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World's biggest art on paper prize

Announcing the finalists of the 2nd edition of Navigator Art on Paper Prize

The five finalist artists of the 2nd edition of the Navigator Art on Paper Prize, the world's biggest art on paper award, have been chosen. The winner will be announced on 11 May.

The five finalists – Abu Bakarr Mansaray (Sierra Leone), Andrea Bowers (USA), Catherine Anyango Grünwald (Sweden / Kenya), Maria Berrio (Colombia) and Mateo López (Colombia) – now await for the jury's final decision. One artist will be chosen, taking into account his/her artistic trajectory and the consistency of their oeuvre, as the winner of the 2nd edition of the Navigator Art on Paper Prize.

This year's selection jury panel includes five internationally renowned names. Claire Gilman, Head Curator of the Drawing Centre, New York; Jacob Fabricius, Artistic Director of Kunsthall Aarhus, Copenhagen; María Inés Rodríguez, Independent Curator (and until recently the Director of the Musée d'Art Contemporain de Bordeaux); Nimfa Bisbe Molin, Director of the Art Collection of Fundación La Caixa; and Joana P. R. Neves, Artistic Director of Drawing Now (the prestigious drawing fair in Paris) will choose the winner of the Navigator Art on Paper Prize 2019.

Curated by Filipa Oliveira, the mission of Navigator Art on Paper Prize is to support artistic creation with paper, a medium for innovation, creativity, research and art. Artist Pedro A. H. Paixão was the winner of the first edition of Navigator Art on Paper. The winner of the second edition will be selected before 14 May.

A selection of works by each of the finalists, some created specifically for this award, will be shown at Lisbon's Sociedade Nacional de Belas Artes, from 16 May to 1 June. Admission is free and this is a unique opportunity to appreciate these works. Coinciding with Arco Lisboa, the exhibition will be complemented by an intense programme of talks and visits.

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About The Navigator Company

The Navigator Company is an integrated producer of forests, pulp and paper, tissue and energy, whose activity is carried out in modern, large-scale factories, with cutting-edge technology, and which is a benchmark of quality in the sector. The Company's business model is based on an excellent raw material – *Eucalyptus globulus* – whose intrinsic characteristics allow the development of a distinctive strategy, based on high quality products, which today are an international reference in this sector.

The Company is the third-largest Portuguese exporter, representing approximately 1% of the national GDP and 2.4% of national goods exported, and generates the greatest National Value Added. In 2018, The Navigator Company had a turnover of approximately € 1.6 billion. Nearly 91% of the Group's products are sold outside Portugal and are exported to approximately 130 countries.

Consolidating its position as a European leader in the production of uncoated woodfree printing and writing paper (UWF) and ranked fourth worldwide, the company is also Europe's biggest producer (ranked fifth worldwide) of bleached eucalyptus kraft pulp (BEKP). The Company recently entered into the *tissue* business and currently has a 65 thousand tonne production capacity of finished product per year at the Vila Velha de Ródão factory and 55 thousand tonnes at the new Aveiro factory.

The Navigator Company has successfully followed a strategy of innovation and development of its own brands and *premium* products, which translates into a market share in Western Europe of 19% in UWF, around 54% in the *premium* sector and with a weight of 69% of its own brands in its sales.

The Company has over 110,000 hectares of forest under its management and the largest certified nursery in Europe, with the capacity to produce 12 million plants per year. The Group has vertically integrated forest activity with its own Forest Research Institute, which is a global reference in the genetic improvement of the *Eucalyptus globulus*. It creates a vast forest area in Portugal, 100% certified by the FSC® (FSC C010852) and PEFC™ (PEFC/13-23-001) international systems. It also has the installed capacity of 1.6 million tonnes of paper, 1.6 million tonnes of pulp (80% integrated into paper), 120 thousand tonnes of tissue converting, producing around 2.5 Twh of electricity each year. It is responsible for approximately 4% of the energy production in Portugal and 52% of the energy produced from biomass.

In early 2019, The Navigator Company was classified by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) as a global leader in fighting climate change, reaching a prominent place on this organisation's "A" list. The Company was recognised for its actions in 2018 for cutting emissions, reducing climate risks and developing a low carbon-impact economy. It was the only Portuguese company to obtain the maximum classification, and became one of only five companies in the world in the sector of pulp, paper and forests to receive this distinction.

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