Bottoms up

When we arrived at C House Lounge Café we're greeted by a thick red carpet and velvet ropes. More accustomed to seeing this type of entrance at an exclusive club, we were quite curious to see what all the fuss is about.

As we enter the gorgeously posh café it all seems to make sense. The black and white décor is accented by rich golds and of course, the amazing lighting system. With a variety of colours on offer, the lighting shifts the mood of the café as the sun goes down. When we first arrive the lights are softly lit neon blue but as we spend an hour (or two!) relaxing in the café we witness the lights shifting to green, pink and white.

We can't help but admire the mirrored tile roof that softly reflects onto the floor and we're impressed to see some fancy footwork is alight here too – there are floor lights, these ones coloured gold, to catch our eye.

This is not your typical run of the mill hangout spot after work; we spy an iPad bar for guests to relax and unwind with their cup of choice. We however head straight to the enormous white leather chairs near a window to sink in and decompress from our busy day. There's a large TV inset into one of the walls near our table, but as the volume is turned off, we're not bothered by it.

Sipping an apple mocktail we take a gander at the menu and order one of the café's most popular offerings, the lasagne bolognaise. The service here is exactly what we'd expect at a high-end eatery, attentive but unobtrusive. And after an enormous helping of creamy, rich and delicious pasta, we test out the famous coffee. As we sip our foamy mocha we realise that we just may have found our new favourite spot in the city.

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What? C House Lounge Café

Where? Al Reem Tower Building, Khalifa Street, opposite Le Royal Méridien Hotel

Cost: AED 50 to AED 60 for food, AED 20 to AED 30 for drinks

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We say: Perfectly posh and pretty darn tasty too!