



UNION Restaurant & Lounge, ARIA at CityCenter

In continuing with the environmentally friendly message of CityCenter, contemporary wooden trees line the vast entrance of UNION Restaurant & Lounge. Located adjacent to ARIA's gaming floor, this novel 200-foot open façade serves as an enticement for hotel and casino guests. The restaurant is situated on a raised platform, so patrons can look out over the activity and excitement of the casino below, like they would from a balcony. Acting as a design consultant for HKS Architects, Tihany Design created an imaginary forest ambiance.

Inside the restaurant, the tree patterns are layered with orange walls as a backdrop. Up-lighting from the floors accentuate the trees and cast a warm glow throughout the intimate room. Smooth polished metal handrails glide patrons through the entrance from the casino into the charming space. Upon entering the elevated area, they are invited to have a drink at the bar/lounge seating 55 people on the left, or to the dining room seating 189 people on the right.

Dark marble lounge floor contrasts with restaurant floor, which is carpeted in blue with an abstract brown leaf pattern. Impressive ceiling design complements the overall concept in the form of wooden branches, which cast unique shadows on those seated in the space below. This "tree canopy" evokes the feeling of being in a forest. A communal dining area situated in a corner is canopied by three massive wood arches. The communal area's appeal is heightened by a 14-seat table topped with a reclaimed-walnut wood slab, 16 feet in length and 4.5 feet wide.

A private dining room, encased in gradient etched translucent glass, allows a sense of relative seclusion without being removed entirely. The metal tree motif is enhanced in this space with layering, and carpeting is brown with an abstract blue leaf pattern – reverse of the outside dining area. The room seats a party of 20 people.

In the back corner of the dining area, a sushi bar with a glowing sake bottle display is also open for guests to enjoy.

Restrooms carry on the contemporary aesthetic with brown tile covering the walls and floor, and special mosaic tile walls in both the men's and women's rooms – in blue and orange respectively.

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