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Rococo

What with all the choice along JBR, you've probably yet to stray this far down The Walk. But if your hunger, thirst and legs can go the distance without attentions being swayed, we suggest you skip the usual and head to the newly

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Service Attentive
Food Italian
Ambience Funky
Ideal for Earning more brownie points

opened Sofitel Hotel for its funky and innovative Italian flagship eatery, Rococo. Until you've been here, you only think you've had Italian. We gorged ourselves

on the spectacular rosemary herb encrusted rack of medium rare lamb with a pistachio and almond coating, set amongst boiled potatoes and caramelised chalots. This was followed with the fluffy Paccheri stuffed with crab, doused in smoked paprika and accompanied with pepper sauce, which in comparison to the lamb was too average. Ice creams as weird and wonderful as the artwork on the walls followed. One even had cuts of celery intermingled into the scoop. The only thing we couldn't finish was the tomato cappuccino topped in cream that came out with the chef's compliments. Politely we tucked in, but stopped, fearing it would distract from the lamb aftertaste, which could just become one of the best reasons to visit Rococo.

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Highly-anticipated, the Sofitel has added dining sophistication to the take-aways and chain outlets scattered throughout The Walk. Rococo, the signature restaurant, is a cut above. The interior is best described as modern fusion – chandeliers resembling an upside-down cocktail glasses, floors of black marble, deep purple walls and a magnificent sea view – while Umbrian chef Enzo Neri's menu leans more towards a classic template. Seafood features strongly on the menus and there are strong traditional dishes too, like melt-in-the-mouth beef carpaccio, rack of lamb and the pan-fried duck. Desserts follow suit. While prices may be higher than most on The Walk below, so too is the quality.

FOODIE FACT

May 11 in the USA is national Eat What You Want Day – the single day of the year when the diet can officially go out of the window.



FOOD LOVES...

Rococo

Baked with black squid ink dough and topped with foie gras, lobster, truffles and porcini mushrooms, Rococo has one of the most decadent pizzas around. Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach's signature restaurant is located at Jumeirah Beach Residence, offering an alternative dining experience to the eateries along Marina Walk. Hailing from Umbria, Italy, Chef Enzo Neri is the man behind the kitchen and evidently a master of Italian cuisine. There is a Tuscan element to his comprehensive menu, including seafood dishes like seared king scallops with passion fruit sauce. There are plenty of meat dishes too, with lamb, steak, guinea fowl and duck, as well as Italian classics like lasagne with oxtail ragout and a very summery gnocchi dish with cherry tomato, broad beans and pecorino cheese. Meanwhile, courgette flowers, notoriously difficult to find in Dubai, burst with soft ricotta. Rococo is all about quality ingredients prepared exceptionally well.

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