

Lumina Gallery presents *At Arm's Length*, a solo photography exhibition by João Miguel Barros. This is the artist's first solo show in several years, and his second in Portugal, following his 2018 exhibition at the Berardo Museum, Centro Cultural de Belém. The exhibition functions as a synthesis of his recent work, organised into autonomous sections he refers to as short stories—small narrative sequences with their own internal logic.

Most of the short stories on display originate from the editorial project *Zine Photo*, an author-led publication in which João Miguel Barros produced twelve independent issues between 2020 and 2023. Each issue corresponded to a self-contained visual narrative, in black and white, dedicated to a specific theme or territory. The exhibition reconfigures this editorial material into an exhibition format—presented for the first time in Portugal—allowing for a cross-reading between series originally conceived as independent publications.

In addition to the sections drawn from *Zine Photo*, the exhibition includes images from other, more recent and ongoing projects, as well as a group of four photographs presented at the 2021 International Art Biennale of Macau under the title *Allegory of Globalisation*. These works formed the artist's selection for the local artists' section of the biennial, curated by Qiu Zhijie.

The exhibition title refers to the idea of a minimal distance—between the photographer and the subject, but also between the image and the viewer. This controlled proximity, oscillating between intimacy and restraint, runs through all the sections presented.

Alongside the exhibition, *Le Mur*—a space for dialogue between photography and other artistic practices, curated by Rute Reimão—will feature *Arquitectura de uma flor* by Paulo Canilhas, a work that emerges from the observation of forms of life that persist in the fissures of the city.

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