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## FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEIRUT PUTS LEBANESE ARTISTIC LEGACY FRONT AND CENTRE.

Striking abstract creations by celebrated Lebanese sculptor Anachar Basbous stand sentry at the Hotel's facade.

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Guests at Four Seasons Hotel Beirut no longer need to trek to Lebanon's most famous galleries to get their fill of local artistic genius, now that the latest sculptural collection is on display at the Hotel.

Three striking abstract creations by Anachar Basbous – son of one of Lebanon's most famous artists and sculptors Michel Basbous, and a celebrated sculptor in his own right – now stand sentry at the Hotel's façade.

Anachar's name – which is Rachana spelled backwards – is a tribute to his ancestral village, located just south of Tripoli, which was transformed by his father's hand into an open-air museum of sculptures. The village now serves as a creative space and source of inspiration for artists from all over the world.

The sculptures have moved from their permanent exhibition space in Rachana and will be displayed at the Hotel for sale to interested parties.

"Wherever you go in Lebanon you find the beauty of the new co-existing with echoes of the old. Nowhere is this truer than in local art. It's an honour to be able to support the continuation of the artistic legacy of Michel Basbous through the work of his son," says Stefan Simkovics, general manager, Four Seasons Hotel Beirut.

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