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## Hakatai Glass Tile Used in Modern Asian Restaurant



Hakatai glass mosaic tile was used as a focal point in the design of Sesame Asian Kitchen, a new Asian-fusion restaurant located in Ashland, Oregon. Owners Tom and Lisa Beam wanted an open and airy dining space that would highlight the gorgeous view afforded by the large picture windows at the front of the restaurant. They consulted with designer Ivor Brown of Slant Studio in

Emeryville, California, to create a color palette and finalize details of the project.

The restaurant looks out over historic Lithia Park, which was designed by the same landscape architect as Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The unique colors used in the restaurant echo the lush and changing scenery visible through the windows. Pale green walls and sunny bamboo flooring are contrasted by deep orange glass tile accents and prominent white paper lanterns. While the view may be the star, the choice of glass mosaics as the surface for the bar area wall and two columns is central to the overall effect. "It's the tile that really sets the whole project off and makes it exceptional," said Tom Beam.

Hakatai's Classic series  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " tile in the color Dusk was used for the front and back wall of the bar, as well as on two supporting columns in the main dining area. The tiled columns draw the room together and act as a focal point in the design. "I would not have been as happy with the result if they were just painted," said Beam. Glass tile was also used on a custom hosting stand at the restaurant's



entrance. The stand was crafted by Bennett Stone and Tile, of Medford, Oregon, who also did the tile installation for the rest of the project. The curved surface of the columns and the stand “really catch the light,” said Beam. “I’m super happy with how it turned out.”

The Classic series from Hakatai is available in 43 solid colors, 27 standard blends, and five standard gradients. In addition, architects and designers can create their own unique custom blends and gradients at [www.hakatai.com](http://www.hakatai.com).

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