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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to investigate the influencing factors of customer satisfaction in restaurant industry, Since the restaurant sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in malaysia, it is a paramount important to investigate the customers' perception on restaurant factors influencing customers satisfaction. A total of 327 questionnaires were collected from the customers of Subaidah restaurant in UUM. Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) was used to test the study hypotheses. The findings of this study show that Service quality, Food quality, Physical environment, Restaurant facility and Halal elements are positively and significantly influence overall customer's satisfaction. While Food price influence on overall customer's satisfaction was not supported by the result of the hypotheses. Findings of this study provide more insight to managers of hospitality industry especially in the development of restaurant industry that will give some managerial implication and useful direction for restaurateurs. Moreover the findings of this research can also be extremely important in the basis of providing solutions and information for restaurants managers and scholars in the area of customer satisfaction with the specific interest in catering and hospitality industry.

Keywords: Customer's satisfaction, food quality, service quality, price, physical environment, restaurant facility, halal elements.



ABSTRAK

Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk menyelidik faktor yang mempengaruhi kepuasan pelanggan dalam industri restoran, memandang sektor ini merupakan sektor yang paling pesat berkembang di Malaysia. Berdasarkan hal ini, penyelidikan tentang persepsi pengguna terhadap faktor yang mempengaruhi kepuasan pelanggan di restoran adalah penting. Sebanyak 327 borang soal selidik dikumpulkan daripada pelanggan restoran Subaidah di UUM. Pemodelan Persamaan Kuasa Dua Terkecil Separa Berstruktur (PLS-SEM) digunakan untuk menguji hipotesis kajian. Dapatan kajian menunjukkan bahawa kualiti perkhidmatan, kualiti makanan, persekitaran fizikal, kemudahan restoran dan unsur halal mempengaruhi keseluruhan kepuasan pelanggan secara positif dan signifikan.. Walau bagaimanapun, pengaruh harga makanan terhadap keseluruhan kepuasan pelanggan tidak disokong oleh hasil daripada hipotesis. Hasil kajian ini memberikan gambaran lebih baik kepada pengurus industri hospitaliti terutamanya dalam pembangunan industri restoran. Hal ini akan memberikan beberapa implikasi dalam pengurusan dan memberikan arah tuju yang berguna kepada pengusaha restoran. Selain itu, dapatan kajian juga boleh menjadi sangat penting sebagai asas dalam menyediakan penyelesaian, dan memberikan maklumat untuk pengurus restoran dan para sarjana tentang aspek kepuasan pelanggan khususnya dalam bidang katering dan industri hospitaliti.

Kata kunci: kepuasan pelanggan, kualiti makanan, kualiti perkhidmatan, harga, persekitaran fizikal, kemudahan restoran, unsur halal.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- $\mathbf{CS}-\mathbf{Customer\ satisfaction}$
- FQ Food Quality
- SQ- Service Quality
- PR Price
- $PE-Physical\ environment$
- FA Facility

UUM – Universiti Utara Malaysia

PhD – Doctor of philosophy

PI-Purchase intention

PLS-SEM – Partial least square- structural equation modeling

SPSS - Statistical package for social sciences

UK – United Kingdom

USA – United States of America

UUM - University Utara Malaysia

JAKIM- Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia

CHAPTER ONE Introduction

1.1 Background of the Study

The chapter discusses and presents the background of the study and current research problem that arise on services offered by restaurant businesses. In addition, the chapter had outlined the objectives of the study which were derived from the research problem. Conclusivelly, the terms used in the discussion of service and product quality were defined.

Customer satisfaction is a dimension that measures the products and services provided by the business firm to meet the customer's anticipation and this has been acknowledged as a key performance pointer for business organization. Satisfaction is the feelings of being contented with something. In other words, it is a feeling of achievement of getting what one wants from products or services (Advanced learners dictionary 1999). This shows that customer's satisfaction is the ability for the customers to obtain what he wants or desire from the products or services. Customer satisfaction is a customer's contentment response. It is a decision that a product or service characteristic, or the product or service itself, delivers a pleasant point of consumption correlated satisfaction (Oliver's 1997). On other the hand it is the whole level of satisfaction among service or a product involvement.

