

Berlin Report

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1. The Alchemist Berlin

Project Overview

The Alchemist, a popular luxury cocktail bar originating in Manchester with more than 20 locations across the United Kingdom, including London, has expanded to Germany. Its first German outpost has opened at The Playce, a newly opened shopping destination in the redeveloped Potsdamer Platz district of Berlin—an area home to cinemas, concert halls such as the Berlin Philharmonic, and major art museums.

The dark-toned interior, inspired by the name “The Alchemist,” has awarded two categories—Casual Cocktail Bar and Restaurant—at the LIV Hospitality Design Awards.

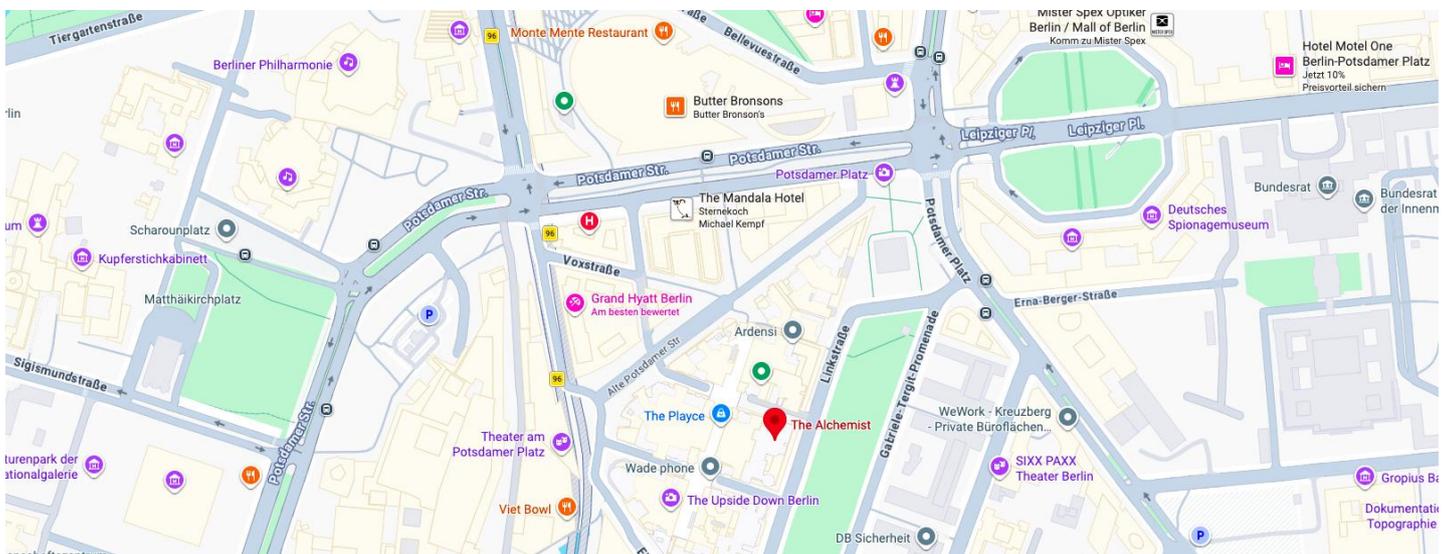
Upon entering, guests are greeted by a large brass bar counter with a muted sheen and rows of bottles lining the space. Overhead, layered linear rod lights and metal chain curtains ripple like waves, drawing visitors deeper into the interior. The brass counter and surfaces develop a distinctive patina over time. Vintage-style flooring and upholstered chairs and sofas enhance the aged atmosphere, while the overall impression remains modern and refined.

