

# ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

## 7 Can't-Miss Art Galleries in Downtown Los Angeles

These are the contemporary art galleries defining the L.A. art scene—and its neighborhood

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As far as neighborhood transformations go, it doesn't get much more extreme than downtown Los Angeles, where the past several years have seen projects like the Ace Hotel, restaurants like Bestia and Otium, and cultural institutions like the Broad museum coming together to form one of the most dynamic urban areas in the country. The development is especially significant to the city's gallery scene, which has exploded with the influx of artists priced out of New York, London, and Paris. Several galleries have followed them and chosen downtown for their L.A. outposts, lured by the neighborhood's supply of old warehouses and ample space that can't be matched in other cities. Here, a look at seven of our favorites that are worth a day of exploring.

**Parrasch Heijnen Gallery** New York gallerist Franklin Parrasch collaborated with his west coast partner Chris Heijnen to open the 5,000-square-foot Parrasch Heijnen in January. The move was spurred by the increasing number of West Coast-based artists Parrasch's NYC gallery exhibits, like sculptors Ken Price and Peter Alexander, and painter Billy Al Bengston. Artist Daniel Turner's first L.A. exhibit runs through April 23. *1326 South Boyle Avenue; parrasch-heijnen.com*