

LAVO Restaurant and Nightclub to Premiere at the Palazzo Las Vegas

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New Concept From the Team Behind Tao Las Vegas to Open in August 2008

The innovative team behind the uber-successful Tao Las Vegas is proud to announce LAVO, a new dining and nightlife concept set to open this August at The Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino in Las Vegas.

Latin for "to bathe or cleanse," LAVO is an AvroKo designed space that derives inspiration from the bathhouses of ancient Mediterranean culture with a menu that highlights the best of the region's cuisine.

The journey from lounge to restaurant to nightclub begins with an entry into the lounge surrounded by worn tile walls and water stained plaster. Twenty foot ceilings of old wood and low chandeliers crown an area featuring a curved bar, leather seating and Moroccan tables. The restaurant is highlighted by a spectacular glass and wood screened bridge and is bordered by a grand carved stone wall.

Turkish water basins flank the bridge that leads to the second floor nightclub and the bridge itself becomes a gathering perch from which guests can observe the action below. The nightclub features vaulted glazed tile arches opening to a domed ceiling above the dance floor. Revelers can enjoy a sexy, elevated VIP area with posh banquettes, embossed leather walls and mirrored mosaic tile niches.

THE RESTAURANT & CUISINE

Chef Ludo Lefebvre and his team of experienced chefs will treat guests to a culinary journey with selections of signature dishes from countries such as Spain, France and Italy. The menu is designed to encourage sampling and sharing among friends.

With classic French training, Lefebvre comes to Las Vegas from Los Angeles, where he held the distinction of being that city's only chef to earn the prestigious Mobil Travel Guide Five Star award at two different restaurants, L'Orangerie and Bastide.

The 300 seat restaurant includes a 180 seat main dining room, a 20 seat private dining room and 100 seats on the outdoor patio overlooking the famed Las Vegas Strip. The restaurant will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, with late night dining until 2 am.

THE NIGHTCLUB

The 4500 square foot nightclub features 40 bottle service tables, state-of-the-art audio visual systems and the sounds of resident DJs Vice, Reach, Galleano and Berrie. The nightclub will be open six nights a week from 10 pm to 5 am.

THE TEAM

Marc Packer, Rich Wolf, Jason Strauss and Noah Tepperberg are all names synonymous with successful restaurant and nightlife destinations. Together, with Managing Partner Lou Abin, they opened Tao Las Vegas at the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino in 2005, that quickly became one of the most sought after culinary and nightlife attractions in the city. A favorite of celebrities, locals and those in the know, Tao Asian Bistro, Nightclub and Beach has been the highest grossing venue in the country for the past two years. Individually and collectively, these operators have been the force behind such creations as Tao New York, Marquee Nightclub, The Stanton Social, Rue 57, Avra Estiatorio and Angelo & Maxie's Steakhouse.

AVROKO

LAVO is designed by AvroKo, a full service, integrated design and concept firm that develops architectural environments, lifestyle brands and products. The company has developed design concepts for such global hotel groups as Starwood and for restaurants including The Stanton Social and Public in New York and Social House and Company in Las Vegas.

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