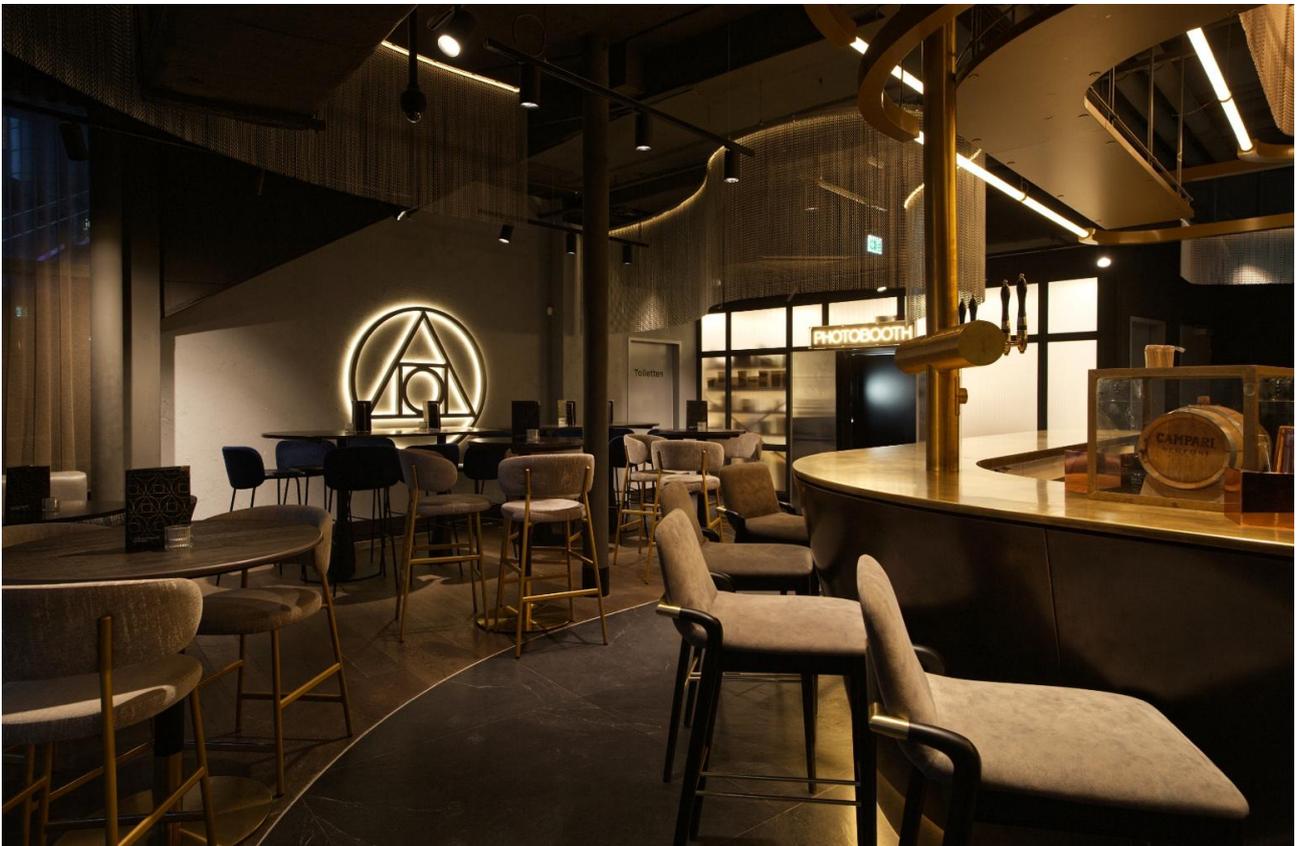
The London-based design collective Blacksheep, responsible for the interior, interprets the “alchemist” not as a medieval magician, but as a cosmic force ushering in a new era. This concept is expressed through dynamic lighting that evokes radiating energy. In this dramatic, shadow-filled, theater-like setting, the cocktails taste all the more extraordinary.

