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Bowling Center Architecture and Design Awards

WINNERS RECEIVE THE INAUGURAL BCMmys

And the BCMmy Goes to...



Peruse a bevy of inspired ideas in the 2021 Bowling Center Architecture and Design Awards competition.

[THEY] ARE NOT merely awful; I would consider it sacrilegious to say anything less than that they are god awful. They are so unbelievably horrible, so appallingly unmusical, so dogmatically insensitive to the magic of the art that they qualify as crowned heads of anti-music..."

Care to guess what rock group the music critic for the Boston Globe was writing about in 1964? The year should provide a clue. Yes, the critic was describing the Beatles.

Two years later, on New York's Madison Avenue, the Whitney Museum opened. The building was designed by Marcel Breuer. A review by New York Times critic Ada Louise Huxtable wasn't quite as brutal as the Boston Globe's assessment of the Beatles, but it wasn't exactly glowing. Wrote Huxtable: "The taste for its disconcertingly top-heavy, inverted pyramidal mass grows on one slowly, like a taste for olives or warm beer."

Yet the building's design has stood the test of time. While it may not be everyone's cup of tea... or warm beer... it's now included on architectural tours in the Big Apple, and is considered daring, strong and innovative.

Tastes in anything that could be criticized — be it music, literature, dining or architecture — are highly personal and can change over time. Unanimity in opinion is rare. So when BCM inherited the Bowling Center Architecture and Design Awards from Bowlers Journal International, which had conducted the competition for 36 years, it was time for a fresh approach.

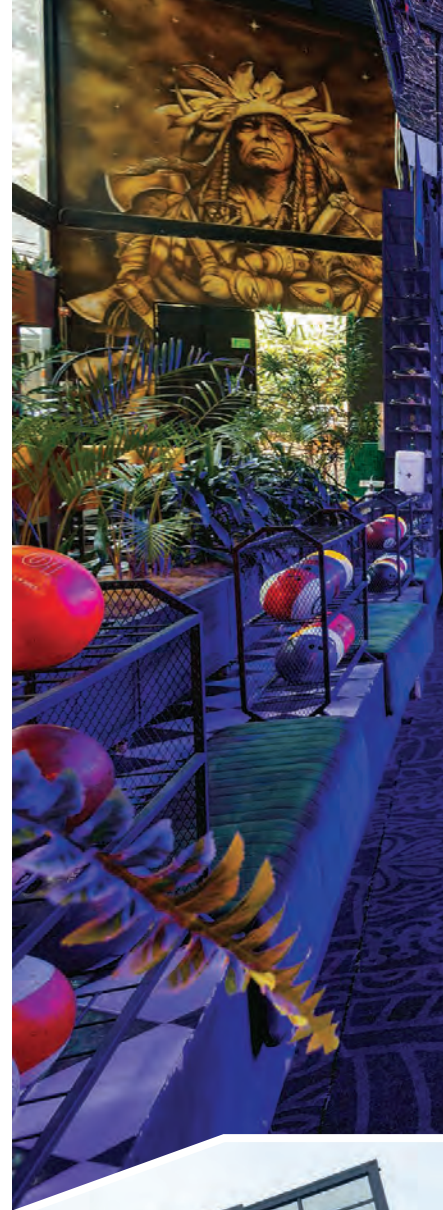
While the competition remains intact, it now features additional categories that more accurately reflect the breadth of 21st-century business models. Further, winning centers now will receive actual awards (in addition to recognition in the magazine) in the form of the inaugural BCMmy certificates.

Boutique centers and family entertainment centers are spotlighted this month; hybrid centers and traditional centers will take center stage in the May issue.

The goal of the competition is to provide bowling center owners — both current and prospective — with a bevy of ideas to consider

as they ponder modernizing or developing their own facilities. As you'll see in the pages ahead, there is no shortage of ideas. Whether you consider them "unbelievably horrible," awe-inspiring or somewhere in between is a matter of personal taste.

— Bob Johnson





Best New Boutique

Interior

Sport & Chips Games Bar Restaurant

▶ While the special-effects lighting in the bowlers' area is reminiscent of a Pink Floyd concert, other areas of Sport & Chips embrace elements of America's pastime (baseball), including the entryway and "big-screen" batting cages. Big screens also dominate the attractively illuminated bar.



