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Company: Substance

Project: Paradis

Clients: Matthieu Lemoine, Alexandre Chatte, Julien Lepeu

Location: Hong Kong

Project leader: Maxime Dautresme

Design team: Kevin Leung, Flora Lo, Alexis Dupont, Camille Dechartes, Guillaume Allemon



In renovating a former French steakhouse in Hong Kong, Substance endeavoured to create a new brand identity that would pay homage to French colonial and Caribbean influences.

Inspired by the Haitian moon goddess Mawu, inspiration was derived from French colonial artistry and African craftsmanship. The interiors at Paradis embrace a natural palette invigorated by ornate lighting throughout, resulting in an intimate environment within an open space.

Subtle design details emanate from the influence of Mawu: the path to the restaurant is lined with pendant lights with moon-like forms that cast an intimate glow across the low ceiling. A rattan canopy encases the bar, furniture resonates a French colonial vibe and plants, wooden louvre screens and tan leather banquettes create intimate dining nooks, each lit by their own lunar lamps.

Custom-made furniture was carefully curated within the space to harmonise the transition from the bar to the restaurant. Each piece boasts comfortable colonial informality with a touch of old-world opulence, while unique bronze lampshades rotate to allude to the lunar calendar.

This sensory experience is magnified by an exotic hand-painted mural on the surrounding walls, which sets the scene of an island paradise.

The design team constructed 'rooms within rooms' using timber louvre partition screens that act as a backdrop to each area. The combination of Corten steel, black marble and brass details bring a touch of theatrical glamour, while rattan furniture brings these elements of glamour back down to Earth.

This, combined with injections of vegetation and the hand-painted mural, bring the outdoors in to generate a true feeling of escape from the city outside.

Partners/main contractor: CS Design



