



Catalunya Hong Kong Design Concept

(April 2013, Hong Kong) – Styled by award-winning New York interior design firm AvroKO, Catalunya Hong Kong aims to transport diners to a Catalan oasis reminiscent of Barcelona itself - equal parts rustic and modern classicism. Situated in between the Happy Valley Racecourse and bustling Causeway Bay, Catalunya occupies over 8,000 sq ft of the ground floor of Guardian House in Wan Chai.

Like the colourful city bursting with fresh local produce, restaurants and bars, Catalunya is a rich, layered experience of multiple, interconnected destinations featuring an open front street café, two main dining rooms, a private room and a sultry cocktail lounge.

The cocktail lounge which seats 30, features an enormous walnut bar with wrap-around high-stool seating, similar to the bars found in Barcelona's trendy nightlife mecca La Rambla – where revelers start their evenings with cocktails and tapas bar snacks. White mosaic tiles on the bar face and fireplace reflect a typical Spanish mosaic and an antique chandelier integrates with the sultry lighting.

An immense roast pig carving station made of stacked wooden beams is the centre piece for a traditional pig chopping ritual, integrating with 4 mini gueridons for transporting cuts to tables. This dramatic station unites two distinct but interconnected dining rooms which are warmed by a Spanish mosaic tile fireplace, with a massive brass and glass chandelier, inspired loosely by the stained glass ceiling of the Palau della Musica, lighting the whole restaurant. Floor tiles and blue tiles on a mirrored wall were imported from Spain and the leather walls are for sound dampening as well as aesthetics.

An exclusive private dining room area seating 16 with its own unmarked VIP entrance for discreet entry and departure plus one-way mirrored wall looking into the kitchen, completes the diverse range of venues.

The exterior is adorned in black mosaic tiles similar to Catalan mosaics, with metal work influenced by typical Spanish balconies and lamp posts.

The use of traditional materials applied in a thoroughly modern way provides authenticity and a refreshing twist to the classic Spanish restaurant. The space showcases a tension between ancient and modern sensibilities- utilizing tiles imported from Spain along with sensual and earthy finishes throughout - all thoughtfully detailed work to create a truly distinct destination.

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About Catalunya Hong Kong

Opened in April 2013, Catalunya Hong Kong features contemporary Spanish cuisine which draws inspiration from authentic Catalan recipes. The restaurant boasts an extensive selection of Spanish wines with many exclusive vintages from some of the best wineries, Mediterranean hospitality, professional yet friendly service, and cutting-edge cocktails.

Catalunya Hong Kong, is helmed by an international team of award-winning culinary experts from the likes of elBulli, El Celler de Can Roca, Mugaritz, Arzak, and Restaurante Martín Berasategui.

Designed by award-winning design firm, Avroko of New York, the restaurant seats 120 with an additional 30 seats in the cocktail bar and lounge and also offers a private room for 16 persons. Since opening, Catalunya Hong Kong has won numerous awards including: "Readers' Choice: Best New Restaurant" from Hong Kong Tatler Best Restaurant Guide; 100 Top Tables by South China Morning Post; and China's Wine List of the Year Awards 2014 by China Sommelier Association.

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