▶▶ AT A GLANCE

Location: Coyoacan, Mexico City, Mexico

Proprietor: Victor Morales

Architectural Company: Gap Inmobiliaria SA CV

Interior Design Company:

Gap Inmobiliaria SA CV

Bowling Equipment Supplier:

QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: Boutique

Scoring: BES X Ultimate With BES X Experience and HyperBowl

Pins: AMFlite

Ball Returns: Harmony

Bumpers: HyperBowl

Lighting Equipment: Miguel Ochoa

Sound Equipment: Boss System

ATM: Banorte

Virtual Reality: Baseball Bat / Formula 1

Online: Sport&Chips Games Bar on Facebook





Best New Boutique

Ancillary Profit Center

Lane7

► Billiards has been making a comeback throughout Europe, although with a much more upscale “persona” than could be found in the dark and dank pool halls of old. This space at Lane7’s Leicester venue sits within brick walls and features dramatic lighting and fixtures that undoubtedly were intended for other uses — which renders them an inspired choice.

►►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Leicester, United Kingdom

Architects and Designers: John and Johnathan Taylor

Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: Boutique Walnut

Scoring: BES X

Ball Returns: Harmony

Pins: String Pins

Website: lane7co.uk





Best New International FEC

Interior

JoyVillage Rome Maximo

► Whether the house lights are turned down to accentuate the special-effects lighting, or turned up to show off gorgeous flooring and classy couches, the interior of JoyVillage lives up to the high standards of Italian design. The venue includes 12 lanes and four mini lanes among its attractions.



►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Rome, Italy

Proprietor: LED S.R.L.

Architectural and Interior Design

Services: Cap Design SRL

Bowling Equipment Supplier:

QubicaAMF Worldwide

Pinsetting Machines: EDGE String
Pinspotters

Scoring & Entertainment:

BES X Ultimate With HyperBowling

Lanes: SPL Lanes

Ball Returns: Harmony Ball Returns

Pins: String Pins

Mini Bowling: Highway66

Masking Units/Screens:

AVL Technology

Sound Equipment: AVL Technology

Arcade Game Distributor:

Elmac SRL, Tecnoplay SA and

Farogames SRL

Billiards: FAS Pendezza

Virtual Reality: Hologate

Virtual Room Ninja Attraction:

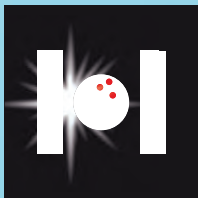
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Bumper Cars: Sela Cars

Website: joyvillage.it



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Best New International

FEC Ancillary Profit Center

FEC Sevenum

► So how does one compete with nearby Attractiepark Toverland and its abundance of theme park thrill rides? One way is to appeal to a younger demographic, and FEC Sevenum does just that with its Mattel Play area for the little ones. (Patrons of all ages can have fun on the HyperBowling-equipped lanes.)

►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Sevenum, Netherlands

Proprietor: Boy Knapen

Architectural Company: Janssen Wuts Architecten

Interior Design Company: FEC Sevenum and S-Design Interieurbouw

Bowling Equipment Distributor: Bowltech International

Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Pinsetting Machines: EDGE String Pinspotters

Scoring: BES X Ultimate

Entertainment System: HyperBowling

Lanes: SPL Select

Ball Returns: Harmony

Bumpers: HyperBowling System

Pins: AMFlite II

Lighting Equipment: Holland Light Company

Children's Play Area: Mattel Play

Website: fecsevenum.nl





Best Modernized International FEC Interior

WOOP! Arena

► An existing 28-lane traditional center was struggling. An operator of trampoline and karting parks was looking to expand and diversify. A deal was struck, and WOOP! Arena was developed with 10 fewer lanes but several more attractions. The signage is bold, the industrial-style ceiling is attractive and the bowlers' area is, in a word, gorgeous.



