

Britain's Top 50 Galleries You Should Know (and Visit)

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The British Isles' commercial gallery scene is a difficult one to map. With its endless string of openings, closures, and expansions, it's a terrain in constant flux. (And beyond the gallery scene, we map the greater art world and the key figures in its landscape—see our top lists of the [Most Influential Women in the European Art World](#), [Europe's 10 Best Art Fairs in 2014](#), [Europe's 12 Best Exhibitions in 2014](#), and the [World's Top 20 Biennials, Triennials, and Miscellennials](#).)

European collectors are taken for granted in the capital, but London is also a key stopover for collectors from regions as varied as the Middle East, Russia, and Asia. The temptation to open an outpost in town has proven too strong to resist for a slew of blue chip foreigners, including David Zwirner and Marian Goodman. While the areas of Mayfair and St James reign supreme, new hubs keep coming up, most recently in Fitzrovia and Bermondsey. What's more, great commercial galleries are not just to be found within the capital city. Although markedly fewer in number, there are key galleries to be found far from Piccadilly Circus—in Dublin, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

The sheer breadth of the gallery offerings in the UK has given the country a leading edge in modern and contemporary art, making it *the* European center of the art trade. Dealers play a key role in sustaining the country's position as the world's second art market, which according to the TEFAF Art Market Report 2015, represented 22 percent of the global art market in 2014, on a par with China (see [40 Percent of World Gallery Art Sales Made at Fairs and Other Key Findings in the TEFAF Art Market Report 2015](#)).

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Carl Andre, Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon, [Jean-Michel Basquiat](#), Louise Bourgeois, [Alexander Calder](#), Anthony Caro, Paul Cézanne, [Marc Chagall](#), [Eduardo Chillida](#), [Salvador Dalí](#), Edgar Degas, Paul Delvaux, Peter Doig, Lucian Freud, Paul Gauguin, Alberto Giacometti, Julio González, Barbara Hepworth, Damien Hirst, David Hockney, [Willem de Kooning](#), Jasper Johns, Donald Judd, Anish Kapoor, Jeff Koons, Leon Kossoff, [Fernand Léger](#), Roy Lichtenstein, Kazimir Malevich, [Agnes Martin](#), Henri, Matisse, [Joan Miró](#), Amadeo Modigliani, Henry Moore, Edvard Munch, Barnett Newman, Pablo Picasso, [Jackson Pollock](#), Gerhard Richter, Bridget Riley, Auguste Rodin, Mark Rothko, [Jenny Saville](#), Richard Serra, Cindy Sherman, David Smith, Yves Tanguy, Antoni Tàpies, Vincent van Gogh, [Andy Warhol](#)