



# Iwan Baan

## Momentum of Light

25. August bis 14. November 2021

Photography – Architecture – Art: The Kunstmuseum Olten will focus on this triad with its two autumn exhibitions. We will be simultaneously showing works by the internationally renowned Dutch architectural photographer, Iwan Baan (\*1975), and the Swiss artist and Meret Oppenheim award winner Daniela Keiser (\*1963), who have each developed their own unmistakable artistic language from an intensive engagement with architecture and the possibilities of the medium of photography.

Iwan Baan will present his latest project Momentum of Light in his first institutional solo exhibition in Switzerland. Under this title, the photographer will show pictures from a trip to Burkina Faso which he took last March along with the internationally renowned Burkinabe architect Francis Kéré. The photographs are the result of the visual exploration of the character of the West African nation's traditional buildings and are shots of how the locals live their lives. In all of his doing, Iwan Baan is interested in people, their relationship to space and architecture, and their possibilities of using spaces, interacting in them, and shaping them.

Together with Francis Kéré, Iwan Baan has created a delicately materialized volume of photo essays on the role of light in the architecture of Burkina Faso, which will be published by Lars Müller Publishers and designed by Haller Brun, in time for the exhibition at the Kunstmuseum Olten. Baan's pictures are accompanied by architectural sketches by Francis Kéré, who himself grew up in this environment and whose architecture is inspired by it.

## The Results of the Architecture Competition

After more than fifty years of waiting, with the conclusion of the architecture competition, we hope to finally have a winning project for the new building that will bring the museum into a new era. The results of the competition and the fourteen submitted projects will be presented at the museum during the initial weeks of the exhibition by Iwan Baan and Daniela Keiser (until September 19).

## Invitation to the opening

You and your friends are cordially invited to the opening on Wednesday, August 25th, from 6 to 10 pm. Due to the special circumstances, the exhibition will open without speeches.

Since the current pandemic situation is quite uncertain, we kindly ask you to inform yourself about the current situation and the safety precautions in the museum before visiting the exhibition or an event.

Consult our website: [www.kunstmuseumolten.ch](http://www.kunstmuseumolten.ch), follow us on social media, and—even better—subscribe to the electronic newsletter to get the latest updates, by an email to [info@kunstmuseumolten.ch](mailto:info@kunstmuseumolten.ch).

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