

# The Social Experiment

6 DEGREES

*EVER MADE A FRIEND OVER A CUP OF COFFEE? A NEW RESTAURANT IN SERPONG AT MALL ALAM SUTERA UNIT 88, TANGERANG AIMS TO MAKE A SOCIAL EXPERIENCE OUT OF DRINKING COFFEE. APTLY NAMED 6 DEGREES, ACCORDING TO THE THEORY: 'SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION' IS THE THEORY THAT EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING IS SIX OR FEWER STEPS AWAY, BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION, FROM ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE WORLD, SO THAT A CHAIN OF "A FRIEND OF A FRIEND" STATEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO CONNECT ANY TWO PEOPLE IN A MAXIMUM OF SIX STEPS. IT WAS ORIGINALLY SET OUT BY FRIGYES KARINTHY AND POPULARIZED BY A PLAY WRITTEN BY JOHN GUARE, AND IS A CURRENT REALITY AT THIS RESTAURANT DESIGNED BY A POLISH, SINGAPOREAN BASED ARCHITECT, WITH HIS INDONESIAN PARTNER.*

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**SOCIAL EXPERIMENT**  
CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT

- The wooden ceiling membrane embraces the interior and highlights the artwork by Zaky Arifin
- Pollo Arrosto: One of many brunch menu options
- The decor also features some industrial items to enhance the edgy design
- Cappuccino, Gennera Mocha, Caffe Latte, Caffe Mocha and Espresso always bring people together



Theories on optimal design of cities, city traffic flows, neighborhoods and demographics were in vogue after World War I. These conjectures were expanded in 1929 by Hungarian author Frigyes Karinthy, who published a volume of short stories titled *Everything is Different*. One of these pieces was titled “Chains” or “Chain-Links.” The story investigated in abstract, conceptual, and fictional terms many of the problems that would captivate future generations of mathematicians, sociologists, and physicists within the field of network theory. Ironically Serpong is a new extension of Jakarta, and is fast becoming a very well planned area - with many upcoming business. Like Ikea opening office in the area. This development seem to offer ALL the solutions to the greater Jakarta’s problems PLUS a really modern restaurant on offer.

6 Degrees might be a small space, but the design optimizes a visual impact that is very striking and stylish. The entire ceiling creates a membrane that highlights both the internal and external space and becomes a much talked about feature. Rafal Kapusta, the owner and designer, wanted to make an iconic design impression and the wood for the ceiling was actually cut, prepared and installed onsite. A very intricate and complicated process that paid off - in fact fashionistas are often seen taking photos of themselves and their clothes with the remarkable ceiling as back drop!

Besides the very captivating space created by the design, another feature that makes 6 Degrees distinctly Jakarta is a mural painted by contemporary artist Zaky Arifin. Zaky’s mural supports the social theme of the





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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

The patio of 6 Degrees

Schnitzel

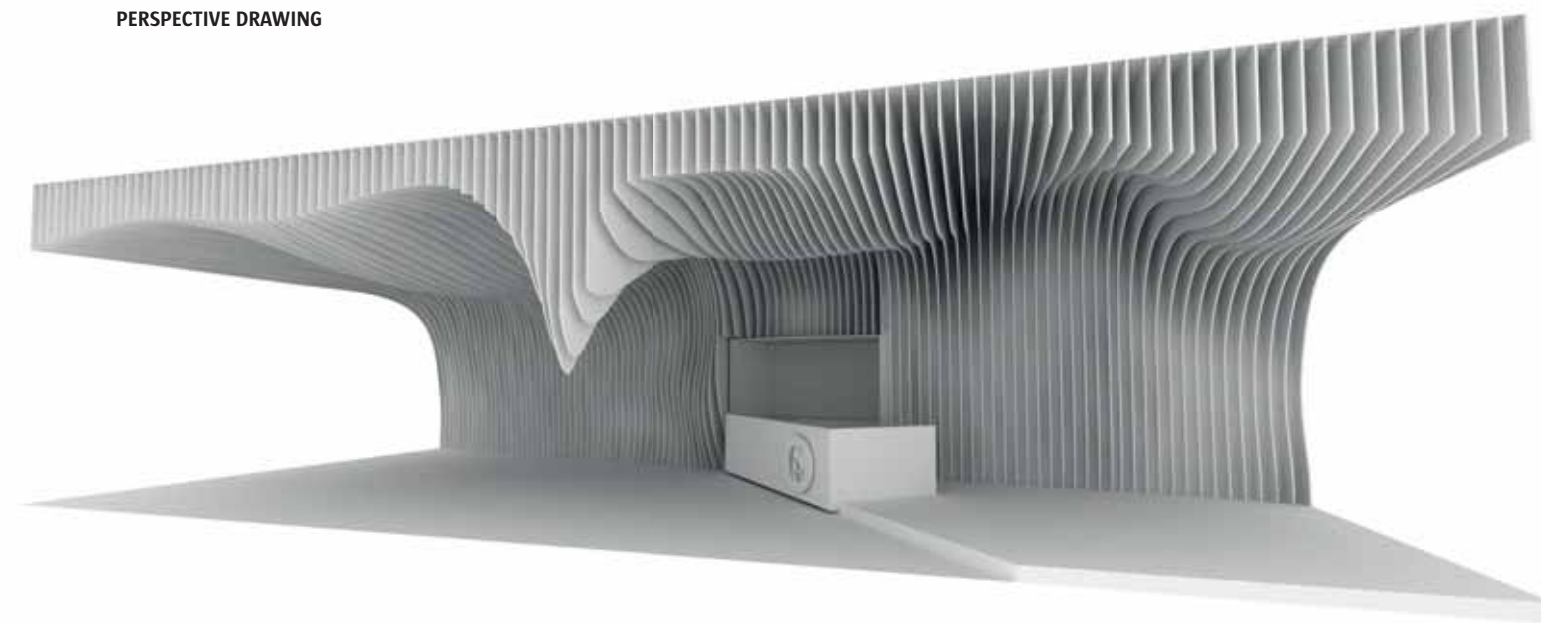
A selection of soups and pastas including Cauliflower Soup, Sweet Lava Soup and Mushroom Soup complete a menu filled with comfy food items

