



GET IT WHILE IT LASTS Division1's The Lacey condo complex now has an in-house art gallery.

The Art of the Deal

Haven't been able to sell that fab dwelling since the credit crunch? Do as the hottest developers and real estate agents are doing—turn it into a gallery space. When mod U Street-area condo **The Lacey** (laceydc.com) was down to its last unit, the architects at Division1 got innovative and turned the space into the **Wool Exploratorium**. With the help of DC artists Billy Colbert and Ryan Hackett, the gallery supports local talent and draws new crowds to the building. “We hope to create a real bridge between art and architecture,” says Division1’s Ali Honarkar. On another front, developer and art lover Isabel Ernst teamed with TTR Sotheby’s Daryl Judy and Kimberly Casey (kimberlycasey.com) and The Art Registry to turn Ernst’s **1739 P Street** manse into one hot property. The art nearly sold out. Hopes are high for the same on the house.