

Poached eggs and small, uncomfortable stools

at the 25 strong coffee...
them. (They want an espresso.)

“Good coffee near me” was the Google search term by which I navigated Madrid when I arrived four years ago. No matter where I was in the city, I always ended up in the same white, pine-filled homogeneity that has been colonising the world ever since Speciality Coffee was born in Australia. Spain is a recent victim. Until not that long ago, breakfast here was a €2 affair featuring bread, tomato and a café con UHT leche. Now, you’re never far from poached eggs and small, uncomfortable stools.

I started the café in 2022 as a halfway house

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