Customer satisfaction is the soul of business and the capacity to make customers satisfy is a key for several reasons. For instance it is understand that disappointed customers are likely to criticize the establishment or search for restore from them extra frequently in order to ease intellectual disharmony and fizzled consumption experience (Oliver, 1987; Nyer,

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Questionnaire



Dear respondent,

I am a student of School of Business Management, University Utara Malaysia (UUM) carrying out a research in partial fulfillment for the award of Msc Management on the topic "Factors Influencing Customer Satisfaction towards Subaidah restaurant in UUM Kedah Malaysia".

It will be highly appreciated if you could spare out some few minutes to fill this questionnaire. Please note that there is no right or wrong answers; only your personal opinions matter. All information and responses provided will be treated with utmost confidentiality and used strictly for academic research purposes.

Thank you for your kind response. Nasiru Saidu (819771) Msc Management Candidate School of Business Management, UUM College of Business Mobile Number: +60166006159/ What's App+2348035905206 Email: <u>nasirinta@gmail.com</u>

Part A. Demographic Information

1.	Gender	
Male		
Female	2	
2.	Marital Status	
Marrie	d	
Single		
Divorc	ed	
Others		
3.	Age	
Below	21 years old	
21 - 25	5 years old	
26 - 30) years old	
31 - 35	5 years old	
36 - 40) years old	
More t	han 40 years old	
4.	Ethnic Group	
Malay		Universiti Utara Malaysia
Chines	e BUDI B	
Indian		
Others		

5. Educational Qualification

Ph.D	
Master's Degree	
Bachelor Degree	
Diploma	
Matriculation	
Other (Please specify)	

6.	Occupation	
Studer	nt	
Unem	ployed	
Non- e	executive	
Execu	tive/professional	
Busine	ess owner	
Other	(Please specify) _	

Section B Restaurant Patronizing Patterns

1. On average, how often do you dine at Subaidah restaurant?

About once a day	
Several times a day	
Once a week	
A few times a week	
Once a month	
A few times a month	
Other (Please specify)	

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2. On average, how much you normally spend when you eat in Subaidah restaurant?

Less than 5 RM

RM 5 – RM 10	
RM 11 – RM 15	

RM 16 – RM 20

RM 21 and Above.

- 3. Which of the following best describe the purpose of your dining at Subaidah restaurant?

Business

Convenient meal	
Social reason	
Family/friend gathering	

4. Choose one important factor that you consider before deciding to dine in Subaidah restaurant.

Food	
Service	
Cost of meal	
Physical environment	
Facility	
Halal elements	



SECTION C, Customers' perceptions of food quality, service quality, price, physical environment, Facility, Halal element and overall customer satisfaction of Subaidah restaurant.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements regarding.

STR	ONGLY DIS-AGRE	ED NEUTRAL	AGREED	S	TRO	NGL	YA	GRI	EED
DIS-4	AGREED								
SD	D	Ν	А	S.	A				
S/N	FOOD QUAI	LITY / ITEMS			SD	D	N	А	SA
FQ1	The quality of food serv	ed in Subaidah sa	tisfy you well						
FQ2	Subaidah restaurant off	ers excellent and l	nygienic food						
FQ3	Subaidah restaurant offe	ered fresh food.							
EQ4	Subaidah restaurant foo	d presentation was	s visually attractiv	/e					
FQ5	Subaidah restaurant aro	ma of the food wa	s enticing						

STR	ONGLY DIS-AGREED	NEUTRAL	AGREE	D ST	RON	GL	YA	GRI	EED
DIS-	AGREED Uni	versiti Ut	ara Mal	laysia					
SD	D	N	А	SA					
S/N	SERVICE QUAI	LITY / ITEMS			SD	D	N	А	SA
SQ1	Subaidah restaurant Employees served me food exactly as i ordered								
SQ2	Subaidah restaurants Employees provided prompt and quick service								
SQ3	Subaidah restaurant employees are well Dressed								
SQ4	Subaidah restaurant employ	vees made me fe	el comfortable	e in dealing					
	with them								
SQ5	Subaidah restaurant employ	vees are always w	villing to help	me					
SQ6	Subaidah restaurant emplo	yees makes you	feel special						

