

# ONE&ONLY REETHI RAH DEBUTS NEW TAPASAKE RESTAURANT

Tapasake offers Japanese cuisine with Mediterranean influences in the Maldives' biggest overwater dining complex

Maldives, 29 January 2025 – One&Only Reethi Rah introduces the newest gem to its collection of eight distinctive culinary experiences with the debut of Tapasake in the Maldives. The new concept offers Japanese cuisine with Mediterranean influences - a fresh take on culinary excellence. With breathtaking views of the crystal-clear Indian Ocean and the venue's unique style, the new experiential gastronomic destination delivers a truly unforgettable experience to its One&Only clientele.

Designed by Jean-Michel Gathy from Denniston International, Tapasake is a 3665m² venue suspended over the Indian Ocean's sapphire surface. Expressive interiors draw the eye in every direction: up to the furthest reaches of the soaring see-through wine cellar; down beneath glass-bottomed floor panels in the sunken lounge to glimpse reef sharks darting across the shallows; left to take in wall-high artworks, intricate panelling and ephemera from the natural world. Playfully composed, Tapasake's atmospheric surroundings encourage unbridled exploration. Light meets dark. Soft tones meet striking textures. Monochrome elements reflect Japanese design sensibility, while Mediterranean accents are captured in bright splashes of red, orange and yellow. Sweeps of wood, granite and stone ground the space in the essence of the Earth. Water is central to the flow of the design, glimmering in the reflection pool above the sway of the rolling tides. The wind blows a soft sea breeze, energising each new breath, while the fire lights up cigars sourced from the world's best tobacco regions. This is a setting to savour with every sense.

Golden Hour was made for gathering on the Grand Terrace to toast another remarkable day amid the lush landscape. Here, the inventive cocktail menu mirrors the bold pigments that cloak the coastline at sunset with fragrant violet liqueur, passionfruit and pineapple setting a tropical mood.

A signature One&Only dining experience, Tapasake takes its name from the Spanish "tapas" and Japanese "sake," with distinctive Mediterranean influences. Guests are invited to indulge in a concept that celebrates the art of sharing, featuring dishes that combine flavours from Japan and the Mediterranean for a truly unique culinary journey.

The sushi area, and teppanyaki grill stations beckon for intimate meals, grand gatherings and everything in between. Tender Wagyu beef meets the heat of the grill in a spectacle of sizzle before your eyes, while uni (sea urchin), otoro (bluefin tuna belly) and tai (sea bream) provide a flavour of the delicacies sourced from a tapestry of celebrated Japanese culinary provinces. Elsewhere, Mediterranean-inspired seafood fresh from local waters sits beside gyoza, Tokyo-style ramen, and traditional tapas, inviting you to mix and match flavours on your own epicurean adventure.

In the evening, Tapasake transforms into a vibrant hub, enhanced by DJs and live music to elevate the energy after dark. Enjoy multi-national cigars and signature whiskey cocktails in Sombra Lounge, or sip



limited-edition sake inspired by the location, produced in collaboration with Yumegokoro Sake Brewery in Kitakata City, Fukushima Prefecture, this clean, light and fragrant Naraman Junmai Daiginjo has a Champagne-like profile shaped for celebrations.

Satisfy your wildest whims with bespoke events or delve deeper into your passions with a mixology class, tea ceremony or sake-tasting session. Celebrate milestones in style in private dining rooms that accommodate up to 12 guests, allowing for ultimate seclusion while basking in the natural beauty that surrounds you. Three spectacular spaces infused with distinctive character bring something extra special to your stay. Yuugen, meaning the mysterious sense of the beauty of the universe, provides a private portal to the mesmerising marine life beneath the ocean's symphony of blues, with a glass floor to draw your gaze while you dine. Tenkei, meaning heavenly scene, positions you for awe-inspiring views of the horizon to backdrop your experience with the magic of the Maldivian sunset. Mesa Secreta translates as Secret Table and invites you into a world of wonder, tucked away to transform your evening into one that won't be forgotten.

"Tapasake is a fantastic addition to One&Only Reethi Rah's impressive selection of eight specialty dining venues. This beautiful setting, paired with the restaurant's elevated food-sharing concept, makes Tapasake the Maldives' premier experiential gastronomic destination, promising to delight the senses of luxury leisure seekers from around the globe," said Jan B. Tibaldi, General Manager of One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives.

For more information, please visit <u>oneandonlyreethirah.com</u>. For bookings, please call <u>+960 664 8800</u> or email: <u>reservations@oneandonlyreethirah.com</u>. For real-time updates, please visit <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Telegram</u>.

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Surrounded by the Indian Ocean, One&Only Reethi Rah is an ultra-luxury, all-villa resort that houses 118 villas, including Beach Villas, Water Villas and two Grand Residences, across one of the largest private islands in the Maldives. Surrounded by the Indian Ocean, tropical gardens and six kilometres of white sand beaches, the resort is the ultimate island paradise, offering exclusivity and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Dining options are served at eight diverse restaurants and bars, or privately in the villa. The spa offers a holistic programme of treatments. Club One is the hub for all things active at the resort, including the rock-climbing wall, two floodlit tennis courts, an Artist Studio and a water sports centre.

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