

## PRESS RELEASE

The **East Gallery** presents:



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### **BETWEEN FANTASY AND REALITY**

**Six Photographers from Cambodia**

(part of Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival)

**Exhibition Period:** May 8 – June 3, 2012

**Opening Reception:** May 9, 6 – 9 pm

**Exhibition Venue:** Art Square Gallery, 334 Dundas Street West, Toronto



Vandy Rattana, *The First High Rise*, 2008

***Between Fantasy and Reality*** brings together six young Cambodian artists who, in different ways, document both the real and imagined transformation of their physical and cultural landscape. All born in the 1980s recovery period after the fall of the Khmer Rouge, they belong to a generation which now makes up over 50% of the population - a generation that has adapted its lifestyle to a rapid succession of new introductions such as the internet, multi-story malls, escalators and traffic lights. Raised during such a highly transitional time, the photographers are committed to exploring the tensions and to documenting how traditional practices are being altered by various global trends. Their topics and images, as well as the medium of photography itself, provoke new perceptions of Cambodia, blurring the line between fact and fiction, fantasy and reality - both for the photographer and the viewer.

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