



## Weekend Brunch at Icon Bar, Radisson Blu Dubai Media City

You know it's summer brunch time when Executive Chef Anthony Roy sets the strawberries free!

Strawberries and cream - what a classic chilled dessert!





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But I'm getting ahead of myself - in fact, the good Chef and his team have put together a smashing Summer Brunch at Icon Bar, presenting an excellent selection of favorite pub dishes prepared at very high standards - and believe you me, nobody goes home hungry from the Iconic Summer Brunch!

The *piece de resistance* in my humble opinion: a luscious, almost sensually slathered massive serving of ribs, lovingly cooked gently over hours, and again juiced up on the marinade the following morning - the king of beef ribs in Dubai bars...









Fred Flinstone would be so proud...

And no knife needed - the tender meat just falls off the bone, leaving it spotless clean. Any better and it would jump into your mouth on its own...

Truly a masterpiece.







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But actually, I singled out the ribs out of my own personal preference - the other dishes comprising Icon Bar's Iconic Summer Brunch were prepared with equal expertise and welcomes of "wow!" at the table.

But let's start at the beginning...







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Among all other sorts of exciting promotions, and the live coverage of international sport events, Icon Bar has a pleasant open-plan airy atmosphere.

It's the perfect place to meet up with a few friends, and also to bring the family out for a weekend brunch romp!

Lots of games for the kids, and the big kids... but also plenty of nooks and crannies to set up in privacy.









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A smoking upstairs beckons...



