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## Sicardi Gallery

The new 5,200-sq. ft. Sicardi Gallery, near the Menil Collection and the Houston Center for Photography, will house a second venue to fulfill its mission to facilitate a cultural dialogue between Latin America, the U.S., and Europe through art. As conceived by Brave Architecture in Houston, three interconnected display spaces can be configured to function independently or in combination to accommodate larger shows. The general concept for the building is to provide interior spaces that serve as backdrop for the art installations without interfering or competing with the works displayed. The exterior form, clad in masonry and zinc panels, expresses the building's internal functions through the folding of materials and inside-out planes. Interior finishes will include smooth, white-painted drywall, concrete and wood floors, drywall ceilings, and stained wood doors. Controlled natural light will enter the building indirectly to illuminate many of the gallery spaces. Construction is anticipated to start late this year.