





The last time Milan conquered the contemporary art scene was probably in the 15th century when Leonardo da Vinci slapped The Last Supper on a monastery wall. While locals bemoan the lack of a dedicated contemporary art museum, there are signs the Milanese art scene does have a heartbeat. Industry bible Flash Art has been joined by hot Milan-based titles Fantom, Kaleidoscope and Mousse, while non-profit group StartMilano (www.startmilano.com) pools the activities of 37 galleries. The yearly art fair, MiArt (www.miart.it), is a sweet spot, and non-profit bodies such as the Nicola Trussardi Foundation (www.fondazionenicolatrussardi.com). Prada Foundation (www.fondazione prada.org), Viafarini DOCVA (www. viafarini.org) and Peep-Hole (www. peep-hole.org) are overtaking public institutions as champions of culture.

07 ERASTUDIO ▲

After years of designing sleek fashion boutiques, Patrizia Tenti hit a cement wall. 'I could never express my own personality,' says the Milanese architect. Her own tastes now have a home at Erastudio (above), a gallery whose fashion and art offerings veer from 19th-century vintage pieces to work by off-the-radar 'design-artists'. www.erastudio.it

08 LAMBRATE ◀

Located east of Milan's engineering and architecture hub Città Studi, Lambrate may be a hike from the centre but its old factories and large warehouses are the perfect home for established galleries such as Massimo De Carlo (www.massimo decarlo.it) and Francesca Minini (www. francescaminini.it). The area is also a new destination for Salone del Mobile activity.

09 GALLERIA ZERO ▼

The gallery's humble beginnings in apartment ten years ago, with exhibit space confined to a terrace, necessoriginal thinking – for example, a furnachine installation by Christian Frithat created its magic dripping double street. Now influential, it recent relocated to a crumbling warehous Porta Venezia (below). www.galleria

10 PORTA VENEZIA ◀

Closer to central city action, Porta Venezia is home to top galleries sur Gió Marconi (www.giomarconi.com Studio Guenzani (www.studioguenz and Galleria Raffaella Cortese (www.galleriaraffaellacortese.com), plus to bimonthly magazine Mousse (www.moussemagazine.it) and free quarta Kaleidoscope (www.thekaleidoscop

