

## RESTAURANTS AND BARS Press Information

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### *Offering Sophisticated, International Cuisine in a Unique Setting*

The Yas Hotel offers eight speciality restaurants which between them draw inspiration from around the world in recognition of the hotels' international clientele.

French born Executive Head Chef, Daniel Nuss, has honed his culinary expertise through extensive travels visiting exotic destinations such as Tahiti, Polynesia and the Seychelles; the exclusive Hayman Island resort in Australia, as well as Dubai and Las Vegas, where he served-up fare for VIP's and celebrity guests. This helped Daniel sculpt an interest in international cuisine, before finding his feet in Abu Dhabi. Daniel's vision for The Yas Hotel is to "Drive the culinary team using farm fresh ingredients and proper cooking techniques, with simple presentation focusing on taste."

The Executive Head Chef has employed the expertise of chefs hailing from all corners of the world, executing their culinary talents across the eight restaurants in The Yas Hotel, which include International all-day dining, Arabic, Indian Tandoori, Italian, Pan Arabic, Japanese, Noodle Bar and a speciality seafood restaurant.

The hotel also features two concept bars: the Skylite Bar, where drinks and snacks are served on the hotel's rooftop, overlooking panoramic views of Yas Island; and the Rush Bar, which offers guests an unrivalled vantage point overlooking the Grand Prix Circuit. In addition, Longitude and Latitude poolside dining, as well as the Executive Lounge, offer additional options for guests seeking refreshments.

All entertainment and dining concepts have been created under the guidance of Raman Khanna, previously Director of Catering and Banqueting at Emirates Palace Hotel before joining Aldar Hotels and Hotels as Director of Business Development and Commercial in 2005. Etienne Galliez, Director of F&B for Aldar Hotels and Hospitality has been integral in the implementation of the concepts, bringing with him a wealth of global experience in hotel openings.

## **RESTAURANTS**

### **Origins - International**

Origins offers International, all-day dining as well as a selection of local speciality dishes, available from the buffet. Featuring an authentic Tandoor oven and Rotisserie, the restaurant is overseen by Chef Benoy Koshy.

### **Kazu – Japanese**

Offering traditional Japanese cuisine, Kazu offers both sushi and sashimi, two Teppanyaki tables, a Tempura station and Robatayaki grill complete with a Sake expert to offer recommendations. A qualified team of Teppanyaki and Sushi Chefs showcase their skills on the restaurant's Robota yaki grills, headed up by Yu Cao, formerly of Nobu Atlantis in the Bahamas.

### **Amici - Italian**

Amici's menu offers a selection of rustic, regional Italian dishes, inspired by Head Chef Andrea Pastore's Mediterranean roots. With seating for up to 56 people and an open kitchen on display, the restaurant exudes an intimate yet casual ambience, complemented by an olive wood refectory table.

### **Angar - Indian**

Native Indian Head Chef, Satish Shenoy, brings a taste of India to Abu Dhabi, offering a selection of meat-based and seafood dishes; seasoned and then cooked in the restaurant's Tandoor oven, for true authenticity. Also on offer is a Lassi speciality menu and Kulfi dessert selection.

### **Atayeb – Pan Arabic**

A fusion of Moroccan, Tunisian, Lebanese and Syrian flavours from the bordering regions of the Mediterranean and the Arabian Gulf are served at Atayeb. The extensive menu offers both hot and cold Mezze, a selection of stews, tagines and couscous. Head Chef is Wafaei Al Zaham.

### **Noodle Box – Contemporary Asian**

Casual yet vibrant, Noodle Box offers diners the best in contemporary Asian cuisine. The menu, overseen by Head Chef Taufik Sutisna, offers popular Asian dishes such as traditional Thai curries, Laska's, Nasi Goreng, as well as Dim Sum and other Chinese classics.

### **Nautilus - Seafood**

Giving diners unrivalled views of the F1 track and picturesque marina, Nautilus offers delicious seafood, much of which is locally caught, as well as oyster and crustacean bars. Head Chef Mohd Shaiful Bin Kassim, who trained under the guidance of Gordon Ramsey at The Connaught, utilises only the freshest ingredients such as shucked oysters, Gulf shrimp and Omani lobster all cooked according to diners' personal tastes.

### **Yas Lounge**

The hotel's resident patisserie and café is the perfect pit-stop for a quick refuel, offering a selection of pastries, cakes and homemade chocolates, as well as a variety of sandwiches, terrines and salads.

## **BARS**

A first for Abu Dhabi, The Yas Hotel will host two Georges V concept bars, the visionaries behind the internationally recognised Buddha Bar brand. The bars boast prime locations – Skylite, on the rooftop of the main tower, and the other – Rush, in the adrenaline-evoking bridge above the Grand Prix circuit.

### **Skylite**

Lofty heights and million-dollar views give the Skylite a unique positioning in The Yas Hotel. Located on the roof of the hotel, Skylite Bar offers a relaxed cabana and shisha chill-lounge atmosphere, serving drinks and light snacks from 6pm every evening.

### **Rush**

Very much a destination cocktail bar, the exclusive Rush bar offers unrivalled views of the F1 track below, within a comfortable lounge-style setting. Located in the bridge which stretches over the racetrack, linking the hotel's two towers, Rush is designed to be a spacious light-filled café by day, and a bar by night. In addition, a separate mezzanine VIP level offers a secluded space for discerning clientele seeking privacy. Guests at the island's 'hottest' bar can choose from a wide menu of cocktails, international brews and premium spirits, as well as bar snacks.

### **Longitude and Latitude**

With one located in each Tower, the pool bars offer guests lounging by the pool a selection of refreshing cocktails, mocktails, iced teas, served with a light menu.

### **Executive Lounge**

Located in the main building, the Executive Lounge features a secluded space for VIP guests to meet, relax or work. Serving refreshments including canapés and cocktails throughout the day, the lounge also offers executives access to meeting room spaces, WIFI and a changing / shower room.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **The Yas Hotel**

*Opened in November 2009, The Yas Hotel, operated by Aldar Hotels & Hospitality, is the first in the world to span a Grand Prix circuit, hosting the inaugural 2009 Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Offering 499 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, international cuisine in 8 restaurants and pioneering design and architecture, The Yas Hotel will host several illustrious events in its first year, ranging from fashion to sports on a global scale. Located on Yas Island, The Yas Hotel is 10 minutes drive from Abu Dhabi airport, 15 minutes from Abu Dhabi's National Exhibition Centre and 50 minutes from Dubai Marina.*



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### **Yas Island**

*The Yas Hotel is located on Yas Island, a natural island measuring 7.5km by 6.5km, which is currently being developed by Aldar Properties PJSC. As well as Yas Marina Circuit, the island will feature Ferrari World Abu Dhabi (the world's largest indoor theme park), Yas Links Abu Dhabi - an 18 hole Links Championship golf course - a VIP marina, Yas Marina, a water park and Yas Mall, a super-regional retail experience.*

### **Aldar Hotels and Hospitality**

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