

The hottest new bars in London Bridge and Canary Wharf

WHERE TO DRINK



TIM BADHAM

LONDON continues to produce elegant new bars, many of which are emerging in the London Bridge and Canary Wharf neighbourhoods. The latest is **The Miller** pub. Opened by the team responsible for Hackney's Sebright Arms (spiritual home of The Lucky Chip), they've eschewed burgers for hot dogs and brought in heritage chesterfields, a rotating art collection from Shoreditch's Pure Evil Gallery and vintage video games.

Just down the street is **Hutong**, opened by the Aqua restaurant group. The restaurant sits on the 33rd floor of the Shard offering spectacular views of the City and Tower Bridge and features a standalone bar in addition to a northern Chinese restaurant. The cocktails draw inspiration from Chinese herbal medicine and utilise ingredients meant to have salubrious properties. Whether they will improve your health or diminish your liver's efficacy is debatable but they're certainly tasty. The highlight is the Sichuan-lashed Comfortably Numb, which lives up to its promise.

In Canary Wharf **The Pearson Room** opened in a large glass building on

Canada Square, with unimpeded views on to the green and an expansive pewter bar. The drinks menu was orchestrated by Victor Matos, who cut his teeth with Fluid Movement and the Soho House Group, and brings his talents to bear in creating delicious libations including the lychee and honey cress martini and chilli vanilla bubbles.

Nearby, Tom Aikens has opened his third London venue to complement his Chelsea and Somerset House spots. With a range of classic cocktails, as well as a house label biodynamic wine produced by the Château La Coste estate and a selection of craft beers from Redchurch Brewery, the most discerning drinkers' needs should be well catered for.

Tim Badham is the founder of Innerplace, London's personal VIP lifestyle concierge. innerplace.co.uk @innerplaceLDN

