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Wall Street Journal's Top Private Art Guides features Art Smart in their Top Five.
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The Big Apple's art world can seem overwhelming-and impenetrable. Enter Art Smart, which helps clients navigate Manhattan's museums, galleries and architecture. Judith Walsh (an alum of Sotheby's and the Metropolitan Museum of Art) and her team of art historians create private tours based on extensive client questionnaires. They might lead someone interested in contemporary architecture to the Richard Gluckmandesigned Paula Cooper Gallery, Frank Gehry's headquarters in Chelsea and the exhibition space at the International-style skyscraper Lever House. Ms. Walsh likes to escort clients to the Met's Chinese Garden Court, an intimate, often overlooked space that she says "connects visitors to the restorative powers of art." She is adept at pacing tours for families and connecting art lessons to kids' school curriculums. About \$200 per hour for up to four people, with a two-hour minimum, artsmart.com