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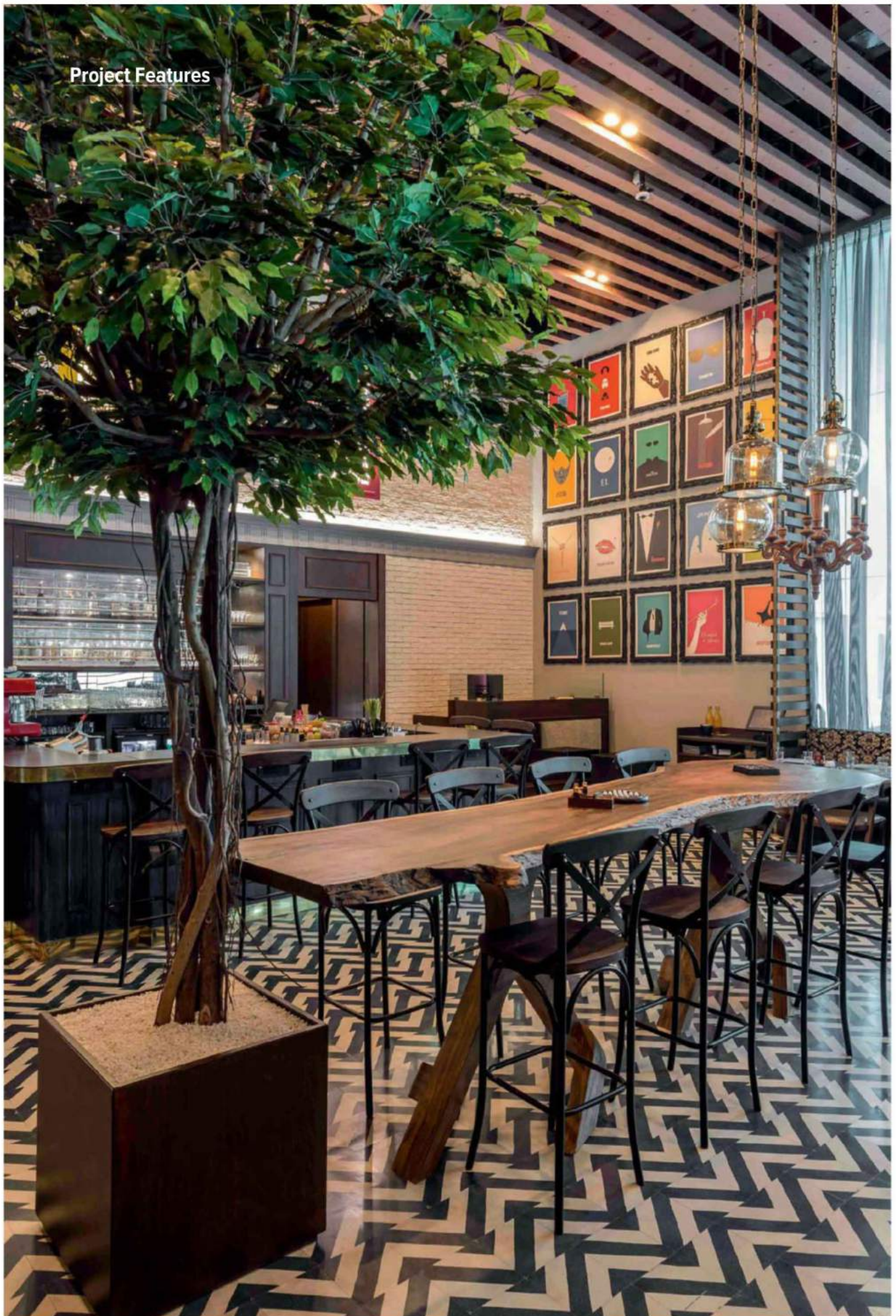
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Project Features



A Touch of Vintage

Project: Sly Fox Gastro Club, Kolkata

Concept & Interior Design: A Square Designs, Kolkata

The project had a precise brief to design an all-day dining restaurant, which would have an eclectic mix of Indian, Asian and Continental food, amidst Kolkata's buzzing IT Hub that could double as a lounge over the weekends. The ambience was to be smart, stylish and luxe while a specific directive to avoid the 'industrial look'.

