

Artist shines on

New thought-provoking piece unveiled

British artist Benjamin Shine has unveiled a new piece of artwork at the Barclays Wealth Monaco branch in Monte-Carlo.

Shine's piece, crafted from 2000 Monegasque euro coins in the shape of the bank's spread-eagle logo was unveiled on 17th April.

After six months of development the work plays on the use of light to show different currency symbols hidden in the design, which Shine says represent the fluctuating value of currencies. "I wanted to create a moment for people to enjoy in their busy day, and who knows it may inspire creativity. This piece kind of represents a brooch on what is an old fashioned building."

This is the second image Shine has created for Barclays Wealth Monaco, after he was commissioned to produce a portrait of Prince Albert to celebrate the sovereign's 50th birthday. Shine tracked down plastic bottles and bags from the Principality, following them through the recycling process before meticulously weaving the portrait together.

Last summer Shine took



Hidden meanings lie behind the Barclays bank logo in this piece

part in London's Elephant Parade, a charity event to raise money towards conservation projects targeted at protecting Asian elephants. Shine's London taxi design was such a hit it was placed outside the Royal exchange and monitored around the clock by its own security guard.

Although he has had a lot of success with his artwork, he is also involved with other projects, such as being part of a team that has created a bag for Eurostar managers from old seat coverings and uniforms. He is also working for the Royal Mail. TD