

Impact of Ambience on Dinners' Satisfaction in Food Street Restaurants: A Widening Horizon in the World

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Abstract

Restaurant ambience assumes a significant job in setting up an eatery picture, and to pull in clients to eat. The reason for this examination is to inspect the connection between restaurant ambience and consumer satisfaction in the Food Street Restaurants which are becoming very popular in the upcoming restaurant market. Such restaurants are selected because of their popularity among local and regional people, but the investigation is missing about these renowned places. This examination tries to figure out which restaurant ambience components exceptionally impact dinners' satisfaction. The components of exterior design, spatial layout, color, and light were estimated. Quantitative information is gathered from 497 dinners. Simple Linear Regression and Pearson Correlation test are applied. It is discovered that dinners are satisfied in present color, exterior design and light but spatial layout needs to be analyzed, specifically for alteration. Progressively discoveries and suggestions are likewise examined and discussed.

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Introduction

For quite a long time, researchers have communicated enthusiasm for the role of the physical condition, or "ambience" on dinners' perceptions, responses and satisfaction (Bitner, 1992; Kotler, 1973; Wakefield & Blodgett, 1994, 1996; Namkung & Jang, 2008). To increase an upper hand in today's, advertise and market, restaurants have endeavored to offer the best estimation of dinners in an ideal ambience (Soraino, 2002).

A restaurant that gives a satisfying ambience is bound to draw in clients in investing more time and cash. Then again, overlooking the noteworthiness of a satisfying ambience will bring about lower repeat buy aims and a decrease in client certainty and support (Petzer & Mackay, 2014).

As indicated by Rande (1995) the ambience of the restaurant is comprised of everything that establishes a connection on the individuals, for example, structure of the building interior and exterior, color plan, surface texture and stylistic layout or decoration. The idea in easygoing eating restaurants is to make a feeling that can cause the clients to unwind, and get relaxed. As indicated by Horeco (2000) ambience is a basic enhancement that can give restaurant a focus on competition. The menu should coordinate with restaurants' ambience, theme, guest's desires and taste to pull everything at its best (Garvey, Dismore & Dismore, 2004). Therefore, it is worth to fundamentally comprehend and make the restaurant ambience properly to upgrade the

eatery picture. In determining the idea, Wood and Munoz (2008) underscored that more noteworthy consideration is required for the determination of a restaurant stylistic theme, ambience and culture curios. Also, Gionnerss (2002) bolstered components, for example, eatery design, , representatives, social ancient rarities, food, and drinks are required so as to be fruitful in restaurant organizations.

Right now, the Food Street restaurants are one of the renowned places all over the world for enjoying the ambience, both exterior and interior and food together. The expanding number of visitors' appearance in this area, has caused the Food Street to become prominent and all around acknowledged not only by the local community but people from other regions and from outside the country. The interesting about Food Street restaurants is not only the food or service but the exterior ambience which is specially decorated and enhanced to attract dinners and to increase in revenue. The idea definitely worked out and now most of the people come there only to enjoy food in open air. The reason to opt Gawalmandi Food Street Restaurants in Lahore, Pakistan as a sample is to find out the dinners' satisfactory attributes in this area, the change is the study on exterior design, not the interior design which is not considered in usual restaurant studies.

In spite of the fact that there are various examinations with respect to the restaurant practices, not many of the current investigations center on the Food Street restaurants.

Literature Review

Dinners' Satisfaction

Pizam and Ellis (1999) characterize dinners' fulfillment as the sentiment of prosperity and delight that outcomes from getting what one trusts in and anticipates an engaging item as well as administration. Choi and Chu (2001) consider fulfillment as an assessment by clients that the food or administration they have gotten is in any event on a par with it expected to be. Dinners' fulfillment is characterized as a post-purchase evaluative judgment concerning the buy choice (Day, 1984). The idea of the connection between administration quality and consumer loyalty has gotten a lot of consideration in the administrations showcasing writing (Johnson, Grenier & Scott, 1995; bitter & Hubbert, 1994; Bolton & Drew, 1994; Gronroos, 1993; Oliver, 1994). Oliver (1997) likewise considered dinners' fulfillment as "the buyer satisfaction reaction, how much the degree of satisfaction is lovely or terrible", recommending that fulfillment mirrors the effect of the exhibition of the specialist organization on the dinner's feeling state. Dinners' satisfaction or loyalty is basically huge on the grounds that it reflects emotional client assessments of the characteristic execution related to the utilization experience (Cronin & Taylor, 1992). With respect to dinners result practices, dedication was estimated utilizing positive informal, return to goal and eagerness to prescribe, which were taken from Mattila (2001) and Evanschitzky et al. (2006). The apparent worth assumes a significant job in the purchaser buy basic leadership, recommending that social aims are results of apparent worth and make consumer to return (Swinyard, 1993).

