



## Photos: Meatball Shop Opens In Chelsea With Underballs And Booze

The steadily-expanding Meatball Shop empire has crossed Chelsea off its checklist, with a 60 seat location opening for dinner tonight. This will be the first Meatball Shop location in Manhattan with a full liquor license, and the cocktail menu features classics like the Hot Buttered Rum, made with Old New Orleans three year rum, brown sugar and "a touch" of spiced butter. Located in the space formerly occupied by Klee Brasserie (no more human breast milk!), the fourth Meatball Shop location features a ground floor bar area with stool seating and a dining room with one large communal table. Downstairs, there's *Underballs*.

What's "Underballs" you ask while giggling like a third grader and making armpit fart noises? Underballs (not to be confused with Gutterballs) is a full service 20-seat first-come first-serve bar located in the basement. It serves the full Meatball Shop menu, is available for private parties, and will force you to send text messages like, "Meet me Underballs, it ain't too packed yet and TESTICLES ha ha." (Surely you can do better in the comments.)

This location is also launching a new special meatball called Bratwurst Balls, a combination of housemade sausage served with a beer mustard sauce. It's open for dinner only this week, from 6 p.m. to midnight, with operating hours expanding next week to noon to midnight. We're also told that the Meatball Shop is really going balls to the wall with this expansion and will be opening a fifth location on the Upper East Side in the Spring!

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