

Art Central

There's more to Hong Kong than eating and shopping. Turn a corner in Central and you'll find a neighborhood of galleries peddling everything from modern art to antiques

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📍 PARA/SITE ART SPACE

Although it has only 60 square meters of space, the city's smallest gallery, tucked away at the end of Hollywood Road, is still loved by many art connoisseurs. Step inside and you will find Asia's most progressive contemporary art organization, which has hosted a number of international exhibitions and lectures—including influential artists and architects Ai Wei Wei and Vita Acconci, and American conceptual artist Dennis Oppenheim. (G/F, 4 Po Yan Street, Sheung Wan; +852 2517 4620; info@para-site.org.hk; para-site.org.hk; open Wednesday to Sunday from 12 P.M. to 7 P.M.)



📍 IDENTITY GALLERY

Carol Ong opened her own gallery with an aim to promote like-minded artists across the globe. "Identity is about having an identity, the importance of knowing or finding who you are deep down, regardless of your origin, gender, race, nationality, language, history, religious beliefs." Showcasing a diverse range of thought-provoking artworks of mostly European artists like Chris Baker and Jonathan Trayte, visitors will encounter a sensational visual journey—be it live drawings, mixed media collage, or fine art giclée prints. (G/F, 53 Tung Street, Sheung Wan; +852 2540 5353; info@identityartgallery.com; identityartgallery.com; open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M.)



📍 CONTEMPORARY BY ANGELA LI

If your desire is to explore contemporary Chinese art, then take time to visit this minimalist-designed gallery. Guests can positively nod to the talents of lesser-known artists from the mainland for their remarkable artworks. With the likes of Fujian-born Wenling Chen's quirky sculptures and Dalian native Xu Wang's captivating video works, every art form renders a sense of fascination. (G/F, 90-92 Hollywood Road, Central; +852 3571 8200; info@cba.com.hk; cba.com.hk; open Monday to Saturday from 11 A.M. to 7:30 P.M., Sunday & public holidays from 12 P.M. to 5 P.M.)



📍 GALLERY EXIT

Emphasizing new artists from China, Taiwan, and Japan, who communicate the dynamic contemporary experience of living in East Asia, this gallery presents conceptually grounded artwork of all media forms that is well-made, subjective, and beautiful. Such as that of Kwan Sheung Chi, whose videos were shown in last year's Art Taipei and take on the form of self-training without seemingly advancing. Titles include *Drinking a glass of hot chocolate with a fork and Plan A to Z to end my life*. (G/F, 1 Shin Hing Street, Central; +852 2541 1299; info@galleryexit.com; galleryexit.com; open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M.)



📍 WATTIS FINE ART

Varied exhibitions have been put together, showing early Hong Kong, Macau, Canton, and Shanghai, and the developments of trade with China from the 16th century. This British-owned specialist dealer has held more than 150 exhibitions since it opened in 1988, and today it continues to offer China and East Asia's antique paintings, prints, and photographs, as well as antiquarian books and maps. Catch this month's exhibition by French artist Jean Pattou, who has painted a new series of drawings and watercolors of Hong Kong. (2/F, 20 Hollywood Road, Central; +852 +852 2524 5302; wattis.com.hk; open Monday to Saturday from 10:30 A.M. to 6 P.M.)