

## Starting signal for the extension of the Grimaldi Forum Monaco

The Principality of Monaco has given the starting signal to its new offshore extension project and will expand its territory by six hectares in 2025.

The project includes the construction of an eco-district mainly offering housing (60,000m<sup>2</sup>), public parking and facilities, a lively harbour with pedestrian quays, a green park, a coastal promenade, a shaded passage along the Japanese Garden as well as an extension to the Grimaldi Forum.



Rights reserved

As an emblematic actor in the world of events management, the Grimaldi Forum Monaco will benefit from this ambitious urban achievement that will allow it to increase its exhibition capacity by 50%, with an additional surface of nearly 6,000m<sup>2</sup>. This new area will accommodate larger scale shows, combine more events at the same time and make our offering more flexible for ever more original event formats. This unique opportunity will be a real asset in supporting the attractiveness of the destination internationally.

The future extension of the Grimaldi Forum, a versatile and flexible space, will be accessible through an independent outside entrance and will also be connected to the rest of the building directly with the Diaghilev exhibition hall.

As Philippe Bonnavé, Chairman and CEO of Bouygues Construction, has stated: “[...] this offshore urbanisation project involves creating a new living space of six hectares, with a strong ambition for sustainable development and the protection of the environment”. With a view to controlling the direct and

indirect impact of the works, progress will primarily be carried out at sea and a 5m high acoustic protection device is currently being installed. Situated to the East of the future peninsula, the Grimaldi Forum Monaco will also benefit from this protection which will run along the entire seafront promenade, from the Japanese Garden and up to the Larvotto beaches. The natural light of the Ravel exhibition hall will be preserved thanks to its glass roof and openings to the outside.

For more than fifty years, offshore expansion projects have shaped the urbanisation of the Principality. After the first levelled areas at the Portier, the Larvotto and the Sporting in the 60s, Fontvieille, with its 22 hectares, followed in 1971, then came the development of Port Hercule in 2003. The history of Monaco will mark the year 2025 as a new stage in the multidimensional evolution of its territory, its living areas and its economic development. The future has already begun!