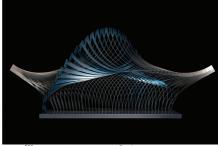
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İlhan Koman *Infinity-Minus-One Series* 9 October to 17 November 2012 www.egeran.com

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İlhan Koman, *To Infinity*, 1986;2012

Infinity-1 and derivatives

Egeran Galeri is pleased to present a ground-breaking exhibition of four sculptures from Ilhan Koman's Infinity-Minus-One series which was developed by the artist in the late 1970s. Produced in collaboration with the Ilhan Koman Foundation, these sculptures represent the first-ever realization of the series according to the artist's original plans and an important step in Turkish art history.

Ilhan Koman (1921-86) is a major figure in the history of Turkish Modern and Contemporary art. His sculptures – both monumental public works and smaller scale series – explore the possibilities of form and the nature of materials. Driven by scientific ideas and a strong connection to nature, Koman's abstract sculptural forms are rooted in minimalism and driven by a desire to discover "the unknown within the known."

In many ways the Infinity-Minus-One series is the perfect expression of Koman's interests. Inspired by kite tails, this body of work explores the infinite possibilities of a simple structural idea: infinity-minus-one. This structural idea is translated into three dimensions, with each work representing a derivative of this concept.

Throughout his work Koman investigated the nature of his materials, exposing the inner structure of stone, metal, clay and wood. His experimental approach is particularly visible in the Infinity-Minus-One series, the formal structure of which challenges the flexibility of the material used.

Koman produced prototypes in aluminum, wood and stainless steel, in the process discovering that these materials did not have the inherent elasticity needed to fully express his ideas. His final determination was to produce the work in titanium which has been anodized blue on one side in order to show the number of turns or waves that form the underlying structure of the work.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 6pm. For further information please contact +90 212 251 1 251 or info@egeran.com.

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