

## FOR A ROYAL TREATMENT

*Jaipur's newest jewel, Bar Palladio in the Narain Niwas Palace Hotel adventurously fuses India's imperial opulence and Europe's vintage cafe culture*

With dreamy blue stairs leading to an internal *jharkha*, the intricate jali and detailed patterns evoke the splendour of a Mughal durbar. The hanging pierced brass lanterns were specially created, replicas of the original used throughout Rajasthani royal courts

## NEW LOOKS



Clockwise, from Top Left The White Room. An intricate floral bouquet painted in freehand, serves as aesthetic foil to the signature blue. The patterned cushions and striped upholstery are local hand block prints on inspired European period furniture; Tacitful addition of mirrors create a sense of depth in the back room. Cushions locally hand printed by Gitto; Borrowing from period service sets, the gilt and pistachio china, classic silver plated tea service and engraved glassware, all hallmarks of early 20th century European cafe culture; In the dining hall, Jeypur Art & Frames recreated scenes influenced by landscape paintings of 17th century European royal courts



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Born out of my love for food and a need to provide a friendly atmosphere, I envisioned Bar Palladio. The elegant yet unpretentious Caffè Florian and Harry's Bar in Venice were my initial inspirations. Having spent years in Asolo, Italy with architect Andrea Palladio's neo-classical villas as neighbours, I was always struck by how close I was to history. Bar Palladio is very similar with bygone times present but not out of place. When I met designer Marie-Anne Oudejans in Jaipur, I knew she'd be perfect in helping me realise this antiquity oriented lifestyle. The marriage of Indian and European visualities ensured that each room had its own expression of aesthetics and once the colour blue was fixed, the concept began to blossom. Everything was exclusively made – from the pistachio rococo china to the bas relief sandstone bar. With the addition of Venetian-like black and white checked marble floor and fluted mirrors, it all came together to evoke a magical aura with playful energy. ♦ **Barbara Miolini**