



### Cho Gao Restaurant — First of Many?

Cho Gao is the latest from Belgium's Creneau International, the creative and conceptual brains behind another much-loved franchise, The Belgian Beer Café. On Level 3 of Melbourne Central, adjacent to Paul Mathis' 100 Mile Café, Cho Gao is the first of the Asian franchises which are set to go worldwide. Creneau has attempted to create a mix of authentic and contemporary details; simple furniture and rich with Asian tradition; including the four elements: earth, water, wind and fire. All the interior pieces are in a worn Asian style; crafted in 70-year-old Indonesian recuperated wood and bamboo stems. Directly opposite Melbourne's State Library, the Cho Gao balcony provides a good vantage point to observe busy Swanston Street. The space is broken up into different zones; four minimalist private dining rooms make up the main space while the 20m-long bar is the main feature of the space. Cho Gao translates as 'rice market', and Creneau has put together a design that embodies some of the Asian market atmosphere as much as The Belgian Beer Café does their motherland.

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