

Berlin Report

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1. Hotel Oderberger

Project Overview

The public pool, originally built in 1898, has been transformed into a boutique hotel while preserving its historic ornamentation. The operator of “Hotel Oderberger” is the adjacent language school GLS. Located on the school’s campus, the hotel also serves as accommodation and a seminar venue for students from around the world.

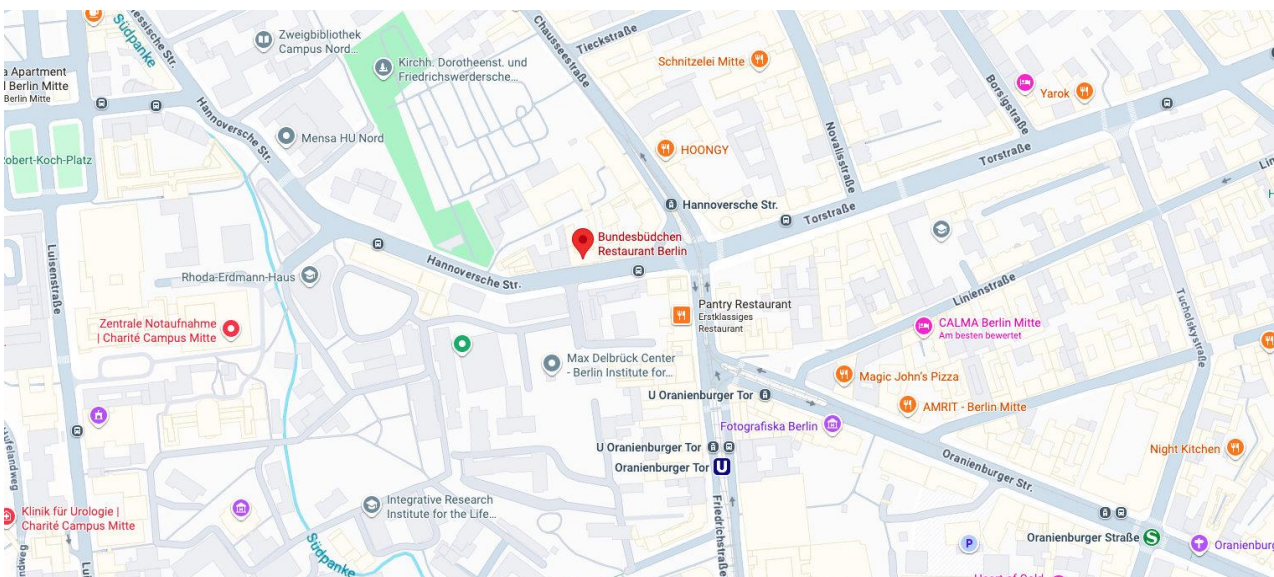
Berlin-based cpm Architekten converted the 8,600-square-meter Neo-Renaissance bathhouse into a modern, multifunctional space. The hotel’s signature 20-meter-long, 1.35-meter-deep pool features a liftable floor that rises to deck level, allowing the water to drain beneath and enabling the space to be converted instantly into a multipurpose hall.

Doors from the former changing rooms and showers, framed in brass and glass, were repurposed as doors for the guest rooms and seminar rooms. Integrated with ECLISSE sliding systems, they also enhance spatial efficiency. Original details—exposed shower piping, tiled walls, and soap dishes—have been retained as interior accents. The former ticket counter now serves as the reception area. The lounge, with its arched windows and sandstone fireplace, was transformed into a lounge bar, while part of the room was redesigned as a meeting space with floor-to-ceiling cabinetry. Blending more than a century of history with contemporary design, the hotel was awarded Berlin’s Ferdinand von Quast-Medaille for cultural heritage preservation.

Project Details

1. Brand: GLS Campus Berlin GmbH & Co. KG
2. Type of Business: Hotel
3. Open Date: 02/2016
4. Location: Oderberger Strasse 57, 10435 Berlin
5. Size: 70 rooms. 2 apartments, 5 tower suites, 10 seminar rooms
6. Renovation: cpm Architekten
7. Website: <https://www.hotel-oderberger.berlin/>

Location MAP





The municipal pool, which had been closed since 1986, has been renovated. The floor can be raised and the water drained, allowing the space to be transformed into a hall in just 20 minutes.

Photo: Hotel Oderberger



Above: Reception with pool-style tiles. Below: Lounge bar with leather tufted sofas and Art Deco lamps, complementing the fireplace.





Above: Seminar room located on the lounge bar floor. Below: Meeting room converted from a former shower room, retaining the original doors, benches, and fixtures.





Above: Reception area of the on-campus language school. Below left: 1960s-style mosaic tiles paired with casual DIY wooden furniture.

Below right: Hotel room sliding door, fully retracting into a wall-mounted metal frame.



2. Bundesbüdchen Berlin

Project Overview

Bundesbüdchen, a restaurant notable for its bold concept of placing a nearly life-sized replica of a famous kiosk from Bonn—the former capital of West Germany—at the center of its dining space, has opened. Its menu features traditional German cuisine with a refined, sophisticated twist, attracting politicians and celebrities, while its location near the Bundestag adds to its appeal.

Owner Jochen Thoss aimed to give his restaurant a standout story in Berlin's crowded food scene. He drew inspiration from the Bundesbüdchen, a legendary kiosk in Bonn once popular with countless politicians. Closed in the early 2000s, the kiosk has been faithfully recreated at the heart of the restaurant.

Though tucked away on a side street, the brightly lit newspaper and cigarette signs are visible from afar, making a striking impression. Following the oval shape typical of German kiosks, it now serves as a bar with tall stools for light meals. The curved counter draws the eye toward the open kitchen beyond. Tables and stools in natural wood and leather create a subtle, unobtrusive atmosphere, while all dishes are served on delicate porcelain by Hering Berlin, adding a touch of luxury to the welcoming space.

Project Details

1. Brand: Bundesbüdchen
2. Type of Business: Restaurant
3. Open Date: 25/06/2025
4. Location: Hannoversche Strasse 2, 10115 Berlin
5. Size: 48 seats + 6 bar-seats
6. Interior design: wolff:architekten
7. Website: <https://bundesbuedchenberlin.de/>

Location MAP

