

CULTURAL CENTER FOR COPPER CRAFT

2026

SAN'A

GRADUATION PROJECT

Area 3000 m²
Location Al Darb Al Ahmar, Cairo, Egypt

- Building a cultural center dedicated to the important craft of copperwork, especially in Darb al-Ahmar, which is one of the most important areas characterized by an exceptional focus on crafts, arts, and heritage, is an important step in preserving heritage, especially crafts like copperwork and others that have been practiced for centuries in Egypt and are among the most important crafts.
 - The vision of the San3a Cultural Center is based on reminding people of the importance of copperwork in Egypt and preserving visual identity and heritage, especially with the continued technological advancements.
- The center acts as a "living museum," protecting the engraving, carving, and embossing techniques for which Egypt has been famous throughout the ages (Pharaonic, Islamic, and Coptic) and preventing the disappearance of these skills in the face of machine-made products



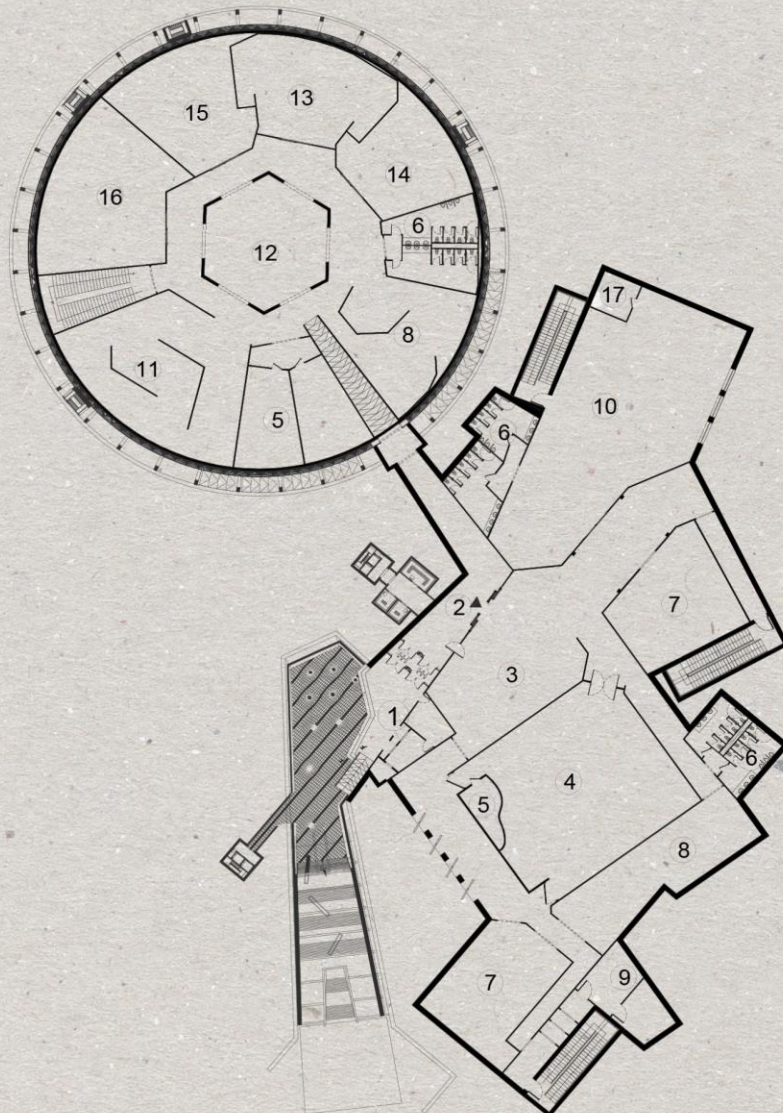
- 1- SECURITY & LUGGAGE ROOM
- 2- ENTRANCE
- 3- RECEPTION & WAITING AREA
- 4- THEATER
- 5- CHANGING ROOM
- 6- RESTROOMS
- 7- EXHIBITION
- 8- BAZAR

- 9- ADMIN ZONE
- 10- COFFEE SHOP
- 11- VISIBLE STORAGE
- 12- ATRIUM COURTYARD
- 13- COPPER HAMMERING WORKSHOP
- 14- ENGRAVING & DECORATION WORKSHOP
- 15- POLISHING & FINISHING WORKSHOP
- 16- BEGINNER TRAINING WORKSHOP

- 17- STORAGE

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ZONING & CONCEPT



Drawing inspiration from the traditional Islamic courtyard and the rhythmic geometry of Arabic calligraphy, the horizontal plan optimizes spatial distribution. This layout is dynamically reinterpreted through a Postmodern Islamic lens, seamlessly blending 1950s-1970s 'Retro' Middle Eastern design aesthetics with contemporary architectural deconstruction. The result creates a powerful dialogue between nostalgic heritage, bold postmodern forms, and functional modern craftsmanship.



