

CITY STOP

Crème de la Crema:
Take a coffee break at the seats of glamour.

LONDON

Met Bar

There are certain hotspots that never seem to be too cool. Some hotspots never cool down. One of them is the Met Bar in the London Metropolitan Hotel. Ever since its opening in 1997 the members' bar has been among the city's most popular nightclubs, complete with world-famous DJs and posh clientele. The interior design is resplendent with its decadent, blazing red leather furniture; the bar keepers are referred to as mixologists and are clad in Armani suits exclusively. Moreover, they serve what are commonly believed to be the best Martinis in the city.

The Metropolitan, Old Park Lane, London W1K 1LB, www.metropolitan.como.bz



BUENOS AIRES



Plaza Bar

The swanky Plaza Bar of the Hotel Marriott is located in South America's most European metropolis. The man behind its design was the German architect Alfred Zucker, famous for his construction of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Plaza was opened in 1909 as the first of the truly grand hotels of Buenos Aires and has been one of the city's favourite meeting places ever since. Brown wooden walls, small round wooden tables, and leather stools helped to establish an outpost of the atmosphere found in classic British clubs on the South American continent.

Marriott Plaza Hotel Buenos Aires, Florida 1005, Buenos Aires, C1005AAU, www.marriott.com

CAPE TOWN



Planet Champagne Bar

On the southern tip of Africa a glass of French champagne is most stylishly enjoyed in the Mount Nelson Hotel's Planet Bar. A touch of bygone colonial elegance still pervades the premises and draws the international high society to the southernmost spot of the continent. The hotel is affectionately referred to as the grande dame of Cape Town, lying embedded as in an oasis at the foot of the Table Mountains. The bar leads to a terrace that affords a magnificent view of the hotel's lush gardens.

Mount Nelson Hotel, 76 Orange Street Cape Town, 8001 South Africa, www.mountnelson.co.za

HAMBURG



Atlantic Bar

The Kempinski Hotel's Atlantic Bar is a genuine Hamburg classic. Its interior design reflects the style of a turn-of-the-century (19th to 20th, that is) grand hotel. Here, Art Deco elements go hand in hand with brilliant lighting and a generously laid out interior design that is further enhanced by a glimpse of the pillar-surrounded atrium. Bar chef Alberto Costa is a master of his craft with a special partiality for preparing cocktail classics for the glamorous guests.

Hotel Atlantic Kempinski Hamburg, An der Alster 72 - 79, 20099 Hamburg, Germany, www.kempinski.atlantic.de

AMSTERDAM



Chinese Room

The Dylan Hotel – known to insiders as the former Blake's Hotel – is situated by one of Amsterdam's major canals. Asian colonial style and Danish design in the lounges and restaurants make for a minimalist ambience with a difference. From June on, style conscious visitors will be able to enjoy the comforts of a completely new hotel bar. Surely a treat to look forward to.

Dylan Hotel, Keizersgracht 384, Amsterdam 1016GB, The Netherlands, www.dylanamsterdam.com

NEW YORK



Hudson Bar

New York's Hudson Bar grants sensational visions of the future by providing Philippe Starck's mix of sundry design styles and materials drawing from the entire history of art. A spectacular glass floor is lit from below. French baroque-style furniture and African wooden benches combine with brick columns and ceiling ornaments handpainted by Francesco Clemente to form a bar with a singularly eclectic composition of elements. An absolute must for modern jetsetters.

Four Seasons Hotel New York, 57 East 57th Street, New York, www.fourseasons.com

LOS ANGELES



Sky Bar

In the entertainment metropolis the Mondrian Hotel's Sky Bar seems to literally scrape the clouds above the city of angels. The Sky Bar is the place when it comes to enjoying a cool drink while looking down on the magical sight of downtown LA, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood. The vine- and ivy-covered terrace is a favourite place for both partygoers and romantics to let the day sink away while being surrounded by elegant Philippe Starck design.

Mondrian Hotel, 8440 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90069, www.morganshotelgroup.com



Hemingway Bar

Ernest Hemingway's beloved bar has retained its original style until today. Dark wooden tables and heavy leather armchairs evoke the ambience of turn of the century Paris; 25 photographs of places that inspired the author decorate the walls. The legendary Hemingway Bar has lost none of its flair or fame – the only innovation is that these days the traditional single malt whisky must compete with the cool cocktails mixed by star barkeeper Colin Field.

Hotel Ritz, 15 Place Vendome, 1st, 75001 Paris, www.ritzparis.com