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PAPER MOON MILANO
Istanbul, Turkey

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This Italian restaurant, located in an upscale area of Istanbul, caters to the local residential community. The restaurant, which is open for lunch, dinner and late night dinning, has become a designation for its neighborhood. The restaurant features include the bar, display pizza kitchen, "formal" dining space and a "casual" lounge style drinking and dining space.

The front and back bars are lit by low voltage downlights that create a dramatic effect. At the back of the bar is the pizza oven.

The chandelier acts as screen for the downlights and provides a soft light for the bar dining in front. The display cases, which create the layering effect separating the dining rooms from the Bar, have low voltage lights to highlight the displayed objects.

The dining rooms are lighted by recessed low voltage fixtures above the tables. The light quality is softened with the use of silk shaded pendants, chandeliers and sconces, all of which were designed in-house and produced in Turkey. The front dining room banquette is backed by glazed panels, which are front lit by decorative pendants. These panels can be pivoted to provide a visual connection to the back dining room.

On the other side of the Bar is the Lounge, whose main feature is the back lit display cases on the long walls that provide ambient light. Small glass sconces are placed high to provide light at the ceiling. Low voltage adjustable surface mounted fixtures mounted to the side of beams give the center seating area added sparkle.