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EMIRATES PALACE UNVEILS TALEA BY ANTONIO GUIDA

Hong Kong, 3 March 2022-- Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi has announced the opening of a new culinary experience, *Talea*, acclaimed two-Michelin-starred Chef Antonio Guida's first restaurant outside of Italy.

The new restaurant presents guests with the opportunity to enjoy a highly curated selection of seasonal and authentic Italian menus in an elegant, yet lively setting with a vibrant open show kitchen. With deep roots in southern Italy's Puglia region, Guida honed his talents in an array of celebrated Michelin-starred restaurants and in 2015, led <u>Seta</u> at <u>Mandarin Oriental, Milan</u> to its first Michelin star just four months after opening, with a second Michelin star shortly thereafter.

Talea's menu draws on Guida's distinctive culinary style to create "Cucina di Famiglia" – family-style cooking. From handmade ravioli, authentic spaghetti alla carbonara and artisanal pizza to osso buco and vitello tonnato – the summer dish of chilled veal in tuna-caper sauce that forms an indispensable part of the Assumption Day feast in Milan, the gastronomic delights of *Talea* fuse traditional techniques with an innovative edge, the signature of Guida.

The restaurant's interiors highlight magnificent two-toned columns and walls layered with beautiful art inspired by the landscapes of Italy: ports and palaces, lakes and luxe manors, cities and Roman ruins, embellished by jewelled lights and geometric floors. A chic outdoor terrace is also available for a decadent alfresco dining experience.

"With our concept of 'Italy meets Abu Dhabi', I am delighted to offer *Talea*'s patrons a new culinary experience that presents a new interpretation of Italian favourites, along with some rare and unusual combinations." said Chef Antonio Guida.



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"We are thrilled to be collaborating with Chef Antonio Guida at Talea, further enhancing our culinary offerings at Emirates Palace. *Talea* combines the flavours of Italy with the scents of Arabia, setting a new benchmark for Italian cuisine in Abu Dhabi" said Michael Koth, General Manager of Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi and Area Vice President, Operations for the Middle East.

Guests can enjoy this new culinary experience, along with all the iconic hotel has to offer when booking the <u>One More Night</u> package. For further information and reservations, visit www.mandarinoriental.com/abu-dhabi.

About Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi

Located on a pristine private beach, Emirates Palace is the epitome of luxury in Abu Dhabi, showcasing Arabian hospitality at its finest. Each of the resort's 394 rooms and suites is furnished to the highest levels of comfort, has stunning views and offers 24-hour butler service. Eight dining venues serve a variety of cuisines created by world renowned chefs and the resort boasts lush gardens, a lavish 1,500-sqm spa, two temperature controlled swimming pools, a kids' club and a private marina. With many of Abu Dhabi's main attractions within a short distance, including superb shopping destinations and impressive cultural and heritage sites, Emirates Palace provides guests with the perfect place to explore the beauty and charm of the UAE's capital.

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