leading manufacturer in premium paint and coating. Since its launch the water-based paint made in Indonesia in 1970, the company that prioritizes safety in their products, extends their commitment towards environmental ethics, equality, and innovation. Mowilex is the first manufacturing company with Neutral Carbon Certificate, producing zero and low VOC paint with modern colors. Mowilex have won several awards towards their corporate social responsibility initiative and sustainability efforts.

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ARTOTELGroup is an Indonesia's hospitality company with 4 integrated pillars of Hotel (Stay), Food & Beverages (Dine), Event Management (Play), & Curated Merchandise (Shop). The company offers a selection of accommodations, from mid-scale boutique designed hotels up to Luxury level, from the mass market accommodation to the luxury through different brands selection, such as the signature ARTOTEL Brands, Dafam brands, and Franchised of Kyriad Brand with total 50 hotels and 5000 room inventory in 24 cities throughout Indonesia.

In the Food & Beverage industry, ARTOTEL Group offers independent management of restaurants, Bar, and Beach Club. Through Event Management, under ARTOTEL Play dan Curated Merchandise, ARTOTEL Group has a vision to support and take part on the growth of Indonesian Creative Industry by supporting local players, collaborate with them through exhibitions, performances, workshop, and the production of merchandise with artistic characters that can be used every day at affordable prices.

Signature ARTOTEL Brands: ARTOTEL, ARTOTEL Suites, ARTOTEL Curated, ARTOTEL Portfolio, ARTOTEL Casa, ARTOTEL Villa, Rooms Inc, Bobotel. Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Semarang, Medan, Bali.

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**F&B Outlets**: Double chin, Lidah Lokal, ROCA, BART, BISTRO de Braga, B10 CAFÉ, Fat Elephant, 11/12 rooftop Bar, Sixty Restaurant, Rhythm Room, THE EDGE Kemang.

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Being the only subsidiary of the Focus Media Group in Indonesia and supported by the Sinar Mas Group, TMN has become not only the largest indoor media company but also a strong and trusted media.

# **About Common Grounds**

Common Grounds was established in 2014 by a collective of four guys who were very passionate about coffee. Although the company was born out of inspiration from the rise of specialty coffee, Common Grounds is not just all about coffee—the company is always evolving with the industry and is always open to collaborations that could create authentic works.

Under PT Kopi Utama Indonesia, Common Grounds is currently operating eight stores in Jakarta, with a total of eleven stores across Indonesia, alongside sister company PT. Kopi Internasional Indonesia who operates ST.ALi and Kopi Lokal. Common Grounds also operates a roastery.

### **About Bluebird Group**

From taxi, containers and heavy equipments, to logistics, Bluebird Group is a holding group that is ready to cater to all your needs. To many citizens of Jakarta and many other big cities in Indonesia, Bluebird Group isn't just a taxi company, but a part of their lifestyle. If New York is known with the yellow taxi and London with the black cab, then Jakarta has Blue Bird: the armada of blue taxis adorning the busy streets of Jakarta all the time.

By serving millions of passengers every month, Bluebird Group has extended its services, from regular taxis (Blue Bird & Pusaka) to executive taxis (Silver Bird), limousines and car rentals (Golden Bird), bus charters (Big Bird), logistics (Iron Bird Logistic), Industry

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We are committed to always keeping our service quality in every business that we do. For example, with our armada placement strategy and availability has made our subsidiary, PT Blue Bird Tbk has gained the status of a reliable and trustworthy transportation partner.

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We believe that water is so essential to life as it can improve our quality of living and contribute greatly to our everyday lives. For this reason, presenting a clean and healthy drinking water is a passion that Oasis strives for.

We are proud of Oasis as it is a local brand and we are very dedicated to serve the people of Indonesia in all corners of the country to ensure that we produce the highest quality of drinking water.

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# **About Luceria Gelato**

Luceria Gelato, operating under the legal entity PT. Gratia Wisesa Bhinneka, is a BPOM and Halal-certified premium gelato brand established in 2020. We have a portfolio of over 70 unique flavors, including non-dairy flavors, low-sugar variants that are safer for those with dietary restrictions, and high-protein gelato that we have supplied to gyms and athletes. Our goal is to continuously innovate and improve so that we will keep becoming the trusted, go-to brand for our suppliers and horeca partners, and so we can bring more cheerfulness to our customers.