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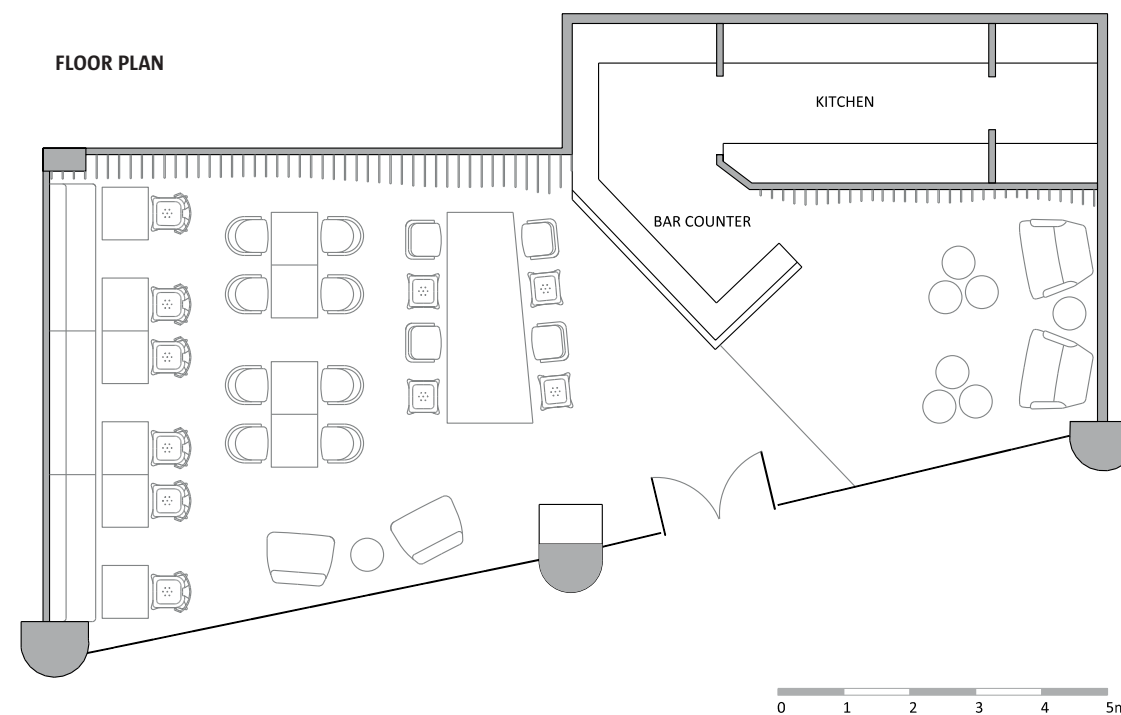
space and embraces the continuous sophisticated elegance that is brought forward by the design. Industrial elements and design touches, combined with highly intricate detailed accents are in completely balance with the mural and predominately black and brown color theme with red accents.

The menu also does not disappoint - besides a delectable coffee menu it is absolutely delightful to have a proper brunch menu presented in Jakarta. Brunch is a slightly neglected culinary option that is lacking in the urban culture of The Big Durian. Great sausages and comfy foods such as pasta and soups plus sinful desserts make 6 Degrees popular with the foodies out there who like to eat divinely inside a venue with a funky vibe. Open till late at night over weekends, with live music performances provided by the mall - 6 Degrees is the place to be seen and to hang out anytime form 10am to 10pm whenever you find yourself in the better part of Tangerang to discover this NEW social experiment. 

PERSPECTIVE DRAWING



FLOOR PLAN



**Project Data**

**Project Name**  
6 Degrees  
**Location**  
Alam Sutera,  
Tangerang  
**Gross Floor Area**  
208 sqm  
**Client/Owner**  
PT Dinamik Sukses  
Artaboga  
**Interior Design & Lighting Consultant**  
OOZN Design -  
Singapore  
**Principal Designer**  
Rafal Kapusta  
**Interior Contractor**  
Myspace design  
**Main Contractor**  
Myspace design  
**Started**  
June 2013  
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