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Matt Ager: Bare Elegance

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Private view 03/04/19, 6-9pm

LUNGLEY Gallery is pleased to present **Bare Elegance**, a solo exhibition by Matt Ager.

Ager's sculptures allude to notions of luxury, sensuality and taste.

Exuding magnetism, these are objects of seduction; slick, enticing, visually echoing a sense of physical desire.

The gallery becomes boudoir-like, fitted out with bed frame, bedside tables and lamps. The hairpieces *Me* and *You* visually echo physical desire; forced upright and drenched in resin - their poses beguiling. Lamp light is absorbed by the glossy black surfaces of the sculpture.

Above, a ceramic and paper pulp sculpture *Stand Guard* (2019) appears 'alter-like' in sober contrast to the polished scene below.



Ager's interest in material relationships is evident and the installation pays attention to methods of display and presentation - exploring the exclusivity of high-end showrooms and the tactics of the high street. Cheap materials mimic luxury: the slick and shiny surfaces are, in fact, melamine laminate. The handmade unit and fixings highlight the delusion of the scene we find ourselves in, leaving us to confront our own assumptions regarding taste and value judgments, by challenging preconceived ideas of social positions and our desire to belong.

Matt Ager (born 1985) lives and works in London. Ager studied at the Royal Academy, London (2012-2015). Recent exhibitions include *Affiliates*, High Gallery, Poznan, Poland (2019); *OH I KNOW WHY*, Sundry, London (2018); *Fatal Attraction*, Thames-Side Studios, London (2018); *Eddy's Room*, Usable Space, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2018); *Sleeping Procession* curated by Sean Steadman and Gabriel Hartley, CASS Sculpture Foundation, UK (2017); *Several Options*, HPFA, Berlin, Germany. (2017); *The window was left open though the door was shut*, Ada Road, London. (2017); *Personals*, Skowhegan, NYC. (2017); *Gusto*, Studio Leigh, London (2016)

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