►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Proprietor: Samo Habic

Architectural and Interior Design:

Nisa Arhitektura Services

Bowling Capital Equipment:

QubicaAMF Worldwide

Pinsetting Machines: EDGE String

Pinspotters

Entertainment System:

HyperBowling

Lanes: SPL-II

Masking Units/Screens: Harmony

Scoring: BES X Ultimate

Ball Returns: Harmony

Bumpers: HyperBowling System

Pins: EDGE String Pins

Sidewall Treatment: Prima IP

Lighting Equipment: Temsus

Sound Equipment: Dega Sistemi

Furniture/Fixtures: Mizarstvo Straser

Virtual Reality: Hologate

Laser Tag Arena Designer and

Equipment: Delta Strike

Lazer Maze Manufacturer: Delta Strike

Escape Rooms: GameOver

Website: arena.woop.fun



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John Nelson, Owner
Rose Bowl
New Castle, IN



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▶▶▶ AT A GLANCE

Location: Sanford, Fla.

Proprietor: David Goldfarb

Exterior and Interior Design: US Design Lab

Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMF
Worldwide

Furniture: Venue Industries

Arcade Games: Primetime Amusements

Virtual Reality: Virtuix Omni Arena

Go Karts: 360 Karting (track) and
Bizkarts (karts)

Miniature Golf: Creative Works

Ropes Course: RCI Adventure

Cashless Payment System: Intercard

Website: elev8fun.com



Best New United States FEC

Exterior



Elev8 Fun

▶ Big-box retailers had already been reeling for years because of the emergence of Amazon and other online platforms. They took another hit during the pandemic, causing more stores to close, including the Sears location at the Seminole Towne Center Mall in suburban Orlando. There's no evidence of what came before thanks to the blue striping and fun signage designed for Elev8 Fun. Everything about Elev8 — including its branding, design, attraction selection and food-and-beverage offerings — is intended to attract a wide demographic, from kids and families to adults and companies. And it all begins with an eye-catching exterior worthy of a new mall anchor.





Best New United States FEC

Ancillary Profit Center

Andretti Indoor Karting and Games

► Let's face it: When "Andretti" is part of a venue's name, karting cannot be considered an ancillary profit center; it's the main event. So at the new Andretti venue in Buford, Ga., it's the giant arcade area that fits the category, with green and blue fixtures hanging from the ceiling unifying the space visually. A cluster of same-colored balloon shapes look like giant grapes, and shiny flooring creates a wash of reflected color from the various games.



►►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Buford, Ga.

Proprietor: Samantha LaManga

Architect: Mark Klinger

Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Music Source: Rockbot

Carpeting: Flagship Carpets

Arcade Game Distributor: Betson Enterprises

Redemption: Redemption Plus

Cashless Payment System: Embed

Virtual Reality: Hologate, Beat Saber,

Kong Skull Island, Vader Immortal

Lightsaber Dojo, Racing Simulator,

The Andretti 7D Experience

Laser Tag Arena Designer:

