

# GALERIE ANDREA CARATSCH

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**MILAN KUNC**

**"Gold Paintings"**

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This winter, Galerie Andrea Caratsch, established in St. Moritz and Zurich, will open a new showroom at Via Serlas 12, below the Kulm Hotel. The newly created interior of the gallery, with its wide window fronts, invites visitors to view art in three different spaces over an area of 500 square metres. Works by Modern and Contemporary Masters are being presented to the public in this spacious capacity.

At the original location at Via Serlas 35-37, starting at the end of November, Galerie Andrea Caratsch will be showing "Gold Paintings" by Milan Kunc, from 2005 to 2012. Large- and medium-scale oil paintings on gold background are being presented in the rooms, shown for the first time as a self-contained group. The artist, born in Prague in 1944, underlies his pictorial motifs with gold leaf, bringing into play not only its material value and preciousness, but also adding its traditional function as a symbol of light, the sacred and spirituality. Gold has not disappeared from painting and is experiencing a new upsurge since Yves Klein. In Milan Kunc "Gold Paintings", his cultural and natural landscapes are embraced by a warm and golden light, yet putting forward a more profound and poignant criticism of the current 'Zeitgeist' and art world. The fact that objects, external light sources and the observer himself are reflected in the gold background, depending on the angle of view, makes these works of art transformable whilst emphasizing their own immaterial value. The dreamlike aspect of Kunc's visions, which runs through his works like a thread, thus finds its climax on the solemn gold background.

Milan Kunc is a Czech representative of a Postmodern Pop Art and co-founder of the "Gruppe Normal" in Düsseldorf. He completed his studies in art at the Academy of Art in Düsseldorf under the supervision of Joseph Beuys and Gerhard Richter.

Both galleries are open from Monday to Saturday from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM during the season.