



## ***Mondo - The Marshal Social Café, a quiet island in the hectic heart of Bangkok***

**Dal nostro corrispondente a Bangkok - 30 mar 2023 (Prima Pagina News) The name The Marshal Social Café derives from the building in which the venue is located, the former residence of Field Marshal Fuen Ronnabhakas Riddhagni, former Commander of the Air Force, is now a restaurant/cafe and an**

**intimate meeting place for business or relaxation. The interior of the location is in typical Dec Thai style throughout the spaces of the old building.**

One of the main features of Bangkok, beyond the colorful visuals populated by store signs, cabs and neon lights that change the general appearance of the megalopolis in the middle of the evening and night and beyond the now well-known traffic that often paralyzes the metropolitan road system throughout the working day, is the fact that one need only deviate a little from the clamor of the main streets, delve into a narrow side Soi to find oneself in true oases of silent intimacy. A silent intimacy that is not that of the Temples, of course. Again, as soon as you leave Pradiphat Road and enter along Pradiphat 13 Alley, you leave behind the chaotic traffic and the hubbub of street vendors to find yourself immersed in a quiet green corner, with a fountain, trees, chirping birds, and a few rare cats wandering slyly and somewhat indolently in the inner green area. A veritable garden that smacks of Eden nestled in the chaos of the Thai megalopolis. Duke Bhorlerts, "El Duke" is his nickname by which he is best known throughout Bangkok and Thailand as a whole, greets us with his broad, sunny smile, shows off his qualities as a great storyteller, and tells us about the origins of this veritable quiet island in the heart of Bangkok. The name The Marshal Social Cafe comes from the building in which the venue is located, the former residence of Field Marshal Field Marshal Fuen Ronnabhakas Riddhagni, former Air Force Commander, and the intention to make this restaurant/cafe a meeting place. The interior of the location is Dec-style inside the old building. It is a 70-year-old modern classic with elements of golden teak and Italian marble. The interior was restored and designed by Juti Architects Co., Ltd. a Thai architectural firm that has received numerous international design awards. who designed the interior in Thai Art Dec. style according to the interior of the original house with wrought iron and staircase patterns, elegant, beautiful, fitting the status of the original owner. This was once a pilot's mansion. The history has been made known and can be read on the web. But how did the idea of transforming it into a location such as it is today come about? In truth -Duke tells us- the real story connected with the transformation of an aviation pilot's mansion into a vintage-looking residence that would house a bar and restaurant downstairs, two finely decorated and furnished rooms upstairs, well-tended gardens at ground zero, a beauty salon in what used to be a tool shed, and various other new additions on the way, stems from some randomness. The current owner of the building structure was in these parts one day with his car when suddenly, due to a breakdown, he



needed a repair mechanic. He drove into the area in front of Pradhipat 13 Alley and told the mechanic that, while waiting for the repair to take place, he would take a walk in the surroundings. There suddenly appeared before him the former residence of Field Marshal Fuen Ronnabhakas Riddhagni. It was in a state of total abandonment. Here, at the time, was a real jungle. Bangkok, at one time, was like this, streets, houses, businesses and every now and then, real pieces of pristine and neglected Nature. The owner had an initial idea to make it the site of offices. Gradually, however, the idea of transforming and not just restoring the mansion with some innovation that would go beyond the concept of a place of business or offices came up. The question was, "Why not?"

Starting from the entrance, the building and store are a corridor of stairs where round sofas stand out under gilded Chandelier lamps. The entrance is decorated in green and gold in Art Deco style with Italian marble floors, and the wooden staircase floor is teak, covered with red carpet. It looks like entering the Cannes Film Festival. The platform has a large mirror reflecting the grandeur of the staircase and railings with beautiful and delicate gold wrought iron frames. As for the zoning of the store, there are 5 zones. As for Heritage Ville, it is a community area for families to relax, for friends to meet, hang out, talk or work. with the architecture of the buildings in the project that are outstanding makes this community area suitable for those who like art, also like to take photos, with a store in the project. Restaurants/cafes, lounges and craft beer stores. For people to choose to enjoy the service, the project has a large green garden. where you can come to walk and take pictures Or you can walk your dog, as in a relaxing area in the heart of Bangkok. Each business is located within an individual building with distinctive architecture and the individual interiors have a different story.

What idea underlies the choices that characterize your menu today? It sounds like a simple question but, in truth, we have from the beginning chosen to present a wide range of opportunities and choices, from traditional Thai cuisine to international cuisine and even with some dishes from other cultures, such as Italian pasta. At the same time, however, we revisit everything with a spirit of cultural crossover, it is, therefore, a fusion cuisine that, however, does not stray too far from daily life and everyday eating habits. Here in this district, there are many government offices, especially in the morning and at lunchtime, there are many people who prefer to refer to local food habits, it is the first choice, we could say. At dinner time, however, the clientele changes and they are often more curious, more "open-minded" customers who want to experience something different. There are many types of breakfast sets. From traditional classic breakfast to Western breakfast, there is a wide variety to choose from to simple Thai and Western dishes at very affordable prices. The rice menu that is offered is "Green Curry Fried Rice with Crispy Gourami Fish," which is green curry rice topped with crispy gourami fish to savor and thus enjoy the flavor of green curry. The Marshal Social Café also excels in the wine and beverage sector, as well as in the cheese sector. The coffee bar at The Marshal Social Café is also a very well-maintained and professionally attended area, isn't it? Especially when it comes to coffee, The Marshal offers both the Espresso bar and Slow BR with professional baristas providing customers with good quality coffee. Another type of coffee that is considered to be a real signature of The Marshal and that the café has come up with is The Red Arrow, a type of coffee that has been well received by customers and is very popular. The Marshal Social Café 2, 13 Soi Pradipat, Kwaeng Phaya

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