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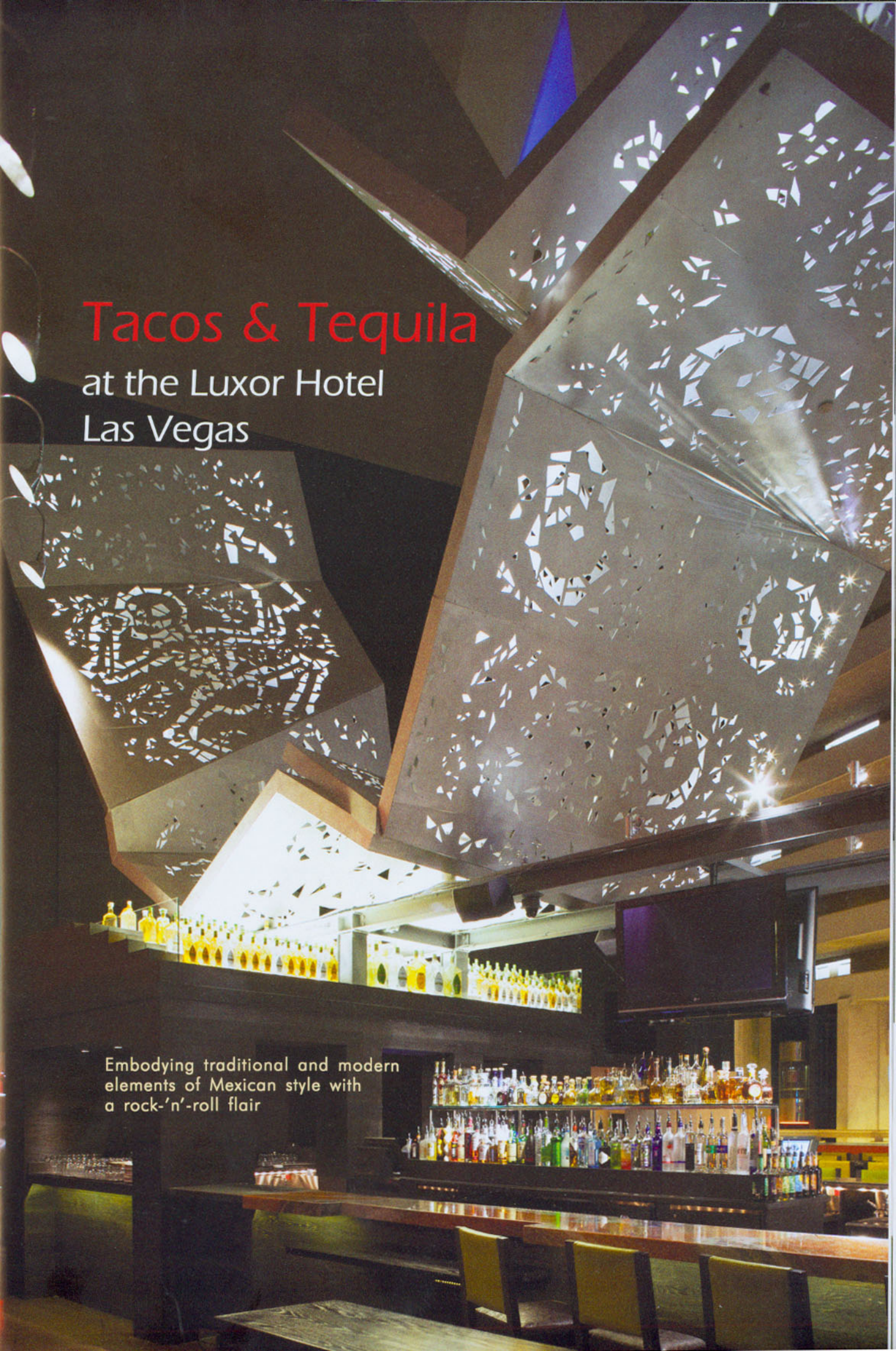


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Tacos & Tequila

at the Luxor Hotel
Las Vegas

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Tacos & Tequila is a highly stylised restaurant with a fun, high-energy vibe and flavourful menu.

Embodying traditional and modern elements of Mexican style intermixed with a rock-'n'-roll flair, T&T combines the talents of world-renowned chef Richard Sandoval with the innovative creations of New York based design team Rafael Alvarez and Brannen Brock for an unparalleled concept.

"This is not your grandma's *cantina* – think Pink Taco meets Coyote Ugly interpreted by Quentin Tarantino," says owner Michael Frey. "I am excited to bring our version of sexy, energy-infused Mexican restaurant to life. Offering more than just a great place to grab an amazing taco or great tequila, it will be a dining experience that will tantalise the senses."





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To bring their edgy vision to life, Michael Frey and Craig Gilbert worked closely with Alvarez+Brock Design on the 2 400 square metre restaurant. Five icons of Mexican culture – the sombrero, the shot glass, the bullfight, skeletons and seductive women – inspired the design concept.

Translating the vibrancy and flavour of the design to the menu, Frey's company *Drive This establishment!* enlisted Sandoval who is serving as consulting chef and Saul Ortiz, former chef of Isla Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar at Treasure Island, as executive chef overseeing modern and traditional Mexican cuisine and a drink programme highlighted by an extensive list of tequila selections, speciality cocktails and infused tequilas.

In addition to being a terrific lunch and dinner spot, Tacos & Tequila's *El Salon* will be a popular place for nightlife goers to grab a bite or frozen daiquiri in a seductive and comfortable setting.





About Alvarez+Brock Design

This newly formed multidimensional studio with its emphasis on restaurant, hotel and product design is a small atelier with a vast experience. The partners, Rafael Alvarez and Brannen L Brock, met while senior designers at the renowned Tihany Design and worked together for many years before founding Alvarez+Brock Design. The firm is well equipped to handle every aspect of a project from schematic design through completion while offering unsurpassed personal attention to every client and project.

