Inspired by the classic book, *Learning from Las Vegas* produced in 1972 by architectural scholars Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown and Steven Izenour, we can learn from new, even ‘outlandish’ cities. They often reveal trends otherwise obscured by attention to more traditional urban sites. We look for lessons relevant for other cities around the world. Gulf cities like Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Doha are in fact both receivers and exporters of contemporary shifts – in tastes, capacities, and urban consequences.

This exhibition is part of the Learning from Gulf Cities initiative - a series of events in Abu Dhabi, New York and Milan that examines evolving urban dynamics in the Gulf region. Four scholarly workshops (one in New York, one in Milan, two in Abu Dhabi) and an extensive photographic survey have taken up its themes. This exhibition in Abu Dhabi precedes one to follow in Milan and publication of a book under the same title by NYU Press.
Learning from Gulf Cities - Photographs by Michele Nastasi

ABU DHABI, 2017
Downtown Abu Dhabi

DOHA, 2017
Qatar Faculty for Islamic Studies

DOHA, 2017
View from the Old Town, Looking North

DUBAI, 2017
View from Burj Khalifa

KUWAIT CITY, 2017
View from Al Shaheed Park

KUWAIT CITY, 2017
Jaber Al Mubarak Street

DUBAI, 2017
Sheik Zayed Road, Looking West

RIYADH, 2017
View from King Abdullah Financial District

RIYADH, 2017
King Fahad National Library Park

MANAMA, 2017
Palace Avenue

ABU DHABI, 2017
View from Al Reem Island

MANAMA, 2017
View from Al Ghous