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Y-Bar is advertised as a 'New York Urban-Chic' bar and our first impressions of this venue is that it pulls off this boast. The red brick interior, huge ultra-modern globe-shaped lamps, and seating booths reminds us of venues we visited during trips to the states.

We have the option of sitting on the outdoor terrace or indoors; we decide to sit inside, as it's a cold evening.

The waiter attends to us almost immediately and presents us with an extensive drinks menu listing many imported beverages and freshly prepared mixed drinks.

We order a selection of food to share and go for the chunky chips with chipotle barbeque sauce,

the wagyu burger with porcini mushrooms, chicken scotch eggs and vegetable tempura.

Our eyes widen when the generous portion of vegetable tempura arrives, to our delight we notice that it's sprinkled with copious amounts of Parmesan – yummy! We dive right in and are please to say that it tastes as good as it looks; the battered carrots, asparagus and zucchini are crispy, light and there's plenty to go round. We love the chunky chips as an alternative to fries, especially dipped in the smoky, rich chipotle sauce.

Y-Bar is a sports-themed bar and features giant TV screens dotted around the place. An animated wrestling match is being screened; the sound is turned off so the match is quite unobtrusive, although the TV programmes are a talking point from time to time and we find ourselves laughing at one thing or another.

At the risk of sounding incredibly old-fashioned, we have to admit that we love sitting and chatting to our friends and being able to hear them - especially on a Thursday evening after work - the cusp of the weekend when we are not quite ready for some serious boogying or loud beats.

For the loud beats it's best to visit on a Wednesday evening when DJ Cliff is playing from 9pm. Come between 6pm and 9pm for happy hour. Ladies - you won't have to put your hand in your pocket all night, select mixed beverages are free.

What? Y-Bar

Where: Rotana, Yas Island

Cost: Food from AED 20

We say: The perfect chill out spot for an after-work get together

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