



Second Edition of MGM x RR1HK Culinary Masters Epitomizes Macau's Gastronomic Celebrations and Legacy in June

Six Acclaimed Chefs from Historical Silk Road Route Created Immersive Gastronomic Experiences for over 400 Oversea Guests from Four Continents

MGM, in partnership with Robb Report Hong Kong and supported by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), successfully concluded the second edition of Asia's only MGM x RR1HK Culinary Masters event at MGM COTAI, over the period of June 28 to 30. Over 400 guests, six internationally acclaimed chefs, and global diners from 10 countries, including Australia, China, India, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and the United States came together for an epic 3-day-2-night culinary journey, a fitting culmination to Macau's June gastronomic celebrations.

The event, themed "**Savor 700 Years of Silk Road Flavors: A Gastronomic Odyssey**," celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, coinciding with the 700 years since the renowned Silk Road explorer Marco Polo. Macau, designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, provided the perfect historic backdrop, with its rich legacy of East-West trade connections, to explore the culinary significance of the ancient Silk Road routes and the latest global gastronomic trends.

This year's event boasted a star-studded lineup of celebrity chefs hailing from across the Asian, European, and Middle Eastern regions along the historic Silk Roads. The impressive roster included **Garima Arora** of the acclaimed Indian restaurant Gaa, the world's first female Indian chef to earn a two-Michelin-star; **Chudaree "Tam" Debhakam** of the renowned Thailand restaurant Baan Tapa, the world's first female Thai chef to win a two-Michelin-stars; **Marco Galtarossa** of the one-Michelin-starred Italian restaurant Villa Elena in Bergamo; **Yang Dengquan**, the executive sous chef who helms the one-Michelin-starred Sichuanese restaurant Five Foot Road at MGM COTAI; **Sara Aqel** of Dara Dining, who modernizes Mediterranean cuisine with an Italian focus in Jordan; and **Florita Morais Alves**, of La Famiglia Macanese restaurant, a well-respected ambassador of Macanese cuisine.

For the first time, these six diverse master chefs collaborated to present an unparalleled 12-hands gala dinner, drawing upon their respective interpretations of flavors from the historic Silk Roads. They ingeniously infused their innovative cuisine with elements that paid tribute to the rich cultural traditions and evolution of gastronomic exchange along these storied trade routes. The result was a culinary masterpiece that delighted palates



from around the world, showcasing the artistic mastery and global influence of Middle Eastern, European, and Asian cooking traditions.

Dr. Iwan Dietschi, Senior Vice President of Hospitality of MGM, said, “It is our honor to be hosting such distinguished guests from four different continents. By honoring our local roots while embracing global culinary traditions, MGM aims not only to showcase Macau's vibrant cultural heritage, but also to continue supporting it as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, a top-notch destination for food enthusiasts worldwide.”

RR1 brings together an international network of ultra-high-net-worth individuals to experience the extraordinary as part of a community of likeminded peers. Culinary Masters, one of the most popular RR1 Signature Events, is famed for bringing together the most acclaimed chefs in the world for a culinary retreat filled with the finest gastronomy, exquisite wines, and masterclasses.

Tak Man, CEO and Publisher of Robb Report Hong Kong, said, “It has been my pleasure to once again present MGM x RR1HK Culinary Masters Macau 2024 for the second year running here at MGM COTAI. Aside from showcasing gastronomic excellence and an unforgettable dining experience like no other, the most important takeaway of this thrilling event is to send our guests off with a lifetime of memories and lasting friendships. We’re delighted to celebrate, learn, and honor the hard work of these remarkable chefs as they present to us the incredible fruits of their labor.”

Beyond the world-class cuisine, the MGM x RR1HK Culinary Masters event offered participants with several different extra-culinary activities that combined gastronomy, leisure, and entertainment to showcase the multi-faceted appeal of Macau's cultural tourism. The vibrant programs included hands-on cooking sessions with celebrity chefs, masterclasses dedicated to fine wines, coffee, and Chinese tea tasting, as well as art tours and guided excursions that featured the distinct East-Meets-West cultural heritage of Macau and local transit experience by Macau cruise and light rail. These diverse experiences seamlessly complemented the culinary extravaganza, offering guests a truly multifaceted exploration of Macau's vibrant culture and traditions. Additionally, the event also featured a community engagement activity where over 140 participants from culinary students and local culinary associations joined culinary demonstrations and sharing session with the celebrity chefs at Macao University of Tourism (UTM).

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We are the holding company of MGM Grand Paradise, SA which holds one of the six gaming concessions to run casino games in Macau. MGM Grand Paradise, SA owns and operates MGM MACAU, the award-winning premium integrated resort located on the Macau Peninsula and MGM COTAI, a contemporary luxury integrated resort in Cotai, which opened in early 2018 and more than doubles our presence in Macau.

MGM MACAU is a Forbes Five-Star luxury integrated resort inspired by the arts with every element of the resort infused with creativity and style. MGM MACAU has approximately 600 guest rooms and suites and boasts a number of distinguishing features, including the architecturally stunning European-inspired Grande Praça, housed under a soaring glass ceiling. MGM MACAU's world class facilities include the MGM Art Space, dedicating over 5,000 square feet to display authentic works of art, conference and event facilities, spa, and seven signature restaurants and bars to fulfill any gastronomic craving. Our property is conveniently located on the Macau Peninsula and is directly connected to the luxury retail shopping complex, One Central.

MGM COTAI is the latest integrated resort of MGM in China. Designed as the "jewelry box" of Cotai, it offers approximately 1,400 hotel rooms and suites, Asia's first dynamic theater, meeting space, high end spa, retail offerings and food and beverage outlets as well as the first international Mansion at MGM for the ultimate luxury experience. The Spectacle at MGM COTAI becomes the record holder of the largest free-span gridshell glazed roof (self-supporting) on January 19, 2019, making it the first architectural and structural GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for Macau, China. MGM COTAI is being developed to drive greater product diversification and bring more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau as it grows as a global tourist destination. MGM COTAI is the only mega complex and hotel in Macau to gain three-star certification in both Green Building Design and Operation Label, as well as the first hotel in the Greater Bay Area and second in Greater China to receive the certifications.

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