

ART ON PAPER  
**NAVIGATOR**  
PRIZE  
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## **Navigator Art on Paper Prize 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition with renowned international jury**

On 18 February The Navigator Company, in a partnership with Expresso weekly, launches the **2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of The Navigator Art on Paper Prize**.

This year's jury includes five internationally renowned names that embody the global character of the prize. **Claire Gilman**, Chief Curator of New York's prestigious Drawing Center; **Jacob Fabricius**, Director of Kunsthall Aarhus Copenhagen; **María Inés Rodríguez**, Independent Curator (and until recently Director of the Musée d'art Contemporain de Bordeaux); **Nimfa Bispe Molin**, Director of the Art Collection at Fundación La Caixa and **Joana P.R. Neves**, Artistic Director of Drawing Now (the prestigious Drawing Fair in Paris) will choose the recipient of the **Navigator Art on Paper** award in this second edition.

The elements of the jury will meet in Lisbon on 18 February to analyse the works of the entrant artists.

Navigator Art on Paper, curated by Filipa Oliveira, is the largest award for art on paper in the world. Its mission is to support art creation on paper, accentuating its value as one of the media for innovation, creativity, research and art.

Visual artist Pedro A. H. Paixão was the winner of last year's 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Navigator Art on Paper Prize.

Born in Lobito, Angola, Pedro A. H. Paixão lives in Milan since 2000, but his most significant work relationships continue to be developed in Portugal. With an MA in Fine Arts by The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a

PhD in Philosophy by the University of Porto, this artist's work is notable for the simultaneously political and poetical charge reflected in his drawings, which summon into the light images that previously stood in darkness.

### **About The Navigator Company**

The Navigator Company is the new face of the former Portucel Soporcel group, after its rebranding in 2016. The Navigator Company is an integrated forest, pulp and paper, tissue and energy producer, whose activity is based on state-of-the-art factories that are a benchmark in the industry.

The Navigator Company is Portugal's third leading exporter, and the exporter generating the highest level of national value added. The Group accounts for approximately 1% of Portugal's GDP, around 3% of the country's total exports of goods, close to 8% of all containerized cargo and 7% of all containerized and conventional cargo exported through Portuguese ports.

In 2017, the Company set a new all-time record for paper output, with an annual turnover of approximately 1.64 billion euros, supported by the good performance of pulp, energy and tissue sales.

Having consolidated its position as the leading European manufacturer, and the fourth largest in the world, of uncoated woodfree (UWF) printing and writing paper, The Navigator Company is also Europe's top producer of BEKP (Bleached Eucalyptus Kraft Pulp), the fifth largest in the world, and has entered the tissue market, where it expects to become of key players in the continent. In the tissue market, sales volume increased 9%.

The Navigator Company has successfully pursued a strategy of innovation and development of its own brands, which today account for 62% of sales of manufactured products. Special mention should be made of the Navigator brand, the world's best-selling product in the premium office paper segment.

The Navigator Company sells its products to 130 countries over five continents, with a special focus on Europe and the US, giving it the broadest export base of any Portuguese company.

As a vertically integrated forestry Company with its own forestry research institute RAIZ, it manages vast tracts of forest in Portugal certified under the FSC® and PEFC™ systems (FSC license C010852 and PEFC license 13-23-001), and boasts annual production capacity for 1.6 million tons of paper, 1.5 million tons of pulp (80% integrated into paper), 130 thousand tons of Tissue and power generation of 2.5 TWh, adding up to annual turnover of approximately 1.6 billion euros.

The Navigator Company operates one of Europe's largest nurseries for forestry plants, with annual production capacity of approximately 12 million certified plants of various species, destined for use in renewing Portugal's woodlands.

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