

NEW KATOWICE

RADIO AND TELEVISION DEPARTMENT



CINIBA



UNIKATŌ



SILESIA MUSEUM



DISTRICT COURT



RADIO AND TELEVISION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA Cocktail 45 PLN

Situating such a building in this specific place was a challenge! The new Krzysztof Kieślowski Faculty of Radio and Television was designed as an infill building blending into the dense historic neighborhood on Św. Pawła Street. The Spanish architects respected the existing environment, integrating naturally into it. Constructed with gray bricks matching adjacent buildings, the facade comprises hundreds of perforated elements, creating a "curtain" that gives the building modernity, airiness, and illumination. Inside, a magical courtyard awaits. Visiting at night, when lights highlight the building's features, is especially recommended. Light plays a central role here, fitting for students and faculty who daily explore visual storytelling.

Project: BAAS, architects Jordi Badia/Jordi Framis/Alba Azuara

Grupa 5 Architekci: Mikołaj Kadłubowski/Rafał Zelen/Krzysztof Mycielski/Roman Dziedziejko/Michał Leszczyński/Rafał Grzelewski

sherry | chardonnay | orange-infused vodka | dry curaçao | rose cordial | dark beer espuma

CINIBA Cocktail 45 PLN

In 1930 the site where CINIBA stands today housed an ice rink. Creating "Torkat" was necessary to host the 1931 Ice Hockey World Championships in Katowice. The rink saw the best of the best—Norwegian figure skater Sonja Henje, Karl Shaeffer, and the Warwick brothers from Canada. Ella Fitzgerald even performed there in the summer! Unfortunately, the ice rink burned down in 1973. In the 21st century the dispersed buildings of the University of Silesia and the University of Economics were consolidated. The construction of the Scientific Information Center and Academic Library (CINIBA) was a significant step, providing academic support and resources to a wide academic community. But what about the building itself? Designed by HS99 studio, the structure echoes the industrial architecture of the region. Sandstone on the facade references the brick typical of Silesian buildings. Two large rectangular blocks with modest facades clearly separate functions—offices and classrooms in the lower part, and the largest social-economic book collection in Upper Silesia in the higher section. Its simplicity, housing numerous functions, fits seamlessly into the new university campus—a symbol of Katowice's academic identity and growth.

Project: HS99 Dariusz Herman/Piotr Śmierzewski

Construction: 2010-2012

polish gin | bitter | pineapple shrub

UNIKATO Cocktail 45 PLN

Have you heard about UNIKATO? A building unlike any other in Katowice? The black structure with spiky balconies on Koszarowa Street? A residential block that leaves a striking impression. Designed by Robert Konieczny at KWK Promess studio in a neo-modernist style, this distinctive building blends into its surroundings, yet stands out proudly, as if declaring—Look! Here I am! A hero of the new Katowice. Black as coal, with white windows facing the tranquil neighborhood, dotted with balcony squares concealing interiors from prying eyes. This striking black block won the prestigious SARP award in 2019.

Project: KWK Promess Robert Konieczny

Construction: 2016-2018

coconut-infused gin | bergamot liqueur | coconut water

SILESIA MUSEUM Cocktail 45 PLN

The buildings of the Silesian Museum sparkle in daylight, visible from Aleja Rozdzieńskiego like ice cubes on the horizon, but much lies underground. Descending below ground level, reminiscent of mining corridors, reveals exhibition halls filled with extraordinary collections. Burying part of the building underground allowed the Austrian architectural studio Riegler Riewe Architekten to reflect the region's industrial past and minimally impact the existing landscape. The area preserves renovated historic mining buildings that now house offices and restaurants, alongside a former mine shaft tower with a breathtaking viewing platform at the top.

Project: Riegler Riewe Architekten

Construction: 2011-2015

pisco | orange liqueur | maraschino cherry liqueur | lime | lemon-rose perfume

DISTRICT COURT Cocktail 45 PLN

Before this building, the District Court operated in various locations. The construction, initiated in 2005, necessitated significant reorganization of streets and surroundings. Its solemn, monumental appearance symbolizes its serious purpose. The massive, elongated concrete rectangular structure, with a characteristic recessed portal entrance, dominates this city area. To introduce tranquility despite the seriousness of court matters, an internal courtyard filled with greenery and wooden facade elements were added. The interior is bright and spacious, while externally the building maintains a somewhat austere and serious appearance—perhaps fitting for a court.

Project: Archistudio Tomasz Studniarek/Magdalena Pilinkiewicz

Construction: 2005-2009

kaffir-infused vodka | cachaça | vanilla | lime frizzante

Let's raise a toast to our beloved city!

Our third cocktail menu, "New Katowice," celebrates the wonderful changes we've witnessed over the past 20 years in our city, resulting from extensive revitalization and development projects following decades dominated by industry. Our city is transforming before our eyes, forging its new bright identity. This transformation is exemplified by new buildings in Katowice.

While we cannot feature all these structures in our cocktails, we've selected the most representative and intriguing examples, all of which reflect Katowice's renewal process, often chosen via prestigious architectural competitions involving Europe's best studios. Rapidly constructed, widely acclaimed, each subtly references Upper Silesia's past. Identity remains rooted in history. Let's celebrate these positive changes—and toast the health of our beloved city!



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