STR	ONGLY DIS-AG	REED NEUTR	AGREE	D ST	RON	GLY	Z A	GRI	EED
DIS-AGREED									
SD	D	Ν	А	SA					
S/N	PRICE / I	TEMS			SD	D	N	А	SA
P1	Subaidah restaurant	t food price reflect	s the food image						
P2	I am willing to pay l	nigher price at Sub	aidah restaurant						
P3	Subaidah restaurant	food served must l	be a good value for	my money.					
P4	Cheap price for my	meal is important	to satisfaction						

STR	ONGLY DIS-AGREED NEUTRAL AGRE	ED STRO	ONGL	Y A	GRI	EED
DIS-	AGREED					
SD	D N A	SA				
S/N	PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT / ITEMS	S	D D	Ν	А	SA
PE1	Physical cleanliness of Subaidah restaurant attracts me to patronize.					
PE2	Subaidah restaurant had attractive interior design and de	ecoration				
PE3	Subaidah restaurant has a cheerful and enchanting atmos	sphere				
PE4	Subaidah restaurant has available packing space					
PE5	Subaidah restaurant has attractive and enticing presentat	tion of food.				
PE6	Subaidah restaurant has an appealing physical facilities					

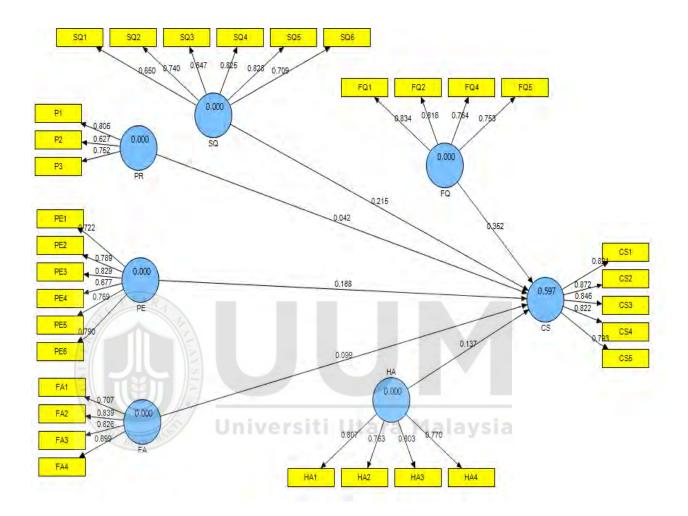
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DIS-	AGREED								
SD		D	Ν	А	SA				
S/N	FACILITY / ITEMS				SD	D	N	А	SA
FA1	Subaidah restaurant background music is pleasing								
FA2	Subaidah r	estaurant has a go	od design and layo	out					
FA3	Subaidah r	restaurant has an a	ppropriate color sc	heme					

FA4 Subaidah restaurant has a nice smell (scent)		
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STRO DIS- AGR	ONGLY EED	DIS- AGREED	NEUTRAL	AGREEI	D STF	RON	GLY	AGI	REE	D
SD		D	Ν	А	SA					
S/N	HALAL	ELEMENT /	ITEMS			SD	D	Ν	А	SA
HE1	I am willi	ng to pay mo	re for food that ha	as halal elemen	ts					
HE2	2 I will not buy a food product, if doubts are raised about it by my peers and family									
HE3	I don't bu	ıy any food w	ith haram ingredi	ents.						
HE4	I don't ea	t pork or hara	im meat							

STR DIS- AGR	EED	NEUTRAL	AGREED Jtara Ma		RONO	GLY	AGR)
SD	D	Ν	А	SA					
S/N	CUSTOME	R SATISFACTION	N / ITEMS		SD	D	Ν	А	SA
CS1	I am very satisfied restaurant	with my overall e	experience in S	Subaidah					
CS2	Overall, Subaidah res	staurant puts me in a	a good mood						
CS3	I have really enjoyed	myself at Subaidah	restaurant						
CS4	I am sure it was the ri	ght time to eat at Su	ıbaidah restaura	ant.					
CS5	I truly enjoyed Subaic	lah restaurant food.							





Appendix C: Structural Model

