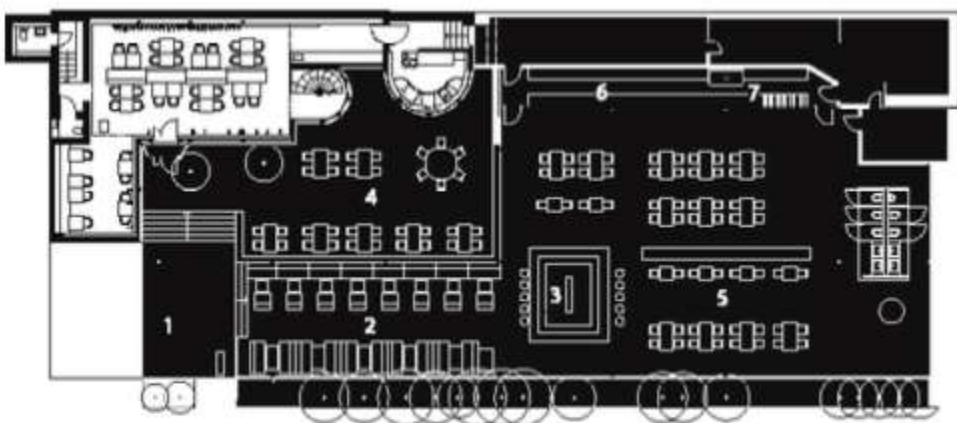


Café c.a.f.e

Location: Kharkov, Ukraine | Interior Design: Drozdov&Partners Ltd. | Size: 760 m² | Photography: Andrey Avobenko, Aleksandr Abramov

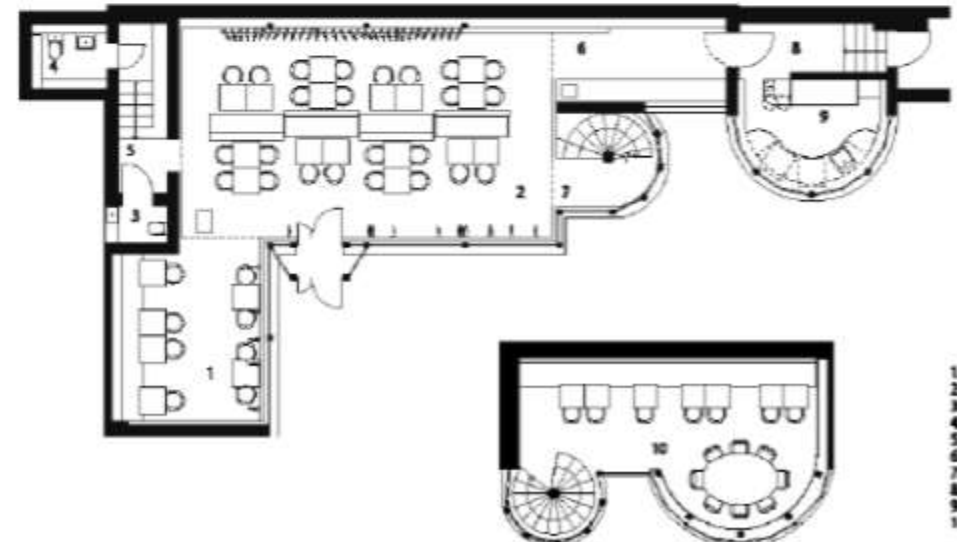
The plot is a relatively empty space located in the middle of the dense urban development. A small cafe was built on this place in the early 90-s. However, as time went by, there appeared a need for its renovation. Historically, this place has always represented a gap in the urban tissue, which makes it even more valuable. Our aim was to retain this presence of emptiness, but at the same time provide it with a new content, preserving the existing building and trees. To this end we made use of the typology of

"urban rooms" or "inner courtyards" to create a variety of miscellaneous, though interconnected spaces. The whole space is divided into three major "rooms": the main room with a wooden terrace and a bar, with movable canopies above; a middle room with a summer kitchen and a fixed canopy, and a small "room" on the upper open-air terrace, which adjoins the cafe itself.



- legend
 1. entrance
 2. lounge
 3. bar
 4. vip zone
 5. dining hall
 6. showcase
 7. barbecue

Light-weight perforated structures create cozy "urban rooms" without losing visual connection with the surrounding space. This quality is even more emphasized by a window in the perforated screen. The indoor part of the complex preserves the atmosphere of the summer pavilion with a slight hint of intimacy. A clever play of light and shadows creates a feeling of sun rays piercing through the foliage.



- legend
 1. dining hall for 12 people 18.2m²
 2. dining hall for 32 people 54.8m²
 3. bathroom 2m²
 4. bathroom 12.7m²
 5. corridor 4.7m²
 6. serving area 9.3m²
 7. staircase 8.35m²
 8. corridor 5.3m²
 9. bar 9m²
 10. dining hall for 22 people 33m²

