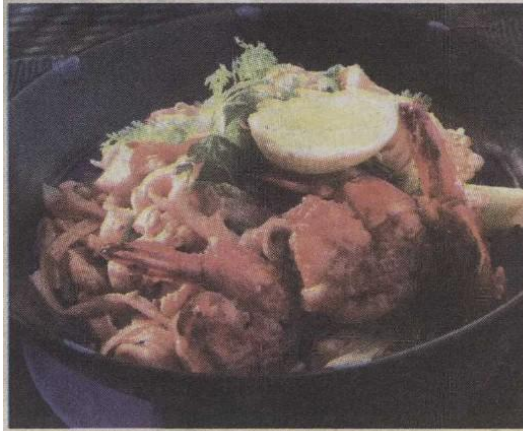


## Republic of Noodles, Lemon Tree Hotel, Aurangabad



This is pretty much the only restaurant in the country for authentic South-East Asian Street food in a fine dining setting and happily, the food, ambience and service at the Lemon Tree in Aurangabad all combine to make a visit to Republic of Noodles a captivating experience.

From the best choice of ingredients (absolutely fresh) to precision preparation and careful presentation, the chef obviously labours with love, creating and reinventing gourmet South East Asian street delights, running the gamut from Malaysian Satay, Indonesian Bamee Goreng to Pad Thai from Thailand. The best part about the menu is that there is ample choice for vegetarians too. The house's outright winner is the Grilled Fish, very fresh and tender and the lemon basil sauce marries well with the tasty flesh. Do not miss the curries here, an amalgam of wonderful flavours. The menu includes traditional Indonesian dishes with a good selection prepared in the authentic styles of Java, Sumatra and Jakarta, all of which are consistently good. Desserts range from Oriental delights to the proverbial Gelatos (with oriental flavours as well). For a typical South East Asian refreshing sweet ending go for the Tab Tim Grub ~ these red rubies in coconut milk are crunchy and decadent to the core! A good selection of beverages completes a memorable meal. A good idea is also to sip any of their eclectic infused teas along with your meal. The restaurant attracts a discerning gourmet crowd. Friendly waiters and impeccable service makes dining here a total experience.

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