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TASCA BY CHEF JOSÉ AVILLEZ DEBUTS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL JUMEIRA, DUBAI

Hong Kong, 19 March 2019 – [Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai](#) is delighted to introduce diners to the true flavours of Portugal at *Tasca* by acclaimed Portuguese Chef José Avillez.

[Tasca](#) takes inspiration from a traditional Portuguese eatery, “tasca”, serving genuine [food and drinks](#) but with a contemporary twist. With a menu based on a sharing concept, *Tasca* takes guests on a culinary journey across the rich and varied country. Dishes include a modern take on a range of Portuguese classics from both the sea and the land, such as Giant Red Shrimp, Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá, Piri Piri chicken with smoked avocado cream, and a surf and turf platter with Blue Portuguese Lobster.

Complementing the menu is a wine list with the largest selection of Portuguese wines available in Dubai as well as a tempting array of craft cocktails. *Tasca* is a dining destination that makes for a lively night out, combining authentic dishes, eye-catching design, and an eclectic atmosphere. The fully-immersive experience includes live demonstrations at both the bar and the kitchen as chefs and bartenders work together to develop inventive culinary and mixology creations.

With spectacular views over Dubai’s glittering skyline on one side and the Arabian Gulf on the other, the restaurant offers both indoor seating and outdoor terrace dining complete with an infinity pool overlooking the Gulf.

“I believe Portugal has one of the best cuisines in the world as well as the best fish and seafood and at Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai, I aim to deliver some of our best flavours and products with a contemporary twist. *Tasca* offers a casual chic dining experience with specialities that burst with character and flavour.” says Chef José Avillez.

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[Tasca](#) is Chef Avillez's first international opening. His other restaurants include the Michelin-starred *Belcanto* as well as several celebrated venues in Portugal.

For more information and reservations, visit [our website](#)

About José Avillez

José Avillez is considered one of the great references of Portuguese gastronomy and has stood out because of his enterprising spirit and drive to go further. He has several restaurants in Lisbon and in Porto, each with a different concept, but all expressing his passion for cuisine: Belcanto distinguished with two Michelin stars and considered one of the best restaurants in the world by the prestigious "The World's 50 Best Restaurants List", Beco Cabaret Gourmet, Mini Bar, Bairro do Avillez, Cantinho do Avillez, Café Lisboa, Pizzaria Lisboa, the three restaurants in El Corte Inglés' Gourmet Experience – Tasca Chic, Jacaré, Barra Cascabel - Pitaria, Cantina Zé Avillez, Cantina Peruana, in partnership with Peruvian chef Diego Muñoz, and Za'atar, in partnership with Lebanese chef Joe Barza. Further information available at www.joseavillez.pt

About Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai

Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai is the most exciting new addition to the region's luxury hotel scene. Its unrivalled location with easy access to both international airports makes this the ideal venue for both business and leisure travellers. It also holds the status of being the closest beachfront resort to both Downtown Dubai and the financial and business districts. Located in one of Dubai's most prestigious neighbourhoods, the resort's spacious and elegant rooms and suites combine contemporary décor with guest-centric technology and spectacular views. There are six first-rate restaurants and bars including two signature restaurants, a state-of-the-art destination spa spread over 2,000 square metres, a fitness centre and a kids' club.

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About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

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