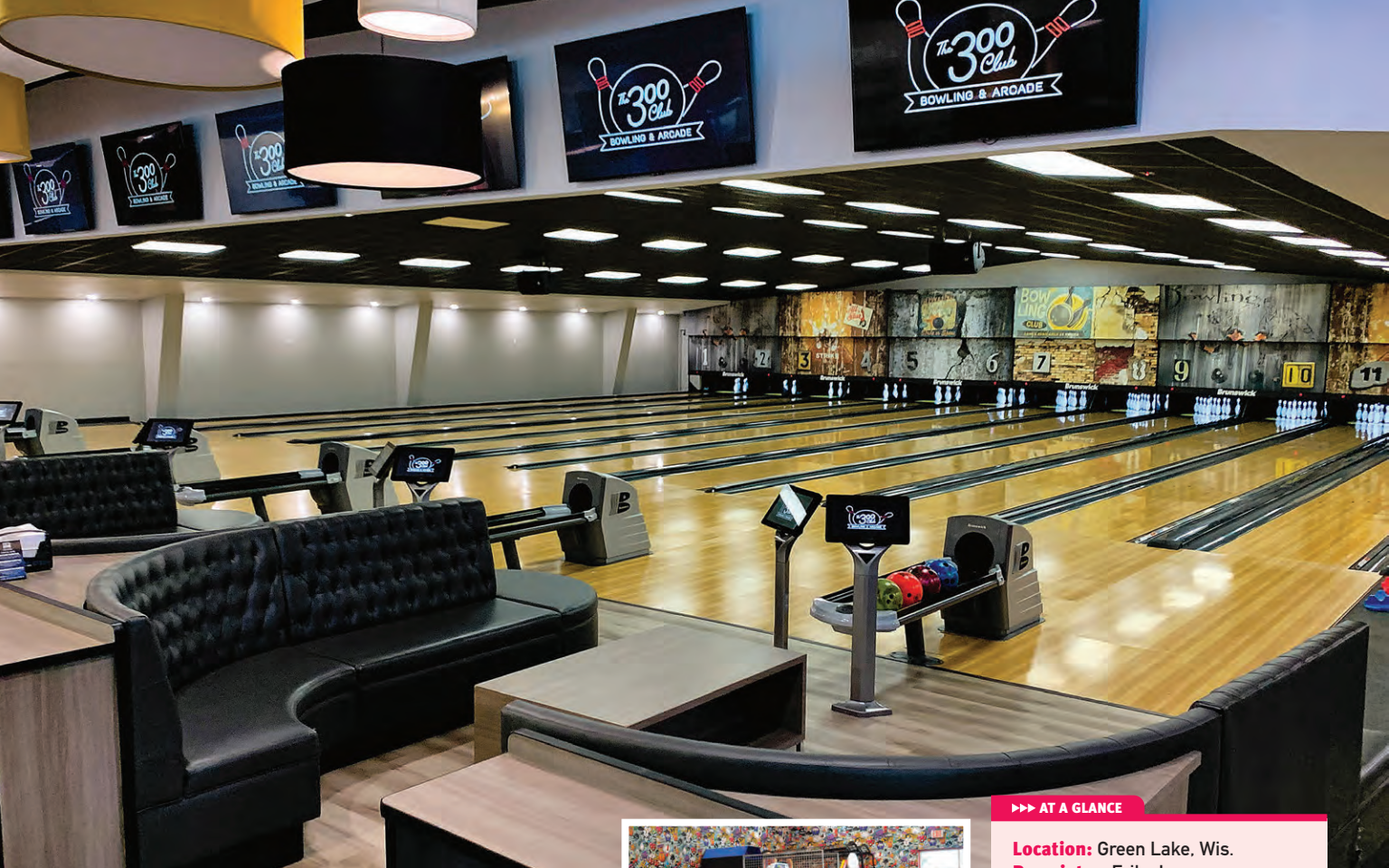
Creative Works

Laser Tag Equipment: Delta Strike

Go Karts: 360 Karting (track) and Bizkarts (karts)

Website: andrettikarting.com



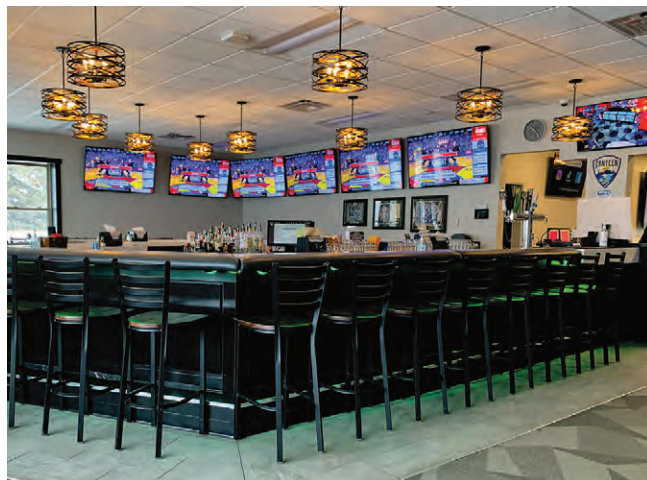


Best Modernized United States FEC

The 300 Club of Green Lake



► The little bowling alley in Green Lake, Wis., was known as Howie's through most of its history, and most recently went by the name of Paradise Island Lanes. In December 2020, during a COVID quarantine, it got a new owner — one who actually lives in Arizona, but summers in Green Lake with her family. The goal in reimagining the local alley: to create a unique and classy space with a clean and upscale feel. No area was left untouched, resulting in an upgraded bowlers area, bar, eating area and small arcade. Even the restroom doors received a unique (and fun) design touch.



