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New art gallery exudes raw and edgy vibe

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ART lovers can now head to Zinc-An Art Space, a distinctive creative art gallery with a raw and urban approach. The not so typical art gallery draws inspiration from a New York art loft on a 5,000sq ft space in Jalan Maarof, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.



Enigmatic: Memori Nomad Series of 5 by Issarezal Ismail.

With its artistically defined architecture, concrete setting and industrial design that is multi-dimensional, the design reflects the taste of the owners.

Zinc managing director Tong Chee Wei said they wanted to stand out from the rest.

He said too often many art galleries tend to look alike, hence they wanted to bring something unique and distinctive to the scene.

"We want to a more urbane appeal where we can lend a voice to the pop art movement," he said.

"There are a lot of pop artists among the younger generation nowadays and this is going to be the space to experience amazing and quality artwork," he said.



Sensuous undertones: Some of the guests admiring one of the artworks at the new gallery.

During its opening recently, guests were entertained to a life art show entitled *Catalyst* by Wei Jun, which reflects the evolution of a new space of ideas taking form.

Currently Zinc has artworks displayed from countries like Malaysia, China and Indonesia.

The pieces comprise diversified contemporary forms of artworks.



Poised for interpretation: A unique piece by Indonesian artist Yudi Sulistya entitled *Transplantasi* was one of the highlights at the gallery.

The new art space will host key international exhibitions annually with the MINDstyle LIFEstyle series with *Family Tradition* exhibition in the pipeline.

It will feature internationally renowned artist and vinyl toy pioneer Michael Lau, who is often known as the 'Godfather of the vinyl art movement'.

Zinc-Art Space, Lot 61, Jalan Maarof, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. Operation hours Monday to Friday (10am to 6pm) and Saturday to Sunday (11am to 5pm).

For more information, log on to www.zinc.com.my