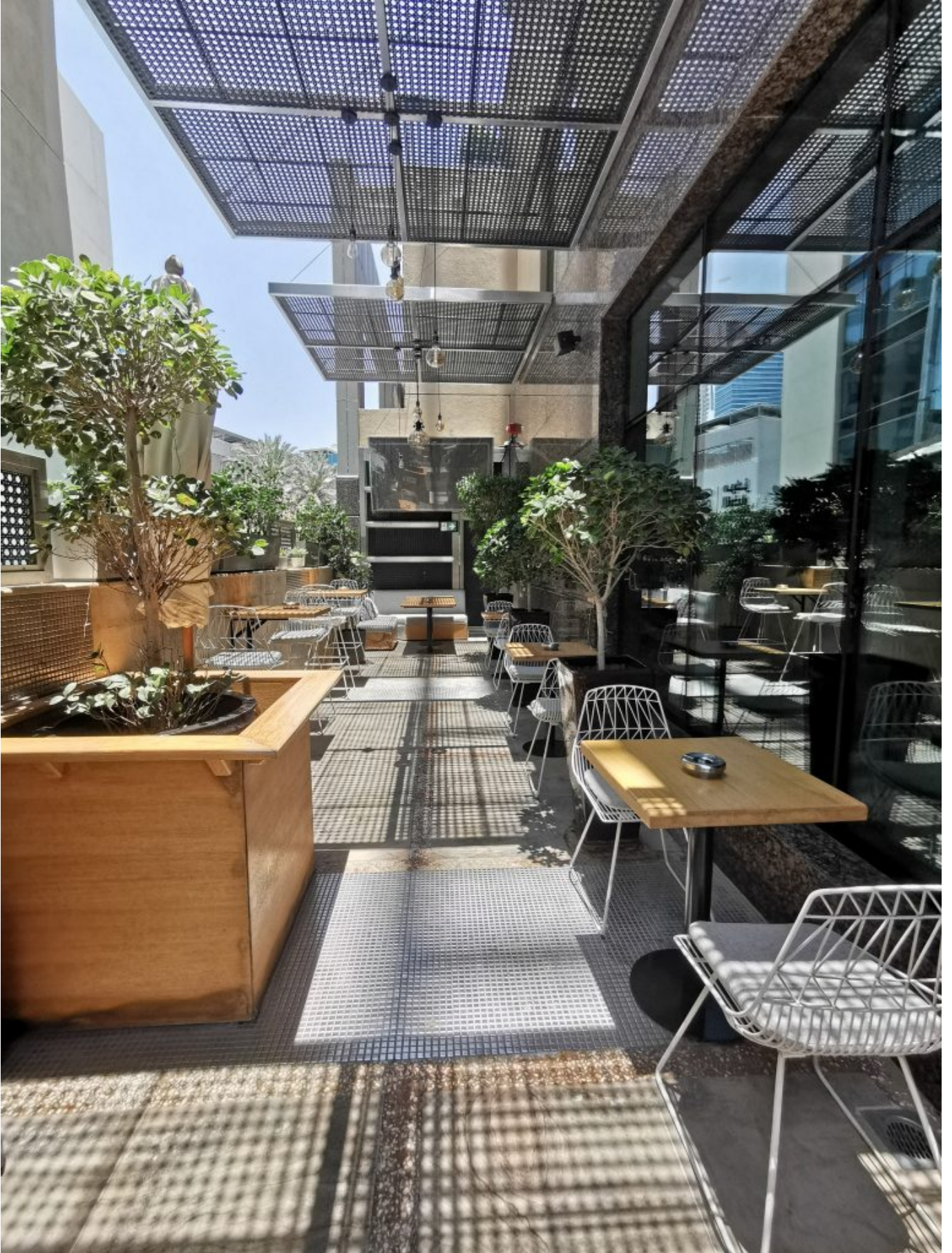




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... and even an outdoor seating section is available.







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The bar seems to be the heart of the place, and indeed offers all that may catch your fancy; until you taste the brunch dishes!





And this is where Roarin' Tony Roy takes over, and his years of expertise setting kitchens on fire really shines through!



An eclectic selection - something for everyone - and everything was a total yum!







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Starting from the choice of optimal ingredients, salads were crisp and fresh, and generously seasoned - and the Spanish-inspired roasted green peppers added a flourish of green, too!







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The starters also included a popping shrimp tempura - crispy and light, and served with a joyous mustard mayo dip!







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But that's not all!

Incredibly, the starters kept coming!!!

Have the good folk at the Radisson Blu Dubai Media City lost their mind?

Apparently so - the summer heat has removed all stops, and the Iconic Summer Brunch has taken over. Get in there while it lasts!







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A genius rendition of breaded Brie – yes, Brie, not yer common mozzarellly – and then accompanied by an elegant sweet onion relish to boot!

And also a nod to the southern Mediterranean and Arabian peninsula, with a lush serving of beetroot hummus, topped with walnuts.





And the mains have yet to come!

Already a few cold ones under my belt, given the unlimited nature of the flow, I thought the brunch was probably almost over - but it was just half-time!

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A word for the wise: definitely the Iconic Summer Brunch at Icon Bar is one for pacing yourself...

In come the pizza, the peri-peri chicken, the fish, and those glorious beef ribs!















More than a weekend brunch, this was a modern version of a medieval summer feast!



And the quality was truly at the forefront.

Below, have a closer look at the fries on the side - because, insider tip: if there's a place the sharp eye on quality blinks, it'll be the sides - but not so at Icon Bar, excellent choice of potato type to start off with, then cut thick like a giant's finger, and spot-on precision in cooking temperature and duration so that at the table they were light and fragrant, crunchy on the outside and pillowy soft on the inside!

If there were a Miss Universe competition for French Fries, I'd suggest these may win... and they'd be called Mr Chips out of respect.

See for yourself:







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Oh, care for a "little" dessert?







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And tip-top in terms of presentation and flavor, too!







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At some point, I fear some bean-counter with a miserly budgetary sense is going to tighten the coffer reins on this megalactic deal - but until then, I repeat: Get in there quick while it lasts!

Overall, a masterful effort from the team at the Radisson Blu Dubai Media City, who with the aptly named Iconic Summer Brunch at the Icon Bar have lobbed a surprise into the crowded Dubai weekend brunch offers - and they have blown the top off a fabulous winner of a weekend brunch, modern pub-style!