

17 MICHAEL COOPER

*Unicorn*

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*Size: 35 cm high, 58 cm long, White onyx*



For the exhibition in 2015, Michael sculpted a Dodo in white marble to join the other Dodos that came to the show. Underneath the Dodo he had thoughtfully carved an egg, and we are still hoping for a happy result. With Unicorns it is less straightforward to imagine how to propagate their race in these hard times of disbelief. However, his brilliant choice of white onyx provides the perfect texture for a creature that has to flit between its wilfully ignored physicality and its existence in the imagination alone, and we are now one step closer to having them grazing on our lawns as a result.