

JUST A TASTE

Bar Rojo Sansei Sushi

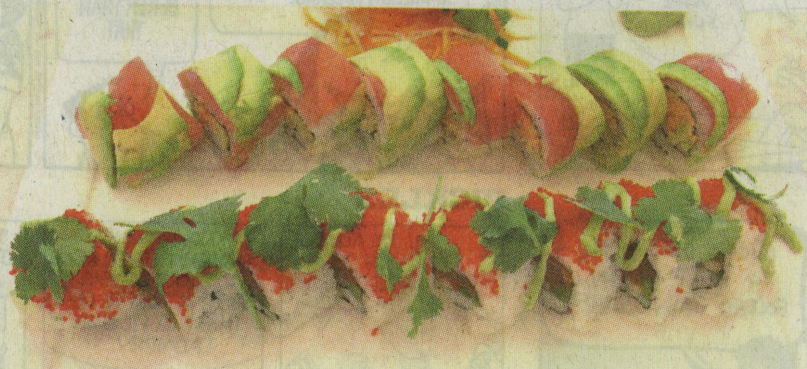
What's cooking:

Where: Grand Hyatt San Antonio,
600 E. Market St., (210) 224-1234,
www.barrojososa.com

On the menu: Maki rolls, \$10 apiece;
sashimi, \$10 apiece; nigiri, \$6 apiece.

Fast facts: The modern lounge is
filled with mixed-use seating. There
are also tables outside and seating
at the bar, where all drink and food
orders are placed.

Impressions: Bar Rojo has a regular
menu that includes appetizers, such
as Cuban Sliders (\$12), which come
four to an order, and calamari (\$10)
that is a thicker cut than most other
places and served with a chipotle
ranch and horseradish mayonnaise.
Our group tried the new Sansei Sushi
menu, which is Latin-influenced.
The flavors ran together or the
vegetables were cut too thick in the
selection of Shrimp Spring Rolls, a
Bar Rojo Roll (jalapeño-cilantro spicy
tuna, jicama and cucumber topped



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The Bar Rojo Roll (bottom) contains jalapeno-cilantro spicy tuna, jicama, cucumber and is topped with flying fish roe with avocado crema. The Riverwalk Roll (top) contains crab, jalapeño, cucumber and umeboshi.

with flying fish roe and avocado
crema) and an Achiote Roll (Yuzu
orange snapper ceviche, mango,
daikon and micro cilantro with
smoked aioli). The Riverwalk Roll
— a combination of crab, jalapeño,
cucumber and umeboshi topped
with tuna and avocado with habenero
sauce — had the most flavor and
a beautiful presentation. It was easy
to wash down with wines by the
glass, priced between \$7 and \$12,
and the draft beer options, which

include Blue Moon, Sam Adams,
Stella Artois, Shiner, Dos Equis and
Bud Light for \$5. The martini menu
is not to be missed. Try the Añejo
Peach Martini (\$10), a concoction of
Añejo tequila, peach purée and fresh
lemon sour served with a cinnamon
sugar rimmed glass, or the Mango
Delicious (\$10), a blend of Cruzan
Mango rum, passion fruit, fresh
orange juice and citrus, topped with
a splash of Champagne.

— Jennifer McInnis

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