

# Hoping for Bar Hopping Again: Portraits of Moscow Bar Owners

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A photography project by Maria Slepko. All small businesses are having a hard time during this unprecedented crisis — and the trouble is not just financial. With everything closed and everyone locked down, bars have lost their main function — they have stopped being places for people to get together, centers of the city's real and meaningful social life. And no one knows what's next. We photographed owners in their bars, which are all closed during the pandemic, so that later we can remember them this way. We also wanted to stop time for a second to remind Muscovites that their favorite hangouts are still alive.



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