

THE GALLERIA ON AL MARYAH ISLAND

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Located at the base of the Abu Dhabi Global Market Building on Al Maryah Island, The Galleria is the intricate centerpiece of a bustling urban district. Ultimately to be part of a much larger mixed-use central business district known as Al Maryah Central, the 355,000-square-foot Galleria forms the Middle East's largest collection of luxury brands and gourmet dining under one roof. Its elegant geometry creates natural pathways from the island's central boulevard to the western waterfront, knitting together two five-star hotels, four office towers, and the Global Market Building into one continuous configuration. Elkus Manfredi Architects served as Design Architect for The Galleria, with Benoy as Architect of Record.

The eastern entrance of The Galleria draws pedestrians into an iconic hourglass-shaped space covered by a stunning sculptural roof that was designed in conjunction with RFR Group Paris and has become the signature of the project. Escalators carry visitors down to The Galleria's main space, "the Great Room," beneath the Global Market Building, where 145 luxury retail brands are arrayed along a two-story, double-loaded concourse. The concourse extends around a water feature and culminates in a bowed glass façade soaring 66 feet high. Here, pedestrians spill out onto terraces of indoor and outdoor dining venues lining a waterfront promenade with sweeping views of the Abu Dhabi skyline across the water.







