



La Terraza del Casino

If you never got the opportunity to sample the legendary Ferran Adrià's culinary alchemy at elBulli, La Terraza del Casino is a worthy substitute – chef Paco Roncero cut his teeth as one of Adrià's disciples. Despite the experimental menu here, and the striking 2008 refit by Jaime Hayon (see p070), who has teamed Memphis-like pillars with a glossy chequerboard floor, platinum-finished ceramic chandeliers

and flowing fabrics, the vibe is traditional: the dress code is strictly jacket and tie for gentlemen. From Roncero's kitchen come dishes such as 'powdered' calamari, hake with seaweed and lilies, and foie gras encased in a white-chocolate shell. The central location gives the summer terrace the added grandeur of excellent city views. *Calle de Alcalá 15, T 91 532 1275, www.casinodemadrid.es*