

# Hotel gets high praise for artistic expression

Management at the Listel Vancouver are still chuffed about a feature article in the June issue of *Interior Design* magazine celebrating the hotel's innovative use of original art.

The Listel, at 1300 Robson St., recently completed a two-year redesign that put paintings by well-known Canadian and international artists in the guestrooms on two 'gallery floors,' which are geared to executive business travellers, and also made art an integral part of the hotel's public spaces.

Most of the paintings and sculpture on display are from Vancouver's Buschlen Mowatt and Keith Alexander Galleries.

The glossy US magazine compliments interior designer Judy Henderson for

her part in creating the now "seamlessly chic" Listel, a job that included rebuilding the hotel lobby and redecorating popular O'Doul's Restaurant.

"Guests have told the hotel industry with their credit cards and expense accounts that they like being surprised by a hotel's design," writes Mary Scoviak-Lerner in *Interior Design*. "Trends exist — minimalism is in and overly patterned and 'decorated' space is out. But the execution of these trends is as individual as the properties themselves."

The magazine featured three other city-centre hotels in an article titled *Heart of the City*: The Dharmawanga in Jakarta, International House in New Orleans and The Loews Miami.

— Susan Balcom



**ART SHOW:** The Listel's suites take their theme from the art displayed.