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A TASTE OF NORTHERN ITALY AT CUCINA

*Indulge in epicurean delights from northern Italy*

*Chef Andrea presents traditional dishes from northern Italy to please guests’ taste buds*

**Hong Kong SAR, China, 7 October 2022** – From today until 5 January 2023, Cucina’s Chef de Cuisine Andrea Delzanno invites all guests to enjoy a new **four-course signature set menu** that celebrates the best flavours from his home region of northern Italy. Meticulously crafted by Chef Andrea, the menu features four elaborate and authentic delicacies that will transport guests to the northern region.
The gastronomic journey begins in **Piedmont**, which is Chef Andrea’s beloved hometown. The starter of **Fassona Beef Tartare, Jerusalem Artichoke, Parmesan Cheese, Lemon Oil** is made with a special beef that comes from one of the best cow breeds in Italy. Native to the Piedmont region of northern Italy, the cattle are 100% grass fed and yield high-quality meat that is distinguished by its unique muscular structure as well as its tenderness and juiciness. Its excellent texture and lean meat makes it perfect for raw preparations such as tartare and carpaccio. Here, the tartare is enhanced with a sweet, nutty purée made from Jerusalem artichoke, which is in season during autumn and winter. Parmesan cheese flakes, meanwhile, add to the flavour while also providing a crispy texture.

Guests are then invited to sample a classic dish from **Liguria**, a seaside region in northwest Italy. **Trofie with Basil Pesto in “Genova Style”, French Beans, Pine Nuts, Shrimps** is a traditional spiral-shaped pasta dish from Genova, the capital city of Liguria. Chef Andrea has made a twist to the traditional recipe by replacing potatoes with shrimps, making it a lighter and healthier dish with a source of protein.
For the main course, Chef Andrea presents a traditional dish from **Veneto** in the northeastern part of Italy. **Baked Fillet of Black Cod, Stewed Onions, Cream Sauce, Polenta** features the hearty and flavourful vicentina sauce made with onions, potatoes and cream, as well as a range of healthy vegetables including polenta, romanesco broccoli and carrots. The tender black cod matches perfectly with this rich sauce and is bound to delight diners’ palates.

Guests end this decadent meal with the exquisite **Sbrisolona Crumble Cake, Almond, Sabayon, Vanilla Ice Cream**, a typical dessert from **Lombardy** in the central part of northern Italy. Chef Andrea crafts this Italian crumble cake according to a traditional recipe, and guests can relish the nutty and creamy combination when they enjoy the cake with the sabayon sauce and vanilla ice cream.

To bring the gourmet experience to the next level, guests can choose to pair the menu with Italian wines meticulously selected by Raymond Lo, Cucina’s Beverage Manager. Raymond has selected the following four premium wines from Italy to accompany each delicacy:

- **Icardi Nuj Suj, Barbera d’Asti DOCG Superiore, Italy 2018** – HK$138 per glass
- **Terenzuola Fosso Di Corsano, Vermentino, Colli Di Luni DOC, Italy 2020** – HK$198 per class
- **Giannitessari Scalette, Soave Classico, Tenda DOC, Italy 2021** – HK$128 per glass
- **Il Poggiolo, Malvasia, Provincia Di Pavia IGT, Italy 2021** – HK$198 per glass

Guests can pair the set menu with four glasses of wine at a **special price of HK$420 per person**.
Enjoy a taste of northern Italy at Cucina this fall and winter. The menu is available during lunch and dinner from now until 5 January 2023 for **HK$888 per person**. For reservations, please call Cucina at +852 2113 0808.

**Cucina** – 2022 Forbes Travel Guide four-star restaurant

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The hotel comprises 665 luxurious guestrooms and suites, many of which offer breath-taking views of the celebrated Victoria Harbour. Within a short walk are landmarks such as the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Cultural Centre and 1881 Heritage. The hotel is also on the doorstep of the Star Ferry terminal and MTR subway stations.

Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel features an outdoor swimming pool; a gym; a lobby lounge; the all-day dining outlet, Cafe Marco, which features a wide variety of gourmet cuisines from all over the world; and our 2022 Forbes Travel Guide 4-star Italian restaurant, Cucina. The hotel has 14 function rooms, the largest of which can accommodate up to 430 guests, as well as a dedicated and professional Banquet Services Team.

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