Restaurant Ambience

Ambience is the nature of the encompassing space that apparent by clients (Jang & Liu, 2008). As per Kotler (1973), it is the cognizant structuring of space to deliver explicit passionate impacts in purchasers that upgrade their buy likelihood. Atmosphere is comprised of a lot of components, for example, lighting, music, fragrance, and shading. Research has proposed that feels powerfully affect dinners' frames of mind, feelings and conduct. Ryu and Jang (2007) found that feeling (for example music, temperature, and fragrance) and representative appearance had the most significant impact on customers' passionate reactions.

Mehrabian and Russell (1974) first acquainted a hypothetical model with clarifying the effect of ecological boosts on singular conduct. The food alone may not carry individuals to a restaurant at the first run through however the draw may be an eye-getting of outside structure, an incredible media survey or a verbal proposal will dismantle the client to visit the eateries. The style, mood, food and administration guidelines should all add to the dinners' impression of the eating experience (Wade, 2006; Jang & Ha, 2009) Wakefield and Blodgett (1994) call attention to that, clients may not come back to a restaurant on the off chance that they are not happy with the encompassing conditions. As indicated by Zeithaml and Bitner, (2003) the encompassing conditions in an eatery incorporate the foundation qualities of the restaurant condition, for example, inside design, outside appearance, room temperature, lighting, music, commotion and scent.

Ambience Attributes

The outside of the restaurant gives the early introduction to the client. The outside of the restaurant won't just pull in and welcome visitors to eat, yet in addition, impact their experience of the dinner (Range, 1995; Jordaan & Prinsloo, 2001; Omar, 2015). To expand, as supporters approach the restaurant, they will examine its outside as far as area and stopping region, which decides security of the eatery. Supporters are additionally worried about the engaging quality and upkeep of the outside of the restaurant (Range, 1995; Jordaan & Prinsloo, 2001). A sign on the outside of the eatery with wore out lights and chipping paint or a once-over building may make the client think less about the whole activity (Range, 1995; Omar, 2015). White tablecloths and curbed lighting, pass on representative significance of full assistance and generally significant expenses. One of the components in restaurant atmosphere is spatial layout. Spatial format alludes to the manner by which a gear, office, and decorations are orchestrated, the size and state of these things, and the spatial connections among them (Zeithaml & Bitner, 2003). A powerful format and usefulness will accommodate simplicity of passage and exit, and subordinate zones (Wakefield & Blodgett, 1996; Harris & Goode, 2010).

Decoration is one of the components that are critical to restaurant ambience. Clients frequently judge stylistic theme regarding color schemes. Hues, for example, red, yellow and orange are named warm hues while green, blue and violet are cool hues. Warm hues give clients the impression of a warm, agreeable assistance condition (Jordaan, & Prinsloo, 2001; Kurtz & Clow, 1998). Cool hues will, in general, make a conventional sort of administration condition that suits its customer

base (Kurzt, & Clow, 1998). By appropriately utilizing colors, an eatery can make practically any kind of condition that suits its dinners' base (Kurzt & Clow, 1998; Stroebele, & De Castro, 2004). Brilliant hues will in general invigorate and excite while warm and cool hues appear to advance unwinding (Stroebele, & De Castro, 2004). Different things that add to inside stylistic theme incorporate the signs that are posted, the furnishings and hardware that are utilized, the degree of lighting, just as pictures and apparatuses (Wakefield, & Blodgett, 1994; Kurzt, & Clow, 1998). As per Jordaan and Prinsloo (2001) lighting can establish the tone and state of mind of the administration experience. Clients will in general talk all the more delicately when lights are diminishing. Brilliant light, run of the mill of drive-through joints, are introduced to impact clients to eat their suppers rapidly (Jordaan, & Prinsloo, 2001; Yuksel, & Yuksel, 2002). Yuksel and Yuksel (2002) expressed that individuals are less unsure and less restrained when lights are low, thusly, eat more in dimmer light (for example around evening time). Also, examine shows that there is a connection between lighting level inclinations and individuals' passionate reactions and approach-evasion practices. Lighting can be one of the most dominant physical upgrades in eateries, especially in upscale restaurants (Ayaz, 2015; Omar, 2015). Areni and Kim (1994) recognized the effect of in-store lighting on different parts of shopping conduct e.g., buyer conduct, measure of time spent, and all-out deals in a retail location setting. Lighting can be one of the most dominant physical upgrades in eateries.

