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Find modern takes on classic Turkish dishes at the all-new Rüya Dubai

RÜYA DUBAI

Not so much a new restaurant as a new lease of life. Some may remember that Rüya Dubai was once based in the Grosvenor House hotel in the Marina, but closed in 2020. Now its modern take on classic Turkish cuisine (Rüya means 'dream' in English), served in a chic, stylish setting, has returned, opening on the third floor of the St Regis Dubai, The Palm, and serving up mezze, meat dishes, kebabs, pide, manti, and more. ruyarestaurants.com



It's the age-old question, with Dubai in particular never short of an answer. Just look at the new restaurants that have opened recently in the city

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



French cooking, singing and dance are on the menu at Josette

JOSETTE

If we were to tell you that Josette at ICD Brookfield Place in DIFC was named after classic French actress Josette Day, it might give a clue as to the type of cuisine served here. In an elegant setting, with its modern spin on classic Baroque architecture, you can enjoy a range of Parisian classics, such as escargot, delicate pastries, sparkling afternoon tea, meat dishes, and French entertainment, including music and dance. josette.com



AAMARA

The name of this restaurant is said to be a word familiar along the ancient Silk Road trading route, basically meaning 'forever' in different languages. The food at this new VOCO Hotel Sheikh Zayed Road location is also inspired by the countries along the way, with Arabian, Indian and Asian flavours offered in an elegant setting. That means buttermilk curry, Egyptian rice, dumplings and chaat sundaes among the dishes. aamara.ae



Take a seat to enjoy Arabian, Indian and Asian flavours

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Head for heights? You'll enjoy the view from Coucou



COUCOU

The major draw at CouCou, the new rooftop bar on the 52nd floor of The Palm Tower, will undoubtedly be its panoramic views, looking out over the Palm Jumeirah or across to the Dubai skyline. But it also has a great menu of Mediterranean-inspired dishes, such as pizzas, pasta, salads and meat dishes, with its talented mixologists ready to whip you up a tasty cocktail to enjoy alongside it. A stunning evening destination. coucou-dubai.com



A Dubai outlet for Mott 32 joins its other locations, serving modern Chinese

MOTT 32

With locations in Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Vancouver, Singapore and Bangkok, Mott 32 has already built a reputation for its slick, stylish interiors and modern Chinese dishes, and on the 73rd floor of the Address Beach Resort, JBR, is its first restaurant in the Middle East. There are views over Bluewater Island and the Ain Dubai, with dim sum, jasmine-flower-smoked black cod, and 48-hour apple-wood-roasted Peking duck, featured on the menu. mott32.com

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BABYLON IS DESCRIBED AS PART CHIC RESTAURANT, PART ENERGETIC CLUB, LOCATED IN GATE VILLAGE, DIFC.

Lots of entertainment to enjoy when you spend the evening at Babylon



BABYLON

Opening its doors in time to see in the New Year, Babylon is described as part chic restaurant, part energetic club. Located in Gate Village, DIFC, the interior is all striking fabrics and intricate lighting, with contemporary cuisine that covers a long list of favourites, from sushi to seafood, with mains of smoked lobster, Japanese A5 Wagyu beef kushiyaki and a Wagyu tomahawk steak among the highlights, as well as cocktails. babylondifc.com



Sit close to the stage, and enjoy Wagyu and cocktails

Enjoy Peruvian Nikkei at Above Eleven's rooftop location



Mythos continues to feed Dubai with its delicious Greek dishes

ABOVE ELEVEN

Whenever a new hotel opens in Dubai, there's always anticipation about what its restaurants might add to the city, and the Marriott Resort Palm Jumeirah is the latest in an ongoing list. Above Eleven is its moody Peruvian Nikkei rooftop restaurant, with amazing views of the Dubai skyline and an outdoor terrace, perfect for cocktails. The venue also promises a sushi bar and "effortless New York soul", as well as its delicious fare. aboveeleven.com

MYTHOS URBAN GREEK EATERY

City Walk in Downtown Dubai is adding to its impressive list of restaurants, and is now home to Mythos Urban Greek Eatery, a sister branch of Mythos Kouzina & Grill in JLT. Offering indoor and outdoor seating, the new Mythos serves up a range of traditional Greek fare, including feta in filo pastry, seafood, salads and grilled meats. This Mythos branch is also licensed, which means you can sample a glass of Greek grape as you eat. mythosdubai.com

PINCODE

Kunal Kapur is a big name in culinary terms in his native India. With restaurants, cookbooks and TV shows in his repertoire, he has served as a judge on *Masterchef India*, and even the American version alongside Gordon Ramsay. Pincode is his new restaurant at Dubai Hills Mall, with a menu full of chaats, salads, biryanis, kebabs, curries and desserts. The malai prawns and the lamb seekh tawa masala are among the highlights