



## Bending Wave USA

Truth be told, I haven't always been drawn into the sound made in this very room in CAFs past that feature speakers from Germany's Göbel. And who knows the reason, maybe its the awful Hilton food. In

Watts of output power). I've reviewed the Riviera **Levante integrated amp** as well as the **APL10 Preamplifier / AFM25 Monoblock combo** and to say I was impressed is like saying sunsets are kinda nice.

Coupled with the heavy as a boat Wadax digital gear, this system grabbed my attention by the collar and shook me around like a rag doll in a hurricane. I would venture to suggest that the Riviera gear did to the Göbels what it did for every speaker I've had the pleasure to hear their gear with, which is to say it drove the music out them in a more convincing manner than I've ever heard before. Stunning.

### The Gear:

- Göbel Divin Marquis Loudspeakers (\$90,000/pair)
- Riviera Labs AFM-100SE Mono Power Amplifiers (\$82,800/pair)
- Riviera Labs APL-01SE Preamplifier (\$46,995)
- Wadax Atlantis Reference DAC (166,420)
- Wadax Atlantis Reference Server (\$68,800)
- Wadax Optical System (\$20,400)
- Riviera Labs Power Cord (\$1850)
- Nordost Q Base Reference Power Distribution (\$18,000)
- Nordost Q Net Network Switch (\$3199)
- Nordost Q Source (\$2799)
- Nordost Q Core 1 (\$3000)
- Nordost QB8 Power Strip (\$9900)
- Göbel Lacorde Statement Power Cord (\$27,999)
- Göbel Lacorde Statement Speakers Cables (\$7900 1.2m pair)
- Göbel Lacorde Statement Ethernet Cable (\$5900 1.2m)
- Core Audio Racks and Amp Stands