

# KATO CITY

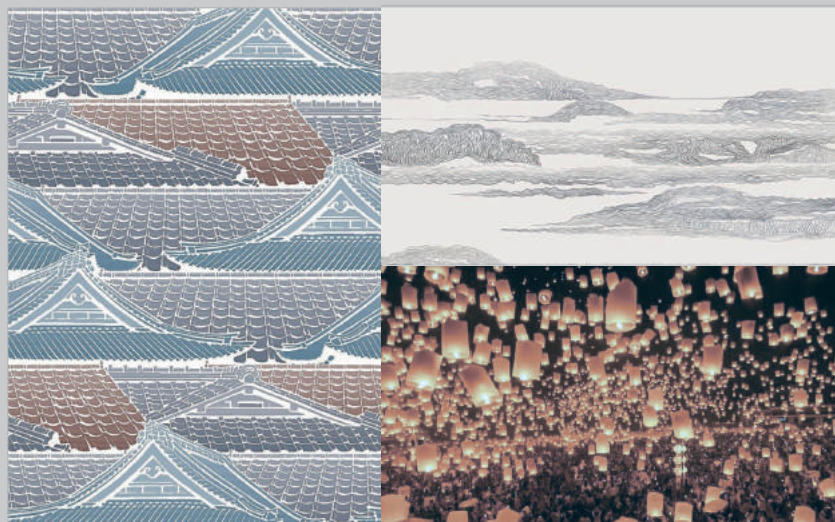
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## INSPIRATION