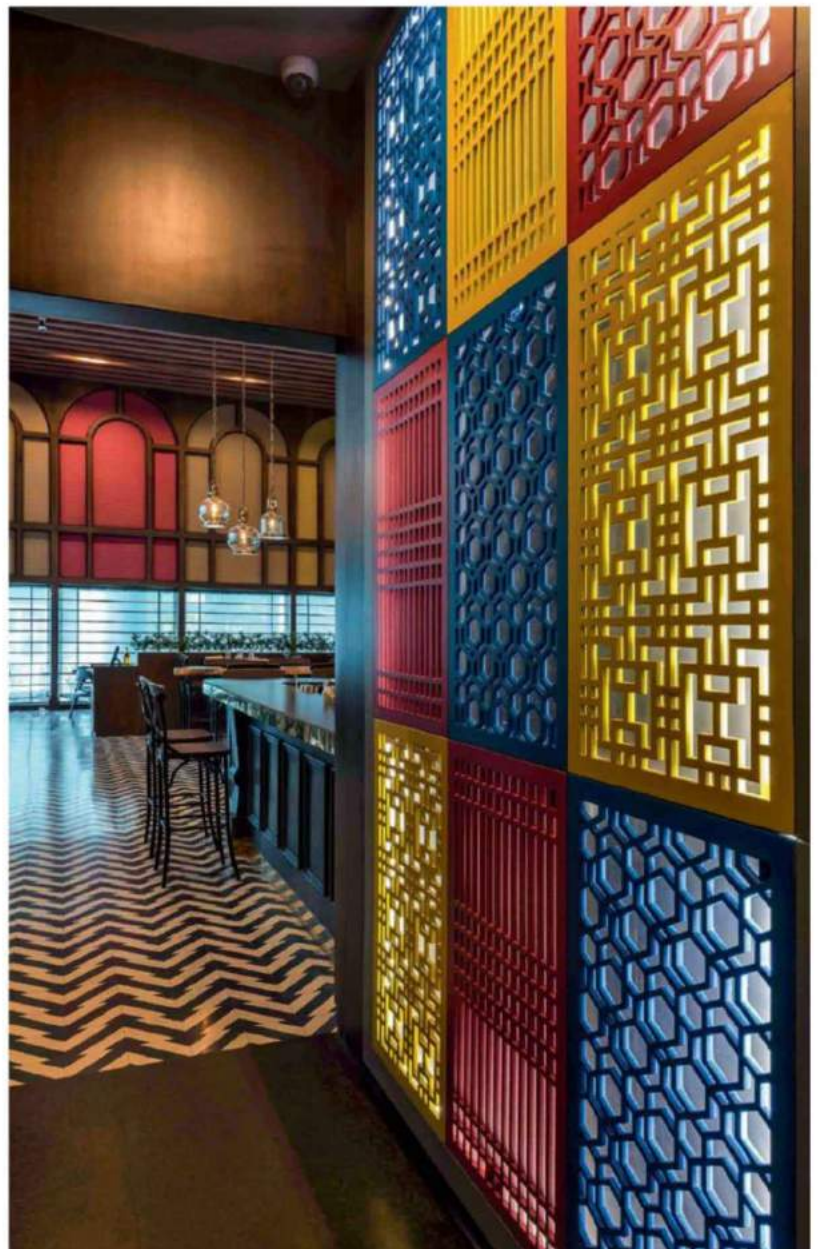
Ajay Arya, Principal, A Square Designs, remembers having been thrilled to see the 22 ft high ceiling of the premise during his first site visit and this got his grey cells ticking to instantly visualize the transformation of the space into a new-age restaurant, mixing contemporary flavour with simple classic details, the concept being, urbane chic.

