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The 10 Galleries You Can't Miss at Abu Dhabi Art 2025

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Abu Dhabi Art is back. Now in its 16th edition, the fair returns with over 140 galleries from across the world, pulling together the heavyweights, the risk-takers, and the names you'll probably be bragging about discovering first. With so much to see (and an overwhelming amount of museum-level work on show), consider this your shortcut: ten galleries you absolutely can't miss that are making this year's fair genuinely worth clearing your schedule for.

A pillar of Alserkal Avenue since 2008, Carbon 12 consistently pushes the conversation forward through its tight, research-led roster. The gallery represents some of the region's most interesting conceptual and interdisciplinary artists, often presenting work that grapples with identity, environmental change, and the politics of visibility. Their booth is usually among the most critically engaged, and this year is no exception.