Material Board

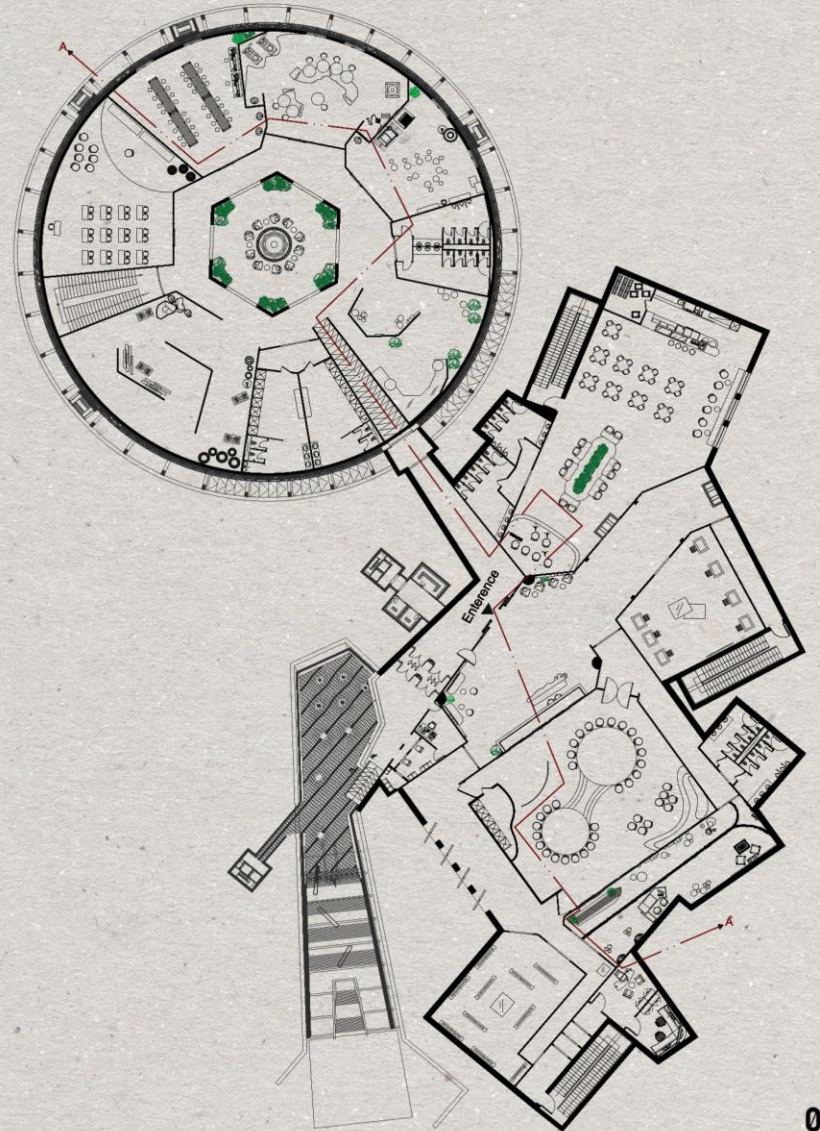


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MASS PLAN



Abu Hadida Coffee

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Theater

A Contemporary theater celebrating Egyptian heritage through immersive performances, handcrafted copper artistry, and cultural storytelling, creating a dynamic space where tradition meets modern expression



BAZAR

A contemporary bazaar celebrating Egypt's copper heritage through handcrafted artifacts, traditional craftsmanship, and immersive cultural experiences, where every piece tells a story of timeless artistry.





WORKSHOPS

Inspired by Cairo's historic Copper Market, this experiential corridor guides visitors through the traditional workshops of hammering, engraving, and polishing, revealing the craftsmanship and cultural legacy behind every handcrafted piece.