►► AT A GLANCE

- Location:** Green Lake, Wis.
- Proprietor:** Erika Lopez
- Interior Design Company:** Jacobi Interiors
- Bowling Equipment Suppliers:** Brunswick Bowling Products and QubicaAMF Worldwide
- Pinsetting Machines:** QubicaAMF EDGE String Pinsetters
- Masking Units/Screens:** Brunswick Bohemian
- Scoring:** QubicaAMF Conqueror X
- Ball Returns:** Brunswick
- Pins:** QubicaAMF EDGE String Pins
- Sound Equipment:** Touch Tunes
- Furniture:** Venue Industries Perfect Game Collection
- Carpeting:** Shaw Industries
- Restaurant Equipment/Supplies:** Edward Don and Company
- Arcade Game Route Operator:** Midstate Amusements
- ATM:** Midstate Amusements
- Website:** 300clubgl.com





Best New U.S. Hybrid Center

Restaurant/Lounge

District 850

► Tallahassee is a college town, and that makes it an ideal location for District 850, which offers an array of attractions for young adults, from bowling to escape rooms and from axe throwing to bar and arcade games. For hungry and thirsty guests, food and beverages are served in elegantly designed spaces with attractive overhead elements and unique lighting fixtures.



►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Proprietor: Nilesh Patel
Architectural Company: Dynamic Designs, P.C.
Interior Design Company: Dynamic Designs, P.C.
Bowling Equipment Provider: QubicaAMF Worldwide
Lanes: SPL Boutique
Scoring: BES X Ultimate with Supertouch and Conqueror Pro
Pinspotters: EDGE String
Ball Returns/Racks: Harmony
Bumpers: HyperBowling
Pins: EDGE String
Lighting: CenterPunch
Video Masking Units/Screens: DFX Sound Vision
Furniture/Fixtures: Venue Industries
Lighting: DFX Sound Vision
Sound Equipment: DFX Sound Vision
Carpeting: Flagship Carpets and J&J Modular "Energy"
Other Flooring: Daltile Fabrique
Restaurant Equipment/Supplies: Big Bend Restaurant Supply
Arcade Distributor: Alpha Omega Amusements
Redemption: Redemption Plus and Sureshot Redemption
Laser Tag Arena Designer/Manufacturer: Studio 41b
Laser Tag Equipment Manufacturer: Lasertag.com by Zone
Axe Throwing: Global Bowling & Entertainment
Billiards: Alpha Omega Entertainment
Cashless Payment System: Intercard
Escape Rooms: Studio 41b
Music: FEC Music
Ropes Course: United Play
Additional Amenities: XD Theater/Triotech
Website: district850.com





Best New International Hybrid Center

Seven Squares

► There is a vast urban renewal effort underway in Saint-Etienne, located 37 miles southwest of Lyon. Long known for coal mining, it's now transitioning from an industrial center to a "design capital," and Seven Squares fits right into that effort. With glass elements as part of its exterior and a modern industrial look in many parts of its interior, the venue's design and theming are inspired, targeted to a 21st century clientele.



►► AT A GLANCE



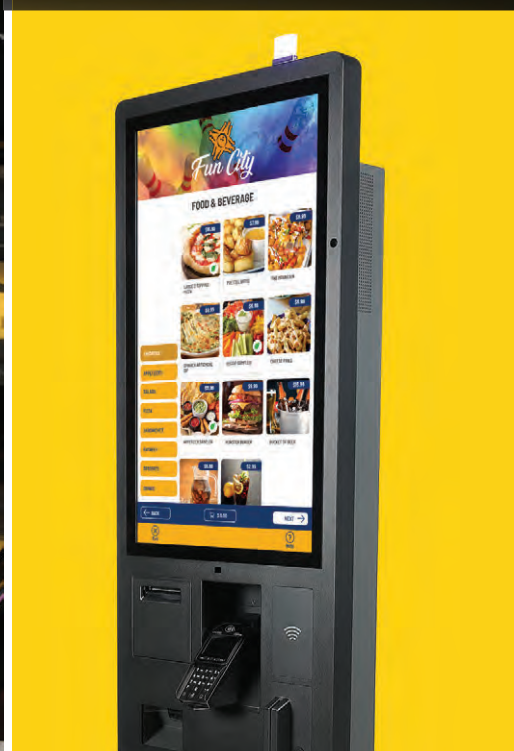
Location: Saint-Etienne, France
Proprietor: Garcin France
Architectural Company: Studio Mako
Interior Design Company: Ateliers Deletraz
Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMFWorldwide
Lanes: Integra Boutique SPL
Scoring: BES X
Pinspotters: EDGE String
Bumpers: DuraBowl
Pins: EDGE String
Furniture/Fixtures: Harmony Energy
Lighting: CenterPunch
Sound Equipment Company: Avecom
Restaurant/Snack Bar: La Cocotte Stéphanoise
Restaurant Equipment/Supplies: MegaStoria

