

7 HOTEL DAUGIRDAS KAUNAS, LITHUANIA >> BY NICHOLAS LEIDER

Somewhat of a hybrid entry into this year's Architecture & Design Awards, this application came to *BD* from the town of Kaunas, Lithuania. Ricardas Andriuskevicius, deputy director of Bilijardai JSC, installed these two tables into the Hotel Daugirdas in the country's second largest city in April 2010.

Definitely pleasing to the eyes, this space was a bit of an oddity. This isn't exactly a commercial poolroom, because the tables are free of charge for hotel guests and were installed in rooms that were not altered at all. At the same time, this playing space isn't necessarily a home room, since even the most well-worn travelers would hardly call a hotel room home. So consider the two billiard tables at the Hotel Daugirdas as a natural segue from one portion of this year's contest to the next.

Along with the four-star accommodations at the Hotel Daugirdas, guests can enjoy this pair of dinner-pool conversion tables, with one in the lobby bar area (top photo) and the other in the terrace (bottom photo). While the setting and lighting appear to be unconventional, both areas offer a cool, contemporary spot to shoot a game or two, should you ever find yourself in central Lithuania.

"We didn't make any changes to the interior," Andriuskevicius says. "Instead, we designed the tables to fit in with the space that was already there. The guests have really enjoyed both tables."

The two Pronto Series tables from Bilijardai JSC came with a total price tag of \$7,000.



SQUARE FEET

1,200

TABLES

2

COST

\$7,000

TABLE RATE

FREE

AMENITIES

FULL-SERVICE RESTAURANT,
BAR AND HOTEL ON SITE

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