

## **Press Release**

### **Shoplifters from Venus**

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During the time when the floors above Karma International's premises at Weststrasse 70 are under construction, the gallery space is being transformed into a construction site-inspired store.

Mirroring the temporary building site surrounding the gallery, scaffolding acts as a structure to hang artworks and merchandise created by artists within the space.

On the top floor there is a bar, likewise created out of scaffolding, where drinks will be served, and performances and concerts will be held.

The facade of the building is covered by a 10-meter green and pink billboard by Sylvie Fleury saying: Shoplifters from Venus. The slogan was first used in her 1998 catalogue First Spaceship to Venus and other Vehicles Picture Book. In Fleury's typical tongue-in-cheek humor, the citation of the planet Venus alludes to a female sphere. The term shoplifters, in this instance, refers to a "hidden" show within a construction site to which access is obstructed and to the nonchalant shop-like display of art and merchandise that technically, at any moment, could be snatched.