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OM Restaurant and Lounge

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Popped collars and Nantucket red are still de rigueur in Harvard Square, but a new bar is adding a little edge to the area. OM's decor is pink and green—here, however, it's in the form of oscillating abstract patterns flashing on multiple flat-screen TVs. The bar downstairs has Nepalese artwork scattered throughout, but the black granite Bars, low seating, softly lit stone-walls, and aloof bartenders channel downtown London rather than Southeast Asia. The petite lounge benefits from oversized picture windows (the space was formerly a luggage store) facing Winthrop Park, and a steady buzz of foreign tongues competes with a techno background as homesick expats reconnect over hand-muddled aromatherapy martinis created by mixologist Clif Travers, a local favorite. While the purportedly invigorating effect of the lemongrass essence in the Strawberry Fields martini is debatable, the fresh fruit and basil concoction does pack a wallop.

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