

Inbi, Messina

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MKV Design recently completed a new destination for pan-Asian cuisine at Navarino Dunes, a luxury resort along the coast of Messina in Greece. Called Inbi, the extraordinary space combines two separate buildings with an enclosed courtyard in between and a large patio overlooking the idyllic coastline. The restaurant is designed as a modern interpretation of an ancient Greek temple, with an imposing timber-clad ceiling. Bronze fretwork adorns the walls whilst contemporary chandeliers are deliberately assembled to cast shadows on the centrally located bar. To the front, the restaurant offers a stylish lounge setting. Stools surround oversized combination sofas and the cocoon chairs hanging from the ceiling add a playful note.

The courtyard, an intermediate area between the restaurant and lounge bar, where guests can eat, drink or simply soak up the atmosphere, is at the heart of Inbi. The neutral palette and white upholstered furniture set off the widely used timber and stone. The final stop in the spatial sequence is the patio – a secluded, secret garden-type area comprising multiple levels that cascade towards the bar. On the elevated decks sit clusters of organic-shaped stools, rattan armchairs, informal banquettes, sun beds and, right in the middle of everything, an elegant Japanese-inspired water sculpture.

A refreshing collection of indoor and outdoor spaces, to say the least.



