

## Sundaram Tagore Gallery Expands to Singapore



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Robert Mapplethorpe's "Clifton," 1981, is on view at Sundaram Tagore's opening show at Gillman Barracks

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The [Sundaram Tagore Gallery](#) is expanding to Singapore, opening its fifth location within the new **Gillman Barracks** art district on September 14. It beat out 30 other applicants to make the cut as one of the 13 galleries selected by a government-appointed committee to open in what is touted as the next big destination for contemporary arts in Asia.

Sundaram Tagore Gallery is also the only New York gallery invited to open at Gillman Barracks and has the largest space at 4,400 square feet (about 409 square meters).

The gallery's only other location outside of the United States is in Hong Kong, where it was the first international gallery to arrive in the city in 2008.

Although Singapore is a strong regional rival to Hong Kong with its own international art fair, Tagore admits that Singaporean government control may be a problem. The New York-based gallerist, who is a descendent of **Rabindranath Tagore**, says that when it comes to marketing the gallery and shows, they are "not entirely autonomous."

But Hong Kong will never beat Singapore for rent. **Bloomberg** reported that Tagore's large space at Gillman Barracks costs the same as his Hong Kong space, which is only half the size at 2,400 square feet.

The gallery will open in Singapore with the photography show "*The Big Picture: Photographers Who Have Changed the Way We See the World*" featuring **Annie Leibovitz**, **Sebastião Salgado** and **Edward Burtynsky**.

*"The Big Picture: Photographers Who Have Changed the Way We See the World" runs from September 14-November 10 at Sundaram Tagore Gallery Singapore, no. 1-5 Gillman Barracks, 5 Lock Road, Singapore 108933, [singapore@sundaramtagore.com](mailto:singapore@sundaramtagore.com).*