Great time and brainstorming sessions were spent with the client on the function and décor. It included travel with the client to Bangkok to visit some of the new restaurants and bars and to explore the international paradigm of young hospitality. Thus, the design evolved around a modern, contemporary feel that works on weekdays as a stylish buzzing eatery for working professionals while nights and weekends it draws in families and the young crowd.

The site as received, was a raw shell. The layout was finalized with the client being actively involved in it. The design was conceptualized with walls to segregate the back-end areas for the kitchen and services. Ajay, the principal of A Square Designs had in the past worked on projects with the client, hence, they had confidence in his work. Detailed design options were made and within a few meets it was finalized.

Focusing on the requirements of the restaurant and lounge the place was planned in zones. A small welcome desk/reception, the sit-down dining areas, the bar, the high communal table (which is also used for the buffet during lunch), the DJ console, the services and the kitchen were planned keeping in mind the design, décor and multiple functions of the space.

Every furniture and detail was customized for the restaurant. The communal table placed right in the centre of the restaurant adorns a single piece of natural and irregular wooden top whilst the hand carved wooden chandeliers, specially commissioned





for the restaurant, renders a nostalgic feel of the British Raj to this gastronomic hub in the heart of the then capital of India.

The wooden chandeliers on both sides of the communal table, suspended from the ceiling, are a part of the focal decorative lighting whilst for general lighting dimmable down lighters have been strategically allocated.

Natural tones of walnut and teak finish add to the core of the classical ambience with its wooden arches smartly padded with raw silk for acoustics, wooden panels on the double height walls and a tree right in the centre of the restaurant.

The tapestry used on the sofa seats in bright hues, the screens on the high wall above the bar and the graphics based on Hollywood flicks placed adjacent to the DJ console box complements the classical decor with the modern infusion. ✚

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FACTFILE

Principal/creative director: Ajay Arya

Design Team: Ajay Arya and team

Consultants: DJ Vicky Mehtramani - music & sound;

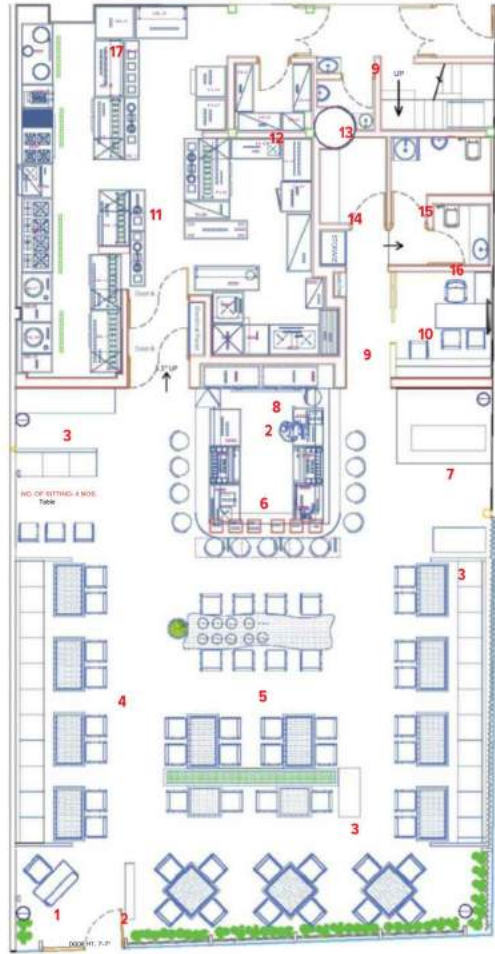
Furniture Manufacturer - Customized by private orders;

Tables and Chairs by - Sethia Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd.

Details of the space: 3500sq.ft.

Seating capacity: 60 people





1. RECEPTION
2. SCREEN
3. SERVICE COUNTER
4. RESTAURANT
5. COLD BUFFET
6. COMMUNITY TABLE
7. BAR
8. DJ CONSOLE
9. WHISKEY STAND
10. PASSAGE
11. CLUB MEETING ROOM
12. KITCHEN
13. DAY STORE
14. STAFF TOILET
15. SMOKING ROOM
16. GENTS TOILET
17. LADIES TOILET
18. AIR WASHER

FLOOR PLAN

