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A Rare Find

OASIS, TUCKED AWAY IN SORRENTO VALLEY, MAY NOT BE widely known, but after stumbling across it, I realized it's anything but a mirage.

Located on the ground floor of the Woodfin Suites Hotel, not far from highly trafficked Mira Mesa Blvd., Oasis is surrounded by many of San Diego's leading companies, including Qualcomm and Time Warner Cable.

The top-notch food can be attributed to executive chef Patrizio Sacchetto, who is always creating new dishes. During weekday happy hour, Sacchetto whips up delicious tapas, Spanish finger-food appetizers that aren't readily available in San Diego County. More than 20 types of tapas are offered, some with the chefs own twists, like bacon-wrapped scallops, crab-stuffed baby Portobello mushrooms or tomato mozzarella.

At lunch, the mini Kobe beef burgers are an exceptional treat. Served with pickles, tomatoes and lettuce on the side and, of course, French fries, the presentation brings a little refinement to the all-American meal. The California winter salad is another popular item. Composed of mixed greens, hearts of palm, roasted pear, duck confit and topped with raspberry vinaigrette, it's a light and pleasing meal.

Chef Sacchetto also creates all the restaurant's desserts on the premises. I recommend the chocolate lava cake and the tiramisu, which was possibly the best I've ever tasted.

—JOHN LINCOLN

Oasis

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AFTER
HOURS

Lunch Entrees \$7-\$16

Dinner Entrees \$8-\$21

Tapas \$2

Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.
Monday thru Friday

\$3 wells & \$4 house
wines every day

Monday:
Martini Madness \$5
Wine Flights \$12

Tuesday:
Imported Beers \$3.50

Wednesday:
Budweiser Bud Light
\$2.50; Firehouse Ale
and Fat Tire \$3.50

Thursday:
Specialty Margaritas
\$3.75-\$5.75

Friday:
Mai Tais \$4; Mojitos \$4

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