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RING IN THE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE OX AT SPECIALLY CURATED DINNERS AT ATLANTIS, THE PALM'S HAKKASAN AND SAFFRON RESTAURANTS

A time for families and one of the most significant parts of welcoming in the new year, diners can enjoy a Chinese New Year dinner with loved ones at two of the resort's most popular restaurants

United Arab Emirates, Dubai, (xxx January 2021) In celebration of China's most important festival on Friday 12th February and to usher in the Year of the Ox, Atlantis, The Palm is inviting guests to celebrate new beginnings and fresh starts with celebrations at the newly refurbished Saffron from 10th-16th February and at the city's most stylish contemporary Chinese restaurant, Hakkasan from 10th- 26th February.

Otherwise known as Lunar New Year, the annual event marks the first day of a new year on the Lunar calendar. Based on when the new moon appears, the Lunar calendar is more than 5,000 years old. On 12th February this year, the animal sign will change from rat to ox, a sign that is looked upon favourably by Chinese culture given that its characteristics are hardworking, honest, logical and kind – qualities that are definitely worth celebrating.

<u>Hakkasan</u>

World-renowned Cantonese restaurant Hakkasan will welcome guests with both a signature set menu and individual dishes. The set menu, which is priced at AED 498 p/p, features dishes said to bring good health and fortune and a specially crafted fortune-themed dessert. After being welcomed with a 'fire and grace' cocktail, diners will start with a Yu sheng salad with house cured salmon and a double treasure fortune quail blossom puff for extra good luck in 2021. Main dishes include crispy kumquat chicken, wok fried prawn with macadamia nuts and braised abalone roasted duck fried rice with dried scallops and shitake mushrooms. The Mandarin dessert will round the evening of on a suitably sweet and chocolatey note with an exciting twist courtesy of the orange cocoa butter.



Centred around the principle of "Peace, Love and Sharing", with Chinese New Year itself falling on Valentine's weekend, the Year of the Ox will see Hakkasan's wishing tree tradition go virtual for the first time ever and be transformed into a digital art installation across social channels.

It has long been a tradition to construct a wishing tree within Hakkasan restaurants worldwide on Chinese New Year, with guests invited to write their wishes on a red ribbon before tying it to the tree. This year, Hakkasan's virtual wishing tree tradition will encourage guests to share their wishes on social media before being transformed into a video, which will be available to view on the Hakkasan website. As a token of goodwill for the year ahead, one lucky guest each week will be selected to have their wish granted.

- The Chinese New Year offering at Hakkasan will be available from 10th 26th February 2021
- Monday- Saturday 6:00pm-11:00pm (closed Sunday)
- Children under the age of 10 can dine between 6:00pm and 7:00pm
- Set Chinese New Year menus are priced at AED 498 p/p including a special cocktail
- Set menu dishes can also be ordered à la carte

Saffron

With exotic ingredients, tantalising flavours and exciting new dishes, diners can indulge in an authentic Chinese celebration with dishes from all four corners of the country with a selection of Cantonese, Szechuan, Shandong and Anhui dishes. With Cantonese salmon, edamame almond salad, siracha Chinese cucumber salad, double boiled abalone soup with crab meat, "Yong Zhou" style wok fried rice, Chinese black pepper crab, ho see fatt choy (braised oysters and sea moss), Szechuan style fish with salted vegetables, stewed tofu and chicken claypot – one of Saffron's new signature dishes – diners are in for a sweet, sour, savoury and sensory treat. The menu will also include comforting favourites such as Peking duck and Hong Kong noodles. With its mix of Chinese and western desserts including green tea cheesecake, aloe vera gel and peanut crunchy, the extensive line-up of desserts are not to be missed.

- The Chinese New Year offering at Saffron will be available from 10th -16th February 2021
- Saturday-Thursday 6:00pm to 10:30pm, Fri 7:00pm-11:00pm



- Dinner is priced at AED 255 per adult for food only and AED 127.50 for children aged 4-11
- Kids under the age of 4 eat free

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About Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai

Atlantis, The Palm is the first entertainment resort destination in the region and located at the centre of the crescent of The Palm in Dubai. Opened in September 2008, the unique ocean-themed resort features a variety of marine and entertainment attractions, as well as 17 hectares of waterpark amusement at Atlantis Aquaventure, all within a 46-hectare site. It is home to one of the largest open-air marine habitats in the world, with over 65,000 marine animals in lagoons and displays including The Lost Chambers Aquarium, a maze of underwater corridors and passageways providing a journey through ancient Atlantis. Atlantis Aquaventure waterpark features 18 million litres of fresh water used to power thrilling waterslides, a 2.3-kilometre river ride with tidal waves and pools, water rapids and white-water chargers. Dolphin Bay, the unparalleled dolphin conservation and education habitat, and Sea Lion Point were created to provide guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about one of nature's most friendly mammals. The resort boasts an impressive collection of luxury boutiques and shops as well as extensive meeting and convention facilities. Atlantis, The Palm is also known as the culinary destination in the region where guests can take their pick from a collection of 31 world-renowned restaurants including Bread Street Kitchen & Bar, Hakkasan, Nobu, Ronda Locatelli, Seafire Steakhouse & Bar, and award-winning underwater restaurant, Ossiano. The nightlife scene at Atlantis is lively, too, with the fun-filled Wavehouse offering something for everyone, and WHITE Beach & Restaurant the perfect place to unwind with a drink as the sun slips into the Arabian Sea.