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PHX Architecture's latest restaurant design, SUMOMAYA opened its doors this past Monday. The new restaurant is located at the Marketplace on Scottsdale Rd. and Lincoln Rd. in Scottsdale and is owned by fusion enthusiast and restaurateur German Osio.



The restaurant design is the result of a team effort including PHX Architecture, Jeff Low Design, Javcon Builders and Kevin Flower of Light Control. Features of the restaurant include an open kitchen, main dining area, 23-foot ceiling height and a large interior courtyard-style space. A state-of-the-art sound system is accompanied by an all-LED lighting system designed by Kevin Flower of Light Control, both extremely unique features.

"We really enjoyed working with the team on this project and look forward to more work together in the future," says Maurita Walker AIA. The unique elements of the design really help to create a comfortable and welcoming environment.

"The restaurant's distinct design vision was to create an atmosphere inspired by people, cultures, and food," said Badilla. "Now you can experience it all in one place."

Leading the project from PHX Architecture were Maurita Walker AIA, Architect of Record and Ivonek Badilla, Assoc. AIA/AIT, who both designed and incorporated influences of courtyards, gardens, and street markets of Mexico and Asia into the ambiance of the design.

"It's so exciting to see the restaurant open!" says Walker AIA, "We have been looking forward to the reaction of the public when they first walk through the doors."

The design incorporates several unique features including butcher-block countertops, hand-crafted Spanish deco tile and a can't-be-missed 18' foot tree branching in the center of the restaurant. Mirrors surround the interior, and are placed in front of 'green' walls covered in decorative grass to bring a unique patio dining experience. Other features include a Spanish Plancha griddle, center bar, wood-burning ovens, woks, vertical boiler and sushi bar.

To learn more, check out the project on our website, www.phxarch.com.