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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI TO DEBUT YAKU BY LA MAR

Award-Winning Restaurant to Unveil New Waterfront Bar and Lounge Concept With Bar Bite Menu by Executive Chef Diego Oka

Hong Kong, 13 February 2017 – [La Mar by Gastón Acurio](#) located at [Mandarin Oriental, Miami](#) is thrilled to announce the opening of YAKU by La Mar, a waterfront bar and lounge, on Friday, 17 February 2017. Situated on the north terrace of La Mar, the new bar and lounge concept will blend multicultural ingredients with a Peruvian-inspired cocktail program, light bites and a cozy waterfront gathering place for locals and guests alike to unwind with musical sets by resident and guest DJs. YAKU, meaning ‘water’ in Quechua which is an ancestral language dating back to the Inca Empire, is inspired by the panoramic water views of the restaurant and brought to life by the bustling Brickell skyline.

Open Thursday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., YAKU will feature hand-crafted punch cocktails to compliment La Mar’s existing cocktail program along with a selection of twelve beers, wines and champagne by the glass. Priced at USD 12, noteworthy punch cocktails including the signature **YAKU Punch**, rum, mango puree, lime juice, chicha morada; **La Picarona Punch** with rum, Midori, lime juice, pineapple juice, orange juice; **Sexy Bombon Punch** with bourbon, orange juice, cinnamon, orange bitters and the **Amorsito Punch** which includes Pisco, Quebranta infused with ginger, lime juice, pineapple juice, ginger beer, angostura bitters and a dash of eucalyptus syrup.

To complement the libations, guests will enjoy a menu of eight Peruvian small plates overseen by Executive Chef Diego Oka. Individually priced at USD 8, the featured signature dishes will include **Cebiche Tostado** with tuna tartare, crispy onions, chipotle aioli, avocado; **KFC Pop Corn** with Korean fried chicken with Peruvian Chilies, gochujang, sesame, scallions; **Los Choritos** with mussels in their juice with caucan flavors, toasted bread and crostini; and **Yuccas Estrelladas** with hash yuccas, queso fresco, garlic and egg.

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Unobstructed waterfront views serve as the perfect backdrop for this new outdoor space. Conceptualized and designed by Chef Oka, the lounge is outfitted with Peruvian-inspired textiles; teak wood furniture; bronze, terracotta and turquoise accent pieces; and sleek, communal wooden high top tables.

For reservations, please call +1 (305) 913 8358.

About La Mar by Gastón Acurio

[La Mar by Gastón Acurio](#) features the acclaimed Peruvian cuisine of celebrity chef Gastón Acurio in a high-energy setting with dramatic water views of Biscayne Bay and the Miami skyline. Diners are invited to explore the authentic and diverse flavors of Peruvian gastronomy, ranging from upscale novo-Andean fare to Asian-Peruvian fusion and traditional seafood cebiche. A contemporary design by Arquitectonica and interiors by Nathan/Pereira Arquitectura offer a mix of indoor and outdoor seating with three lively bars providing distinctive culinary experiences and a personal look into the creation of signature cebiches, freshly grilled anticuchos and specialty cocktails.

About Mandarin Oriental, Miami

Contemporary in design and with a prominent waterfront location, the triple Five-Star [Mandarin Oriental, Miami](#) features [326 elegant guest rooms and suites](#) – offering dramatic views of the bay and the Miami skyline. Amenities include [an award-winning tri-level spa](#), signature [Azul restaurant](#), the new [La Mar by Gaston Acurio restaurant](#), the waterfront [MO Bar + Lounge](#), [Oasis Beach Club](#), [the luxury boutique Shanghai Tang](#) and [extensive meeting and business space](#).

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