

Setting the mood for food

✘ **If seeking good food surrounded by an environment of touchable skies with starlit nights, views that parade the bustling town below and a scenery that opens to the glowing sites of Colombo, is one's idea of a sought-after evening...Lemon Bar & Kitchen is just the haven one has been yearning for.**

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The night was still young, the menu presented mouth-watering selections and the thoughts of 'stuffed calamari', 'grilled prawns', 'mushroom stroganoff' and so on and so forth, would tease the tastebuds, while the cocktails seemed too many to choose from. This skyscraper restaurant was geared for a night in the spirit of true freshness. The locality too complemented the food and "there's always a breeze up here, it's never warm as there are no high rise buildings in the surrounding, hence it's always cool," points out Kolu, Consultant Chef and sole creator of the exclusive cuisines at Lemon.

With its suave ambience bellowing as far as the generous breeze would take it, Lemon was glazed in soft white seating arrangements and lit fervently, which exuded volumes to its design concept and location of being as "fresh as lemons" according to Kolu. "And not to mention the reason for lemons being used extensively in both food and beverage preparation," adds Dinesh Weerasinghe, one of the Directors of the restaurant. Lemon Bar & Kitchen is a joint collaboration between Gehan Fernando, Managing Director and Directors, Dinesh Wijesinghe and Shane Ismail of MSD Productions.

Varying from Asian to Continental cuisine to even grills, Lemon prides itself on a sumptuous menu, which provides wholesome, quality and reasonably priced meals. "Let people be comfortable - this has always been our theme," says Kolu, and let people come enjoy what the restaurant has to offer, while, at the same time, it being easy on their wallets.

Speaking on what else the restaurant offers to its customers, Kolu says, "we even do private parties here, as people, nowadays want to have parties outside of their homes, everything can be left to us and as I mentioned before, this place is

about making people feel relaxed.”

Enjoy Lemon’s wide-open dining experience under the shade of the stars and for those who prefer a more swathed enclosure, chandeliered in brilliance, with pastel washed paintings that adorn the walls... that too is available. So, wine, dine and unwind amidst aromas that fill up the night sky, from 6pm to 11pm Monday through Thursday and place orders until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

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