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## Father & Bun — Beirut's Boldest New Diner is a Cinematic Ode to American Decadence



Beirut, a city long known for its layered elegance and electric contrasts, just got a little louder—visually and culturally. Tucked inside a mid-century building in the thick of Gemmayzeh, [Father & Bun](#) is not your average burger joint. It's a curated collision of New York nostalgia, Wes Anderson symmetry, and raw Beirut energy. And it works, brilliantly.

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Designed by [Atelier130](#) with creative direction by Mo Al Ghossein, Father & Bun is a lesson in mood setting. Think backlit timber, polished steel, and custom furnishings that oscillate between plush mustard booths and stools wrapped in worn leather and military green. Even the bar, sheathed in brushed steel with a green top and lipstick-red shelving, feels like something out of a parallel-universe diner directed by Kubrick.

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The double-height stone wall wasn't demolished. It was exalted. Its lower half now cocooned by timber cladding that glows like the final act of a well-lit film. Above it? A fresco by [Habib Khoury](#), depicting a beautifully debauched party scene, hand-painted in the style of sacred church murals. Sacred meets sinful, with a brushstroke.

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This isn't just a restaurant. It's a cultural set piece. From acoustics designed by [21dB](#), to precision lighting from [PSLAB](#), every corner has been obsessively considered. You're not walking into a meal, you're walking into a mise-en-scène.



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The food? American comfort classics reimagined with Beirut boldness. Burgers, yes. But also steak, seafood, salads that slap, and desserts that flirt. The cocktails, served from 6:30 PM to 2:00 AM (every day but Monday), are designed to match the vibe: big, bold, and not afraid to linger.

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The result? A place that doesn't scream for attention but earns it, through detail, atmosphere, and just the right amount of attitude. In a city saturated with style, *Father & Bun* manages to carve out its own space, and makes you want to stay a while. — *Bill Tikos*



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