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Lévy Gorvy is opening in Paris in the Autumn. The commissioned architect is Luis Lapace of Lapace Studio, Paris

Lévy Gorvy is the next international gallery to make its mark in Paris and will open later this year in the third arrondissement Jean Nouvel-designed Marais building that previously housed the collection of film director Claude Berri. Dominique Lévy, co-founder of Lévy Gorvy, says that the decision to add the French capital to its spaces in London, New York and Hong Kong was not just a reaction to the EU referendum.

“Brexit maybe gave Paris a boost, but I’ve been amazed by the city’s energy these past two years or so,” says Lévy, who also has a home there. She acknowledges that now is not the ideal time to set up a new shop — her gallery’s business has fallen by around 80 per cent during Covid-19, she says, while temporary pay cuts are in place across the board and there have been a small number of redundancies too. “Paris is another responsibility, at a difficult time, but I had to choose between love and business, and I chose love,” Lévy says. The architect Luis Lapace has been commissioned to remodel the site.

Other mega-galleries are also growing during the pandemic. Next week, Hauser & Wirth opens up its three-floor space on the Rämistrasse in the historic centre of its hometown of Zurich. The gallery previously used the restored building as a private viewing room.
