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**(Z)ART: REVERENCE AND RESPECT FOR THE DELICATE
INAUGURAL EXHIBITION AT ABTART GALLERY IN STUTTGART
CURATED BY JAN HOET**

The logo for (Z)ART CURATED BY JAN HOET features a stylized, hand-drawn '(Z)' in a light grey color, followed by the text 'ART' in a bold, sans-serif font, and 'CURATED BY JAN HOET' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

New momentum will be injected into the Stuttgart region by the opening of ABTART's large new gallery in October. And director Karin Abt-Straubinger has managed to sign up the internationally distinguished curator Jan Hoet for the opening exhibition. The project involving twelve artists bears the poetic title (Z)ART inspired by the German word for delicate. Echoing the Bauhaus's architecture, the 400-square-metre new building in Möhringen continues the aesthetic International style spotlighted by Stuttgart's Weissenhof Estate. These architectural references will be incorporated in the postminimalist concept of the exhibition (Z)ART. The relationship between art

and architecture will result in an open, flowing, transformable area, where from 11 October 2009 works in various disciplines by artists from Germany and abroad will go on display.

With its striking architecture and sculpture courtyard, the ABTART gallery in Möhringen is intended to provide Stuttgart with a new art forum, where bold projects, individual exhibitions and group shows are staged in exchange with other galleries and museums. The association with Jan Hoet, who was in charge of documenta IX, spent twenty years heading S.M.A.K. in Ghent, and was also the artistic director of the MARTa Herford museum for eight years, is expected to boost ABTART's prominence far beyond Stuttgart. A curator much in demand, Jan Hoet has in addition composed an exhibition full of poetry to mark the opening of the new gallery complex. The idea is to sharpen our awareness of how delicate nuances and fine distinctions decisively shape the overall structure.

(Z)ART curated by Jan Hoet
11 October 2009 - 31 January 2010

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Opening times:
Tue-Fri 02.00 pm - 07.00 pm
Sat 10.00 am - 01.00 pm