

Martin Audio for DUO Gastrobar



Situated in the luxury residential area of Dubai Hills, on the Business Park, DUO Gastrobar has joined the growing list of haute cuisine restaurants being sucked into the fast-developing neighbourhood. Founded by Duoband Restaurant Group from St. Petersburg, headed by Renat Malikov and Dmitry Blinov, its quest for the best has already earned them a Michelin star for their fine European cuisine (with a twist of Asian), while their clientele luxuriates in an interior characterised by light, airy colours and natural materials, while the musical ambience is delivered by Martin Audio's best-selling CDD series.

But it wasn't the aesthetic of the white CDD5s so much as the sound quality that had impressed the owners, according to regional distributors PRO LAB LLC. Already with a presence in the area the operators were aware that Martin Audio is the brand of choice for many upmarket establishments and also for project designers/consultants, LXA - who have worked on a number of projects with PRO LAB. "In fact the owners had asked LXA to look for the providers of Martin Audio as it has such good visibility in the region," confirmed PRO LAB general manager Jan Tarakji.

The Martin Audio distributors were happy to support LXA Senior Project Manager,

Riaan Koch as he designed the main bar/restaurant sound around five discreet CDD5W. But the operators also wanted some headroom in the system for when needed, and to this was added a pair of SX110 subwoofers. Tarakji added, "They know that if they want to push the system ... maybe play some deep house, they have the tools to do so, as these are small and punchy. Thanks to eyebolts LXA have been able to fly these - one at the bar and one at the opposite end of the venue - as space on the floor is at a premium."

In addition to the main area there is also a separate covered terrace, with a different vibe where patrons are served their music via a further five CDD5W. The owners operate their own customer profiled playlist streaming it from an LD Systems RSMP universal media player, with the DSP/router offering easy touch panel operation by the staff.

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