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## Press Release

# Announcement: New Hauser & Wirth Publishers US headquarters and flagship bookshop in West Chelsea, New York

Opening this September at 443 West 18th Street, this will also be a dedicated space for editions, learning activities, as well as the New York headquarters for Ursula magazine



Hauser & Wirth Publishers will open a US headquarters and flagship bookshop in West Chelsea, New York. Located at 443 West 18th Street, the converted, two-story building, constructed in 1920 for the New York Consolidated Gas Building, will also include the gallery's first dedicated space for exhibitions of editions and will host a program of public talks, events and learning activities.

Opening this September, Hauser & Wirth 18th Street marks a significant step in the continued expansion of Hauser & Wirth Publishers. Since its founding in 1992, the gallery's publishing activity has grown into a dynamic imprint that produces numerous titles a year, with a special focus on artists' archives and writings. The home of Hauser & Wirth Publishers in New York will function primarily as a bookshop where visitors can engage with its full range of titles alongside a curated selection of books devoted to Hauser & Wirth artists. As the New York headquarters for the imprint's international editorial team, including Ursula magazine, this hub for artists, writers, bibliophiles, scholars and others in the local community is a space for intellectual discourse, events and encounters with art.

With its distinctive, large scale mullioned windows and low-lying profile, this historic building is redolent of the area's industrial history. From 1950 to 2005, it was an auto rental and repair shop, thereafter a photographic studio. Hauser & Wirth 18th Street will complement the gallery's buildings at 542 West 22nd Street, which was designed by Selldorf Architects and opened to the public in fall 2020, and the gallery's first American location at 32 East 69th Street.



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Dr. Michaela Unterdörfer, Executive Director Publications, comments: 'We are excited to open a US headquarters and flagship bookstore in New York City and continue our publishing efforts here in the U.S. We are believers in physical books and the communities they create and bring together. The bookshop is devoted to the making and presentation of books, and we hope that it will be a place for artists, students and locals to meet and exchange ideas.'

The Hauser & Wirth Publishers Bookshop will be open to the public Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm.



### About Hauser & Wirth Publishers

In keeping with Hauser & Wirth's artist-centric vision, the imprint Hauser & Wirth Publishers works to bring readers into the universe of artists and behind the scenes of their practices. Hauser & Wirth Publishers is thus a platform for celebrating the practice and voice of the artist through a range of activities: From publishing artists' writings and exceptional exhibition-related books, to commissioning new scholarship to pursuing the highest levels of craft in design and bookmaking, it creates vital, lasting records of artists' work and ideas, forging critical gateways to the cultural discourse these inspire. Through its Oral History initiative, Hauser & Wirth Publishers is building an enduring record of artists' voices for the enrichment of future generations. Additionally, it publishes *Ursula*, an award-winning magazine featuring essays, profiles, films, interviews, original portfolios and photography by some of the most thought-provoking writers and artists in the world.

Across its dedicated bookstores in the U.S. and Europe, Hauser & Wirth Publishers compliments and amplifies the artist's voice by hosting a robust slate of special, including talks, panels, readings and learning programs that engage the full range of audiences and communities. Publishing has been a cornerstone of Hauser & Wirth's activity since that gallery's founding in 1992. It's publishing activities steadily flourished through partnerships with such peer imprints such as Hatje Cantz, JRP|Ringier, Snoeck, Steidl, Thames & Hudson and Yale University Press, before eventually operating independently under its own imprint, opening headquarters in New York and Zurich. The company's titles are distributed worldwide via Distributed Art Publishers, Interart and Buchhandlung Walther König.

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