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Kaniz Restaurant

The opening of a new Indian restaurant is always an exciting prospect but when it's launched and owned by one of the most glamorous stars of the make-up industry, Kaniz Ali from Kaniz Make-Up and Training Academy, you know you're going to be in for a treat. Just like her approach to beauty, every aspect of Kaniz Restaurant which opened in April, has attention to detail. The interiors are simply sublime with a chic, modern yet Arabian twist. The ceilings are decked out in

shimmering chandeliers and original artwork decorates the walls that diners can sit back and admire as they tuck into a feast fit for royalty; it's no wonder stars like Rishi Rich turned up to support the opening night.

As soon as you step inside you're struck by the homely atmosphere, the staff chat to you like old friends helping you settle in as if you're dining at home – in fact it's fast becoming a home from home for many local residents in need of a night off. And if you fancy sampling the tempting cuisine without leaving your own then you can order from the takeaway menu.

An ideal spot for romantic candlelit dining and family celebrations (the venue can also be privately hired) it's West London location, close to Heathrow Airport means you can have a gourmet meal on the way to your holidays or on your return, solving the problem of having to eat tasteless plane food or buying a cold sandwich for your flight.

During the week the restaurant attracts

a corporate clientele hosting business lunches and provides a welcoming atmosphere and alternative to the typical office lunch menu of finger food. Instead you can enjoy freshly cooked regional dishes brimming with superior flavours and served to look like they are from the pages of the finest Indian cook book. With the dishes cooked and prepared by highly skilled Indian chefs you can be sure you're sampling the finest dishes from recipes that have taken years to develop.

What makes the restaurant really special is that it is owned by a woman, not something you come across every day. So passionate is she about her venture into the food industry (Kaniz's family has a long history in the restaurant business so she's no stranger to the demands of a professional kitchen), that you can even find her working there, when of course she's not busy beautifying brides.

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Our choice

Starters: Lamb patties, Prawn Puree

Main: Malay Tikka (Tender pieces of chicken, marinated with cream, cashew nuts, chef's special sauce and roasted in a tandoor)
Vegetable Zafran (Delicious vegetables cooked in secret, special spices)

Sides: Navaratan Pilau

(Rice with fresh vegetables and fruit)

Paneer Kulcha (Fine flavour bread stuffed with mashed homemade cheese)



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