

Souvenirs

Rise Art and Montcalm Collection
present an exhibition of
photographs by Emile Kees on how
memory shapes and unsettles our
experience of place.



LOCATION

Montcalm Royal London House
22 - 25 Finsbury Square
London
EC2A 1DX

SOLO EXHIBITION

15 May - 30 June 2026

OPENING RECEPTION

15 May, 6.30-8.30pm

ONLINE GALLERY

riseart.com/exhibition/emile-kees-souvenirs

Few environments compress the familiar and the unknown so succinctly as hotel rooms; a private fiction calibrated for collective use. And yet, departure is immediate and absolute. What remains is not the space itself but fragments - a partial, unreliable image.

Within this slippage between experience and recollection, *Souvenirs* unfolds. The works are photographic reconstructions of hotel rooms, restaged in domestic or familiar settings using improvised stand-ins. Rather than document specific places, Kees translates remembered details - textures, colours, objects - into new images, foregrounding the fluid and unreliable nature of memory.

A small number of photographs are made in-situ at Montcalm Royal London House, which act as both anchor and point of departure. The remaining works draw on hotels visited by the artist over the past eleven years, filtered through recollection and materially reworked.



Note to Editors

Part of an ongoing partnership with Montcalm Collection, this exhibition is the second in a series of solo shows by artists selected from Rise Art's online roster. Emile Kees continues the programme, with further exhibitions to follow in 2026.

About Montcalm Collection

Montcalm is a distinguished group of luxury, boutique, and urban hotels located across the City of London, Mayfair, Marble Arch, Hyde Park, and Paddington. Renowned for its commitment to arts, culture, and wellness, the Collection offers a refined hospitality experience at the heart of the capital.

About Rise Art

Rise Art shines a light on today's most dynamic and culturally significant artists, collaborating directly with a curated roster of emerging, mid-career, and established creatives worldwide.

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Image: Real Life [2] by Emile Kees (Chromogenic print, 2026)