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**Bar Fiftyfour** ←

Italian wannabes, all sunglasses and cleavage, eye one another as the lights dim to pink and the tempo increases in this narrow lounge. Mirror-backed, studded-leather banquettes and an under-lit bar provide ample, if cramped, vantage points. A wealthy clique traipses in throughout the day, whether popping in for a mid-shopping coffee and pastry at a pavement table or dropping by at night for the wasabi-covered beans and the cocktail scene. *Grosse Bockenheimerstrasse, T 9288 6848, www.bar-54.de*

**Kleinlaut & Brown** ↓

A sterile, raw and industrial interior of steel and concrete introduces this super-sleek bar, with its super-sleek crowd, varying from cinemaphiles to skaters to students. The crowd lounges seven days a week on the leather sofas, nodding dutifully to the electro, jazz or hip-hop beats arranged by the DJ, whose booth is framed by a composite of fish tanks. It all makes for a subdued yet funky scene that keeps itself at the forefront of Frankfurt's edgier side. *Stiftstrasse 34, T 2199 0954, www.kleinlautundbrown.de*



**Insider: Oana Rosen**

Thirty seven-year-old Oana Rosen, the much-sought after architect and interior designer, has called Frankfurt home since emigrating from Bucharest at the age of seven. Her commissions tend toward the lobbies of large corporations, but she has also transformed a handful of private homes and, more recently, The Pure and Bristol hotels (see page 033). 'All the main luxury fashion houses can be found on Goethestrasse, but I prefer to track down more unusual things,' she says, 'such as cocktail dresses from Historie (Schillerpassage) or the best costume jewellery from Ria Leslau (see page 036).' Oana takes coffee on the terrace at the Alte Oper (Opernplatz) before heading to the King Kamehameha Beach Club (see right) for a lazy afternoon in the sun. The wine bars of the Rheingau Taunus area are great for a day out of the city, she says. On the way back, get a Tuscan meal at Osteria Enoteca (Arnoldshainer Strasse 2, T 789 2216), with two Michelin stars.



**Kleinlaut & Brown**

**Holbein's**

The king of Sachsenhausen restaurants with a Mediterranean twist. Johannes Ballmann's kitchen occupies a conical hat-shaped area within a glass enclosure that was once written off as dead space between two wings of the Städelmuseum. Intimacy is achieved via two rings of lights that are suspended from the glass roof. Service – by night or by day, when Holbein's doubles as the museum café – is exceptional. As is the roasted sea bass with crayfish and watercress salad. *Holbeinstrasse 1, T 6605 6666, www.meyer-frankfurt.de*

**Diamonds & Pearls**

An oasis of style within the blandness of Zeil, the city's main shopping zone, this bar, café and lounge packed them in after the launch last summer and will over-run the pavement again this year. The crowd reclines on beige Alcantara sofas against a backdrop of glittering wallpaper, mood-lit by simple crystal chandeliers. Our spot of choice for sipping neon-coloured cocktails, made by the handsome bar staff, is the raised corner banquette at the end of the bar. *Carl Theodor Reiffenstein Platz 6, T 9494 2864. www.do-frankfurt.de*

**King Kamehameha Club**

After seven years, Frankfurt's flashiest club recently came out – to the banks of the Main. The palm-sheltered urban beach, realised by owner Jurek Wiekilow, is perfect for talent-spotting at a volleyball match or sipping caipirinhas as the sun sets. The main club, a former beer warehouse, has expanded to include a dance floor, cigar lounge and a 20m pool in the Winter Garden. Food is of the bar-snack variety, so head for nearby Das Leben ist Schön for a pre-club pizza. *Hanauer Landstrasse 192, T 480 0370, www.king-kamehameha.de*