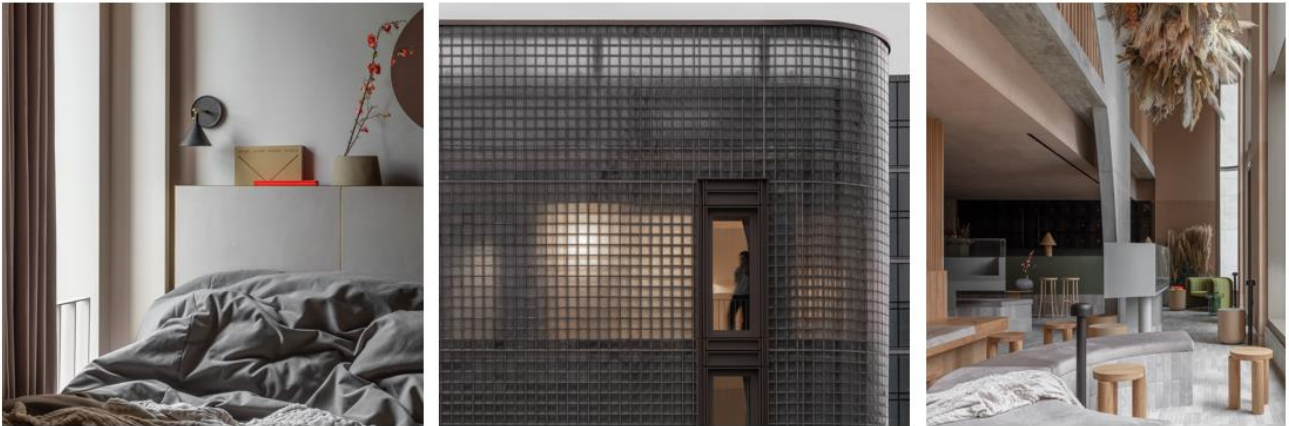


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**LIFESTYLE APARTHOTEL BRAND LOCKE OPENS SIXTH NEW LOCATION
THIS YEAR WITH BUCKLE STREET STUDIOS IN EAST LONDON.**



22nd November 2021 – Pioneering lifestyle aparthotel brand Locke has today opened 'Buckle Street Studios by Locke' in Aldgate – its eleventh property, and fifth location for the brand in London. Located just minutes away from the City, Tower Bridge and Brick Lane, the newly developed Buckle Street Studios sits adjacent to the first ever Locke – Leman Locke, on Leman Street – in the heart of one of London's most vibrant neighbourhoods.

Spread over 13 storeys, Buckle Street Studios comprises 103 contemporary studio apartments, a concept store, co-working area, 'Shaman' coffee shop and meeting room. The new addition to the Locke portfolio breaks with brand convention, with a hybrid room mix that includes 87 compact apartments featuring cleverly designed kitchens and living areas, as well as 16 new hotel-style rooms – primed for short stay guests.

Buckle Street Studios will be the first Locke to feature a thoughtfully curated concept store and dedicated Makers Space that will champion emerging designers and artists, most of which are local. The concept store will showcase limited edition items and collectables that blur the lines between art and commodity, including handmade items by custom sneaker designer AfroKickz, ceramicist Ally Powell and artist Dion Kitson. Meanwhile, on the mezzanine floor, guests and locals can take advantage of a contemplative co-working space, which will also host the aparthotel's evolving cultural programme.

Designed from the ground-up by Matthew Grzywinski of Grzywinski+Pons – the design visionary behind the first four Locke locations – the building considers the experience of both those staying within the aparthotel as well as passers-by observing the unique exterior.



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The enigmatic social spaces at Buckle Street Studios have been conceptualised to resemble an art gallery meets concept store, with museum-style vitrines encasing the concept store's coveted curiosities. From its curved furniture and smooth arches to timber walls and neutral colour palette, the lobby has been elegantly curated as a calm, serene space where guests and locals can lounge and work for a few minutes or a few hours.

Grzywinski has continued this approach in the apartments, which combine sophisticated neutral tones and moody lighting with raw concrete and plaster alongside brushed brass glitzy finishes. The distinctive building exterior is defined by a translucent glass crown enclosing the top two floors, which has been consciously designed to resemble a modernist lighthouse – an iconic beacon from which guests can explore East London.

"Buckle Street Studios is the cherry on top of an exceptionally busy year of new openings across Europe for Locke. The project is another masterstroke in design by Grzywinski+Pons, and an example of how hotels as spaces are evolving to become increasingly hybrid and versatile. The concept store and Makers Space is a particularly exciting project for us, and we hope that it will enable guests and locals to discover some of the most talented emerging creatives in the UK." – **Eric Jafari, Chief Development Officer and Creative Director, Locke.**

Sitting alongside Lemn Locke, the brand's first opening on Lemn Street, Buckle Street Studios will complement the original Locke's spacious long-stay apartments, providing a perfect base for those commuting into London, or on a weekend city break. Guests will also have access to the social spaces at Lemn Locke, which includes a gym, Shaman coffee shop, co-working space and acclaimed vegan destination restaurant, Alter by chef Andy Hogben.

Opening rates from £110 per night.

More information on Buckle Street Studios by Locke can be found [here](#)

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About Locke

Locke believes that life shouldn't stop when you're away from home, giving guests the freedom to travel on their own terms by creating spaces that are designed to be lived in. Locke aims to inspire and connect travellers through mindful design, activated social spaces, a locally led cultural programme and disruptive food and drink concepts that celebrate the character and social fabric of each locality.

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Locke's signature studio apartments feature fully fitted kitchens, living and working space that give guests more space and autonomy than the typical hotel room. The flexibility of the home-meets-hotel format appeals to a broad range of travellers across the leisure and business markets, for both extended and short stays.

Following the opening of its first location in 2016, Locke has expanded to include eleven sites across the UK and across mainland Europe.

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