Bar/Lounge: Seven Squares/Ateliers Deletraz
Arcade Distributor: NiceMatic
Laser Tag Arena Designer/Manufacturer: Maitrise Laser
Laser Tag Equipment Manufacturer: LaserBlast
Lazer Maze Manufacturer: Maitrise Laser/Plus De Couler
Billiards Manufacturer: Toulet
Bumper Car Manufacturer: Univers Loisirs
Music: Fully Centralized BOSE System
Ropes Course: Clip'n Climb/Entre Prises
Kids' Play Area: Tag Active and Ninja Warrior/PlayMart
Website: sevensquares.fr



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Best New International Hybrid Interior

Playdome

No detail was left to chance in the design of Playdome in southern Netherlands. The sidewalls are stunning (and can even be viewed from the restaurant), the lighting fixtures perfectly complement the rest of the décor, and there even are design elements on the posts. And check out the unique, understated masking units.

▶▶ AT A GLANCE

Location: Roosendaal, Netherlands

Proprietor: Nicky Broos

Architectural Company: Kraak ontwerp-en Ingenieursbureau

Interior Design Company: Marjin De Kok Interieurarchitecten

Bowling Equipment Distributor:

Bowltech International

Bowling Equipment Supplier:

QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: SPL Boutique

Scoring: BES X Ultimate

Pinspotters: EDGE String

Ball Returns/Racks: Harmony

Bumpers: HyperBowling

Pins: AMFlite II String and EDGE String

Sound Equipment: Snow & Event Service

Restaurant/Snack Bar: Playdome

Roosendaal / Marijn De Kok

Interieurarchitecten

Restaurant Equipment Supplies: Bouter /

Marijn De Kok Interieurarchitecten

Bar/Lounge: Playdome Roosendaal /

Marijn De Kok Interieurarchitecten

Axe Throwing: Playdome Roosendaal

Laser Tag Equipment Manufacturer: Ultra Tag

Cashless Payment: Untill/Upta

Go Karts: SODI Kart/360 Karting

Music: Snow & Event Service

Additional Amenities: Curling, Karting –

everything in a winter Alpine theme

Website: playdome.nl

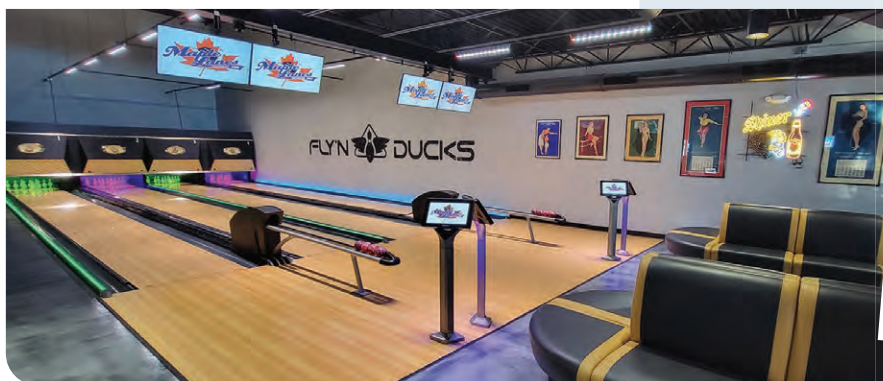
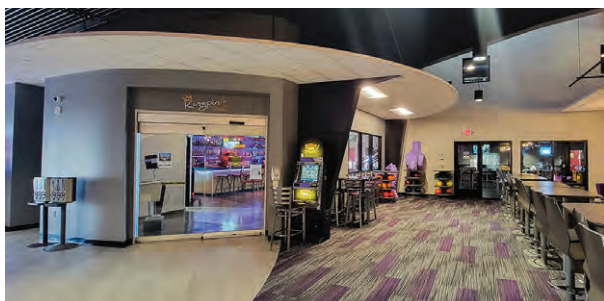
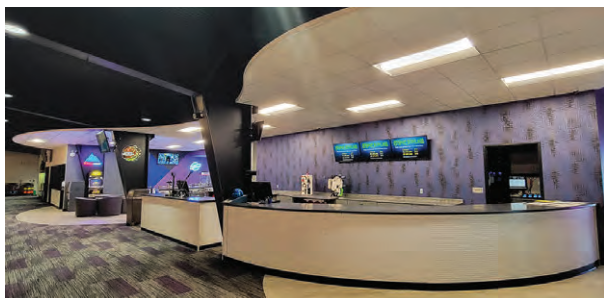
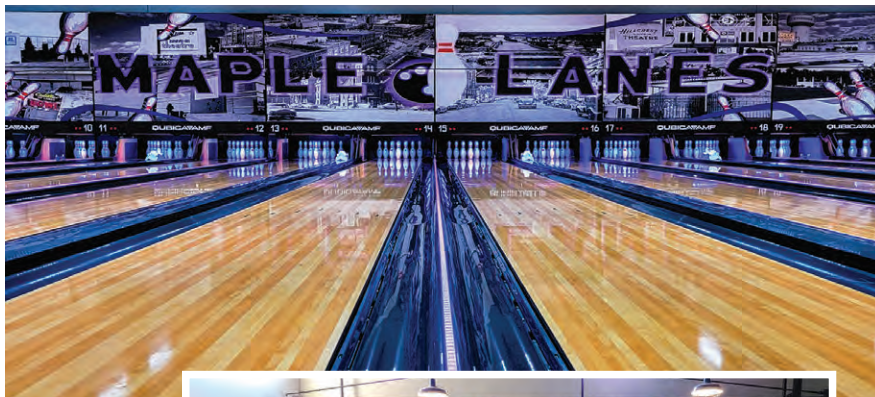




