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Commissioned by Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism for the Public Art Abu Dhabi Biennial 2024-2025, *Where Lies My Carpet Is Thy Home* is a public plaza located in the city's carpet souk. Conceived by artist Christopher Joshua Benton and architecture firm Cutwork Studio, the project emerged from a participatory design process involving the market's merchants. This process included over 100 one-on-one interviews, listening sessions and group drawing workshops. The final plaza features several shade pavilions and gathering spaces, serving as a third space for the market community. Its design incorporates a playful, pixelated aesthetic inspired by 1980s kilim-weaving techniques.



