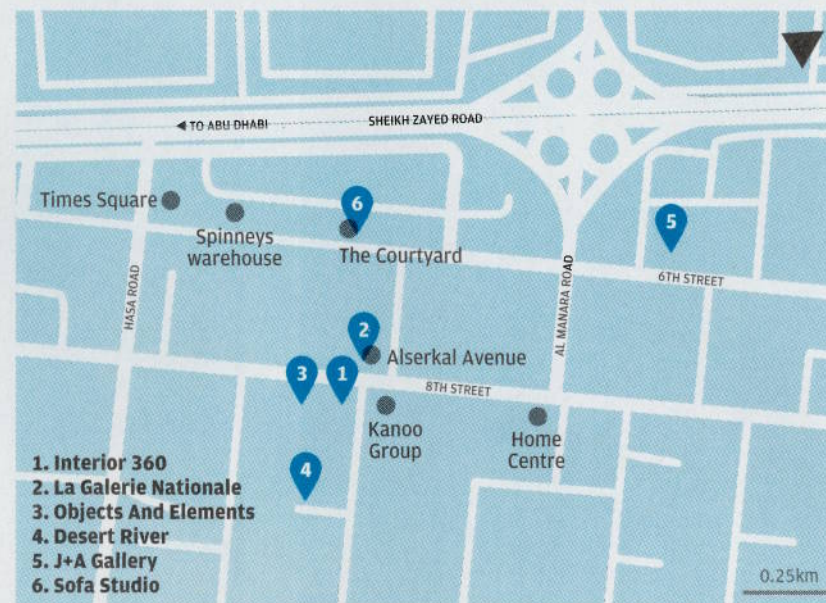


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## The heart of art and design

Recent years have seen this pocket of Dubai blossom into a haven for the arts community, but there's more to Al Quoz than paintings and sculptures – it's also a great destination for design fans. Whether you're looking for a one-off piece of vintage furniture or affordable accessories for your home, there's something here for everyone. Here's our pick of the best showrooms and galleries in Al Quoz. By **Selina Denman**



### Sofa Studio

Osca Blom's Sofa Studio has moved to new premises in The Courtyard, which is also now home to the weekly Ripe Market, making it a great Saturday morning destination for the whole family.

A new location has been matched by new additions to the Sofa Studio line-up. There's now Create!@ Sofa Studio, a space where people can make their own art, take part in workshops and courses, or host private events. There is also a pop-up studio where, every week, a new company or individual showcases their wares, which means there's always something new to be discovered here.

The showroom is bright and

cheery, with a host of unusual soft furnishings, wallpaper, fabrics, art and accessories on show. We love the colourful collection of carpets from Turkey and Afghanistan, which present a modern, vivid take on traditional styles.

There are also quirky accessories by Color Industry and Life According to Vita, which include everything from Kikoy towels and Hipanema bracelets to dandelion lights and cutesy tableware.

This is definitely the place to go if you're looking for unusual gifts, so if you're behind on your Christmas shopping, head down to The Courtyard now. You can thank us later.

● The Courtyard, Street 6a, Al Quoz 1; [www.sofastudio.org](http://www.sofastudio.org)