NIGHTMARKET

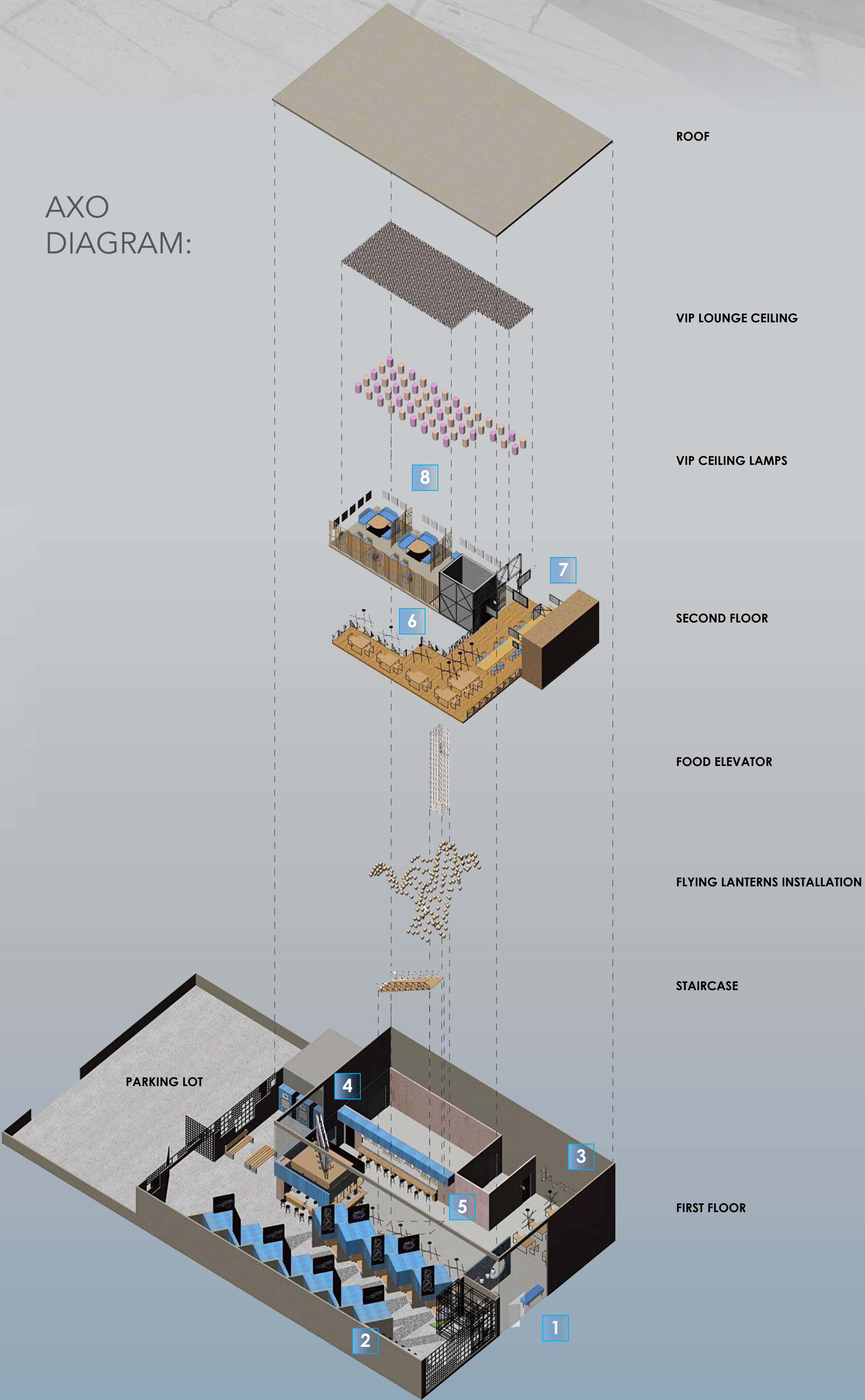


CONTEMPORARY CHINESE



MIX&MATCH

## AXO DIAGRAM:



## THE STORY OF OUR CHEF



Jon Yao

Taiwanese cuisine is the preeminent comfort food in East Asian Culture. Beef noodle soup, pop-corn chicken, and even boba milk tea are just some of the universally loved Taiwanese foods. Because of the admiration for these delicious snacks, modifying or combining these dishes with modern techniques is incredibly risky for any young chef. However, Chef Jonathan Yao at Kato is doing it with incredible mastery.

As a Taiwanese American chef, Jonathan is creating new and exciting foods that pay homage to his Taiwanese roots. Located in West Los Angeles, the shop resides in a humble strip mall, tucked away in a corner. Despite its location, Kato is making a statement in the LA dining scene.



A TASTE OF  
CONTEMPORY  
TAIWAN  
AT KATO CITY



Restaurant seats are now being utilised during off-hours, generating income for the restaurant owners while giving entrepreneurs et al an affordable coworking alternative. The founders of these platforms also take their cut.



SHIFETED LOCATION: restaurnt-as-coworking = win-win-win

GR: The space is also in a tucked away area. Was it always the intention to be kind of in an intimate space? Was that one of things you were aiming for?

JY: Well, it was a price point issue. My parents were trying to open a catering thing for UCLA and they needed a kitchen. They were walking around the neighborhood, looking at street malls for something cheap. They came to this place and the previous tenant had 2 locations: 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs. They couldn't afford to pay the rent of both, so we came in and started covering their rent and remodeled everything. So it was a price point issue for sure. It wasn't by choice that we landed here.



Kato (Left) resides In a corner of a strip mall off Santa Monica Boulevard.



Kato CITY (Right) took place in the old commercial building in Art District DTLA

PLAN:

(SECOND FLOOR)



SECTIONS:



SECTION A-A'



SECTION B-B'



SECTION C-C'



SECTION D-D'



1

MAIN FACADE / PEDESTRIANS ENTRANCE



2

"NIGHTMARKET" CO-WORKING / DINING STALLS



3

FIRST FLOOR DINNING SEATS



4

FIRST FLOOR DRINK BAR(SAKE)





6

THE STAIRCASE & INSTALLATION IN THE ATRIUM



THE OUTDOOR INDIVIDUAL BOOTH



4'

FIRST FLOOR DINNING BAR / SEMI\_OPEN KITCHEN



5

THE FLYING LANTERNS INSTALLATION IN ATRIUM



6/7

SECOND FLOOR V.I.P. LOUNGE ROOM



MATERIAL LANGUAGE

FFB BOARD:

SEATING SCENE:

