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A dining getaway at the Lemon Tree Hotel, Goa, the Republic of Noodles offers a memorable dining experience merging together the scrumptiously authentic delicacies of South East Asia.

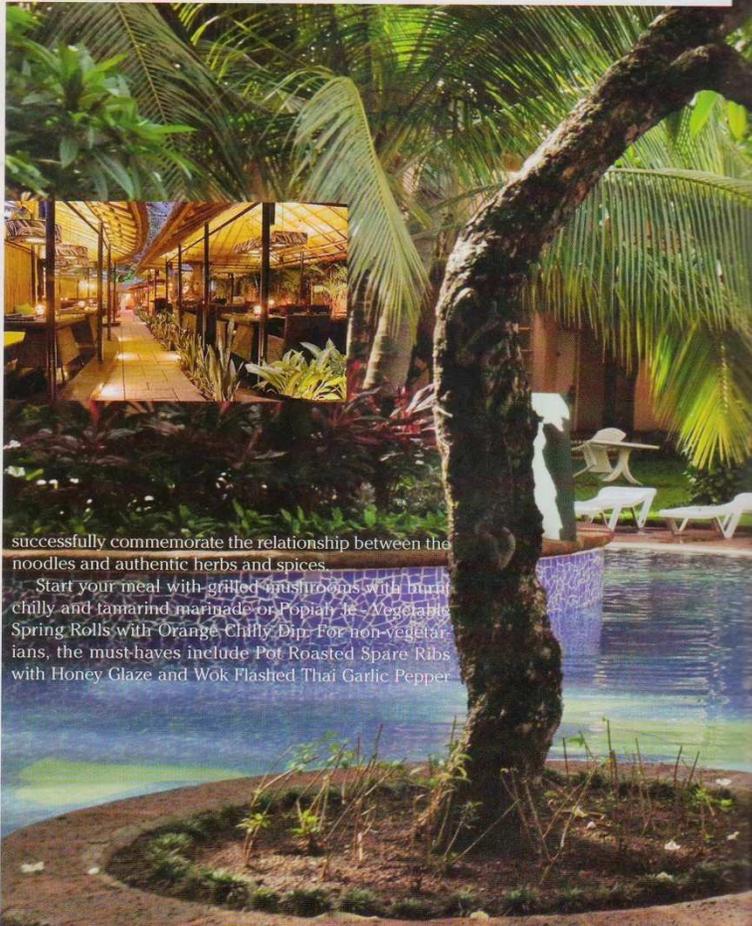
Boasting of an indoor-outdoor setting in a mystic forest-like ambiance, the Republic of Noodles at the Lemon Tree provides a dining experience like none other. Transpiring you through a savoury escapade across the streets of Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Burma, the restaurant's exotic location in the heart of Goa transforms regular dining into a global getaway.

Exotic authentic fare

Picture a setting surrounded by plants on all sides with fountains filling the space for the visual treat. There are vintage mementos and antiques and artifacts from the various countries from which the restaurant derives its cuisine. Providing a platform for innovation and ingenuity, the quirky fixtures and lighting used enhance your dining rendezvous.

Exotic and authentic dishes cooked with the freshest ingredients and served in a beautiful environment promise you the perfect symphony of South East Asia. The award-winning restaurant has branches in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Aurangabad.

Incidentally, the word republic is derived from a Latin phrase 'res publica' translated as 'a public affair'. The various offerings on the menu spice up your salivary glands and



successfully commemorate the relationship between the noodles and authentic herbs and spices.

Start your meal with grilled mushrooms with mint, chilly and tamarind marinade or Popiah is. Vegetable Spring Rolls with Orange Chilly Dip. For non-vegetarians, the must-haves include Pot Roasted Spare Ribs with Honey Glaze and Wok Flashed Thai Garlic Pepper

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EAT, SAVOUR AND SLURP AT REPUBLIC OF NOODLES

Prawns. If you enjoy soup – try the Indonesian Soto Soup with Glass Noodles and Coriander which is full of flavor. A wide variety of interesting stir fries like Bamboo Shoots with Pickled Chilli, Minced Chicken with Chilli, Garlic and Basil and Red Snapper with Homemade Roasted Chilli Paste are very satisfying.

An array of choice
The selection of noodles on the menu is quite incredible. Pick from Indonesian Bamee Goreng with Vegetables and Kecap Manis, Northern Thailand Khao Soi Curried Noodles with Grilled Chicken, Bangkok Style Pad Thai Noodles with Wok Seared Prawns and more. Republic of Noodles is famous for its

claypot curries including the Massaman Curry with Potato and Spinach, the Jungle Curry of Chicken and Vegetables and Green Pepper corn, the rather unusual Pineapple Curry with Prawn and Lychees and the must-try Coconut and Turmeric Curry with Red Snapper.

Dishes narrate the saga of the country they belong to, giving an insight into their culinary preferences. Preparations have names like the Fiery Sri Lankan Fish Curry with red tomatoes, which a popular main course choice or the Singapore Chilli King Crab with bell pepper, an authentic offering from the international city.

Spicy treats
The spice really works wonders to the salivary glands. This far eastern food theatre

has stir-fries and clay pot dishes with curries from the various regions that are not typical of what you might find in other restaurants. Perhaps you won't even want to doubt the length to which the noodle can stretch!

Though the meal will leave you content, you should sweeten your meal by ending it with a Stewed Peach – with sweetened sticky rice. **gn**

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