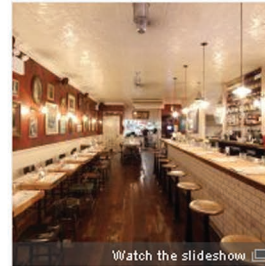


First Look at the New Meatball Shop, Now Serving Liquor and Bratwurst Balls in Chelsea

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The Meatball Shop's Chelsea location, which opened last night, is about to become its most popular; it's the first New York outpost to have a full liquor license. At first glance, the restaurant looks and feels similar to the 60-seat Lower East Side and West Village spots, but underneath this space is "Underballs," a twenty-seat, first-come-first-serve bar that will offer the full menu (and it's also available to rent for private parties). Expect the usual meatball sliders, smashes, and mismatched ice cream sandwiches, as well as an opening-week special of Bratwurst Balls, which are made of housemade sausage and paired with a beer mustard sauce. Take a look at the food, drinks, and space, ahead.

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