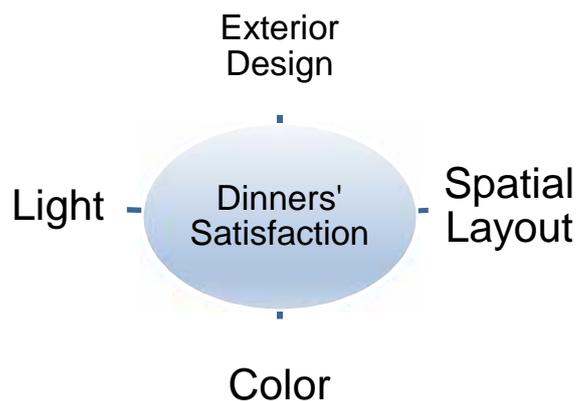


Figure 1: Conceptual Framework. Source: Adapted from Kasapila (2006), Namkung & Jang (2008), Jang & Liu (2008), Jang & Ha (2009), Chen & Hu (2010), and Omar (2015).

Research Hypotheses

The conceptual framework, figure 1, shows the four identified, independent variables namely exterior design, spatial layout, color and light. The dependent variable is dinners' satisfaction. From the framework, four hypotheses were formulated:

H1: There is a relationship between exterior design and dinners' satisfaction

H2: There is a relationship between spatial layout and dinners' satisfaction

H3: There is a relationship between color and dinners' satisfaction

H4: There is a relationship between light and dinners' satisfaction

Data Collection

The population of this research comprised of individuals who dine in Food Street restaurants, the sample was Gawalmandi Food Street Restaurants in Lahore, Pakistan. The questionnaires were given to 600 respondents and out of the total, 497 responses were received in the time period of two months, giving a response rate of 82.8 percent and considered a good response rate. The data was collected in two months at night time which is considered dinner time because most of the people come to Food Street at night and also to take the appropriate answers in artificial lights.

Data Analysis

Relationship between Restaurant Ambience and Dinners' Satisfaction

Based on Pearson Correlation test result in Table 1, the correlation of each independent variable, exterior design, spatial layout, color, and light, is significant at 0.01 levels, two-tailed toward dinners' satisfaction. The result shows that there is positive relationship between all independent variables and dinners' satisfaction (dependent). The value between exterior design and dinners' satisfaction is 0.711, spatial layout is 0.620, color is 0.731 and light is 0.684. Color shows the strongest positive relationship with dinners' satisfaction ($r= 0.731$), followed by the exterior design ($r= 0.711$) and light ($r= 0.684$). Spatial layout has the lowest positive relationship with dinners' satisfaction ($r= 0.620$).

Table 1
Relationship between Restaurant Ambience and Dinners' Satisfaction

Attributes	Pearson Correlation	Sig. (2-tailed)	N
exterior Design	.711**	.000	411
Spatial Layout	.620**	.000	411
Color	.731**	.000	411
Light	.684**	.000	411

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Simple Linear Regression

Simple linear regression analysis was made to test how well the measure of restaurant ambience attributes influence dinners' satisfaction. Overall, restaurant

ambience attributes were found significant (sig. value = 0.000 < α = 0.05); thus, the model can be used for explanation or prediction of dinners' satisfaction.

Furthermore, Beta coefficient indicates which variables are important to the model by looking at the largest value derived. Prediction of dinners' satisfaction is explained in Table 2. The most significant and largest unique contribution to the model is restaurant color (β = .386, $p < 0.01$), followed by exterior design (β = .311, $p < 0.01$), and light (β = .202, $p < 0.01$). However, special layout is omitted due to its insignificant function played (β = -.027, $p < 0.05$). The model is significant [$F(4,406) = 158$, $p < .001$], with the predictors explaining 61% of the dinners' satisfaction in the Food Street restaurants. The remaining 39% is explained by other predictor variables.

Table 2
Simple Linear Regression.