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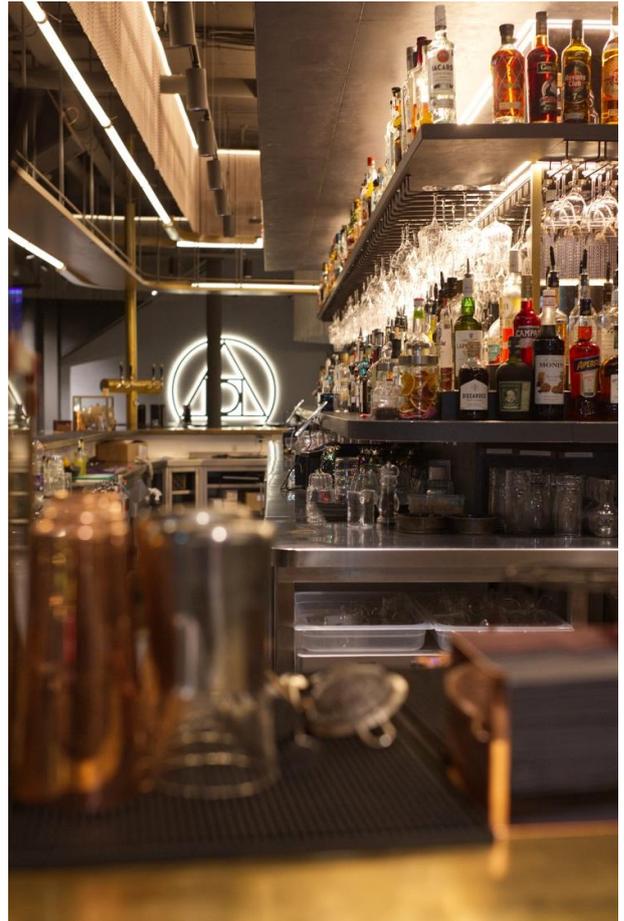
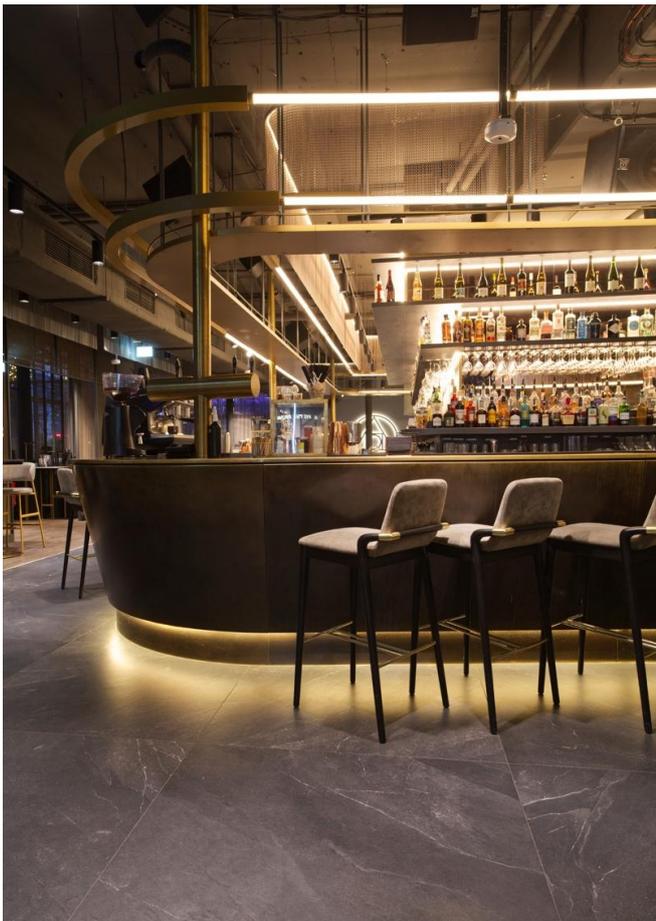
1. Brand: The Alchemist Bar & Restaurant Group
2. Type of Business: Restaurant, Bar
3. Open Date: 24/04/2023
4. Location: Linkstrasse 4, 10785 Berlin
5. Size: 212 seats
6. Interior design: Blacksheep
7. Website: <https://www.thealchemist.de/>

Location MAP









2. migas

Project Overview

“Japanese style” has been gaining popularity across a wide range of fields in recent years, and in Berlin, in particular, the number of listening bars—said to have originated in Japan’s jazz cafés—has been increasing. With interiors centered on sound systems and house-made cocktails that complement both music and conversation, migas stands out as a place where guests can fully immerse themselves in an exceptional listening experience. Owner Jose Jimenez Moreno, originally from Spain, named the restaurant after migas—a traditional Spanish dish made from stale breadcrumbs and a fond memory from his childhood. The bustle of large family gatherings around the table, the aroma of spices, and music echoing through the simple space—together with the voices and conversations of diverse people—evoke those cherished memories.

The space at Migas features exposed concrete walls and a curtain wall facing the street. During the day, sunlight streaming through the curtain wall gives the interior a stark, almost austere appearance, while at night, small lights softly illuminate the wooden furniture, creating a warm and intimate atmosphere. The counter and record-lined shelves are all custom-made from larch wood. Sound-absorbing panels on the ceiling and shelving units that subtly divide the space create a distinctive rhythm throughout the interior. Accents are added by cylindrical pendant lights, wall-mounted bracket lights fixed directly to the walls, and the soft glow of candles placed on the tables. Their light reflects off mirrors and the floor, adding a sense of depth to the room, and the gentle flicker feels almost like music itself.

Project Details

1. Brand: migas
2. Type of Business: Bar
3. Open Date: 01/2024
4. Location: Lindower Strasse 19, 13347 Berlin
5. Size: 40 seats
6. Architecture: Luis Feduchi - ROAD e.U. Design support: Hans Brüderl Carpentry: Rainer Spehl, Acoustics: Terence Goodchild
7. Website: <https://migas.berlin>

Location MAP

