

GRAZIA SCENIE



Hotspot

LEFT BANK @ SOUK AL BAHAR

SOME THINGS FASHIONISTAS LOVE TO SUPERSIZE – SUNGLASSES, HANDBAGS, HECK, WE’RE EVEN AMENABLE TO THE ODD PUSSY BOW FOR A/W 08.

Dinner, however is not one of these. Post-work, pre-weekend, an elasticated-waistband-inducing night out is not high on the to-do list. Thank goodness then for the latest branch of Left Bank, situated in the UAE’s most sanitised souk. For, whilst big on style, they are experts in being small of plate.

The sister of the Madinat Jumeirah eatery, situated in the Souk al Bahar, is aimed squarely at Dubai’s more demure drinkers. The cocktail list, littered with delish-sounding fruity martinis – we’re

rather partial to the Sky Berry Lemon Drop, Dhs38 – is worth a visit alone, but the food too is well above average bar fare. And the best bit? It all comes in dinky, pop-it-in-your mouth portions. Thus, you can feel virtuous for tucking into a tiny fish and chips, Dhs33, or less so for following it up with equally dinky but ridiculously succulent Greek Style Lamb Cutlets, Dhs55. And, while much of the menu is in miniature, the décor is far more generous – with huge red velvet banquettes, smoky mirrors big enough to check you make-up in and lighting sexy enough to make you want to. We’ll bank on this place being an instant hit. n
Call 04 368 4501 for reservations.