Best Modernized U.S. Hybrid Center

Maple Lanes / Kingpin Social

▶ Maple Lanes was built in 1959, expanded in 1964, sold in 2012 and experienced a devastating fire on Feb. 4, 2020. The decision was made to rebuild with a "more adult feel," including four lanes of duckpin bowling and a mezzanine above it. That mezzanine has become a popular draw with its pool tables, pinball machines, dart boards, automated beer pong and more. The main level originally included two steps down to the lanes, but the new design eliminated those steps to better accommodate senior and special-needs clientele. Other changes included all-new design elements (fixtures, lighting, etc.) and relocating the reception desk to a more central location.



▶▶ AT A GLANCE

Location: Waterloo, Iowa

Proprietors: Rich and Kathy Eighme, Fran and Linda Eighme, Zach Beschorner

Architectural Company: Modern Design

Interior Design Company: Modern Design

Bowling Equipment Provider: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: SPL

Scoring: BES X Ultimate with SuperTouch

Pinotters: XLi Free Fall

Ball Returns/Racks: Harmony

Bumpers: DuraBowl

Pins: AMFlite

Lighting: CenterPunch Deck Lighting

Furniture: Harmony

Masking Units/Screens: Allied Bowling, LLC; artwork and design by Mitchell Eighme

Sidewall Treatment: Allied Bowling, LLC

Lighting: Ventola Projects

Sound Equipment: Maximum Sight and Sound

Carpeting: Mohawk

Other Flooring: Mohawk Vinyl Plank

Restaurant Equipment/Supplies: Wilson Restaurant Supply

Arcade Distributor: Moss Distributing

ATM: Hyosung

Billiards: Valley Dynamo

Music: RX Music


Vending: AMS

Website: maplelaneswaterloo.com



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Best Modernized International Hybrid Center

Aischgrundcenter



► Northern Bavaria now has an upscale bowling-based venue where locals can meet for recreation and socializing. In addition to its color-splashed



bowling area with cushy couches, Aischgrundcenter is home to the Village Restaurant and the River Island Sky Lounge with still more comfortable seating and lots of creative dishes and drinks.

►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Uehlfeld, Germany

Proprietor: Caroline Anar

Architect: Caroline Anar Interiors

Interior Design Company: Caroline Anar Interiors

Bowling Equipment Supplier: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: SPL

Scoring: BES X and Conqueror

Pinspotters: XLi Free Fall

Ball Returns/Racks: Profile

Pins: AMFlite

Masking Units/Screens: Bespoke by Caroline Anar Interiors

Sidewall Treatment: Bespoke by Caroline Anar Interiors

Furniture/Fixtures: Bespoke by Caroline Anar Interiors

Lighting: Bespoke by Caroline Anar Interiors

Sound Equipment: Lienhart

Carpeting: Vorwerk

Other Flooring: Parador

Restaurant Equipment/Supplies: Bespoke by Caroline Anar Interiors, Morello Forni and Distinctive Chesterfields

Billiards: Toprak

Bumper Cars: Danny Bilgic, Ltd.

Cashless Payment System: AGP mbH

Music: ABG mbH

Inflatables: Danny Bilgic, Ltd.

Vending: Danny Bilgic, Ltd.

Website: aischgrundcenter.de





DESIGN AWARDS



Best New Traditional Center
Interior

Olround Bowling Maastricht

▶ With its well-furnished bowlers' area, its classy wall treatment above the pin decks, and its comfortable spaces away from the lanes for socializing, Olround Bowling provides an inviting and welcoming atmosphere for the residents of Maastricht. Known as the birthplace of the euro, the city is a thriving cultural hub, and Olround Bowling fits right in.

▶▶ AT A GLANCE

Location: Maastricht, Netherlands
Proprietor: Bas van Oldenborgh
Architectural Company: Marco Scheren Architect
Interior Design Company: Daph Studio
Bowling Equipment Distributor: Bowltech International
Bowling Equipment Provider: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: SPL Select with Ultraslide Approach
Scoring: BES X
Pinspotters: Xli EDGE
Ball Returns/Racks: Harmony
Bumpers: DuraBowl
Pins: AMFlite II
Escape Rooms: Prison Island/Identity Games
Website: olroundmaastricht.nl





Best New Traditional Center

Ancillary Profit Center

Ozone Bowling Centre Alcala de Henares Madrid

► The arcade at Ozone Bowling includes seven traditional games and 30 redemption games, but it's the inviting, uncrowded design of the space — with colorful carpeting and lighting — that really stands out. Also serving as a magnet for gamers is the colorful, bright, well-stocked prize area.

►► AT A GLANCE

Location: Alcala de Henares (Madrid), Spain

Proprietor: Ozone Bowling

Architectural Company: Oscar Vidal Studio

Interior Design Company: Oscar Vidal Studio

Bowling Equipment Distributor: Hispa Bowling

Bowling Equipment Provider: QubicaAMF Worldwide

Lanes: SPL

Scoring: BES X Ultimate Conqueror

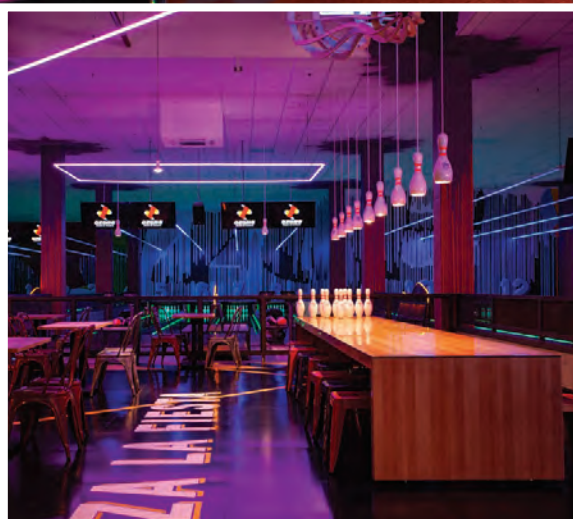
Pinspotters: XLi EDGE

Ball Returns/Racks: Harmony

Bumpers: HyperBowling

Pins: EDGE String

Website: ozonebowling.com





Best Modernized International Traditional Center

Benidorm Bowling Centre

► This seaside resort town now has a modern venue for out-of-the-sun fun. Ozone has an inviting exterior with big picture windows, and an interior with attractive flooring and eye-catching ceiling elements.

►► AT A GLANCE

- Location:** Benidorm, Spain
- Proprietor:** Ozone Bowling
- Architectural Company:** Oscar Vidal Studio
- Interior Design Company:** Oscar Vidal Studio
- Bowling Equipment Distributor:** Hispa Bowling
- Bowling Equipment Provider:** QubicaAMF Worldwide
- Website:** ozonebowling.com