Model	B	SE B	β	t	Sig.
(Constant)	11.937	2.008		5.945	.000
Exterior Design	.644	.118	.311	5.438	.000
Spatial layout	-.080	.201	-.027	-.400	.689
Color	1.141	.177	.386	6.434	.000
Light	.585	.122	.202	4.795	.000

(Note: $R^2 = .61$, * $p < .001$)

Dinners' Demographic Profile

Table 3 provides the demographic profile of respondents who took part in the study. More male respondents (75.3%) answered the questionnaire compared to females (24.7%). Most of the respondent age between 21-30 years old (32.9%) answered the questionnaire followed by 31-40 years old (27.9%), then 20 years or below were 21.9% and the lowest were above 41 years old (17.1%). The majority of the respondents, 42.5% only dined at a rate of 1 to 2 times a month, 31.4% of the respondents dined at Food Street Restaurants at a frequency of more than 6 times per month and 26.2% of the respondents dined between 3 to 5 times in a month, which concludes that most of the male participated in the study so the majority who come to dine in Food Street restaurants was male whose age ranged between 21 to 30 years, they mostly dine in for one or two times a month in Gawalmandi Food Street restaurants.

Table 3
Demographic Profile of Dinners

Demographic variables	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	374	75.3
	Female	123	24.7
Age	20 years old and below	109	21.9
	21-30 years old	164	32.9
	31-40 years old	139	27.9

	41-50 years old	85	17.1
Frequency of dining in a month	1-2 times	211	42.5
	3-5 times	130	26.2
	More than 6 times	156	31.4

Discussion, Implication, and Conclusion

In light of the outcomes, Hypothesis 1 the connection between exterior design and dinners' satisfaction is accepted. This shows clients are happy with exterior design that masterminded by the restaurant administrators. The positive connection between inside plan and dinners' loyalty is steady with Namkung and Jang (2008) and Jang and Liu (2008) who expressed alluring structure fundamentally decides dinners' loyalty. Hypothesis 2, is accepted and demonstrating a noteworthy connection between spatial design and dinners' satisfaction. Although simple linear regression result indicates that it does not significantly contribute to the model, Pearson correlation test result shows that the hypothesis is supported. This is steady with past investigations which expressed that spatial design is one of the significant components that add to dinners' satisfaction (Namkung, & Jang, 2008; Jang, & Liu, 2008). Besides, spatial design recognition can pass on a feeling of comfort and closeness (Ching, 1996) and assist buyers with framing a psychological picture before any passionate reaction or judgment of explicit help situations (Lin, 2004). In this manner, the restaurant administrator must ensure that; design, lighting, temperature, smell, menu plan and course of action of seats and tables at their eatery is constantly kept up, and an ideal level so as to fulfill the clients. Hypothesis 3, the connection between restaurant color and dinners' satisfaction is likewise accepted and shows a solid positive relationship. Color made biggest contribution to the model. This implies, dinners are exceptionally concurred and like the color schemes utilized by the eateries. This is in accordance with a couple of concentrates by Namkung and Jang (2008), Kasapila (2006) and Bellizzi and Hite (1992). Hypothesis 4, the connection between light and dinners' satisfaction is accepted. White tablecloths and stifled lighting, for instance, pass on emblematic importance of full assistance and moderately significant expenses. As indicated by Jordaan and Prinsloo (2001) lighting can establish the connection between dinner and administration. Dinners will in general talk all the more delicately and enjoy meals when lights are dim (Ayaz, 2015). Lighting can be one of the most prominent physical features in restaurants, especially in open-air places.

As an end, this examination shows that exterior design, spatial layout, color, and light have noteworthy associations with dinners' satisfaction. The biggest commitment is color followed by exterior design, light, and spatial layout. Colors used in exterior walls and furniture and even in cutlery were well selected by the restaurant administrators which meet clients' need and fulfilled their urge to dine in there, hence the restaurant administrators must ensure that their color is constantly delightful. The most reduced commitment was spatial design. This shows dinners disdain the floor plan, size, and shape of furnishings, space division and counters made by the restaurateurs. In this way, the eateries administrators must change the

present spatial layout so as to satisfy dinners and make them come back to the restaurant. This outcome indicated that the destinations of this examination are accomplished.

In spite of the fact that this examination has given valuable data about the dinners' involvement in the restaurant feel of the food street, there are a couple of limitations in this investigation that should be managed in future research such as the data can be further analyzed in comparison of different restaurants. Food Street restaurants have a number of foreign visitors who come to dine in there so the study can be diverted to ask tourists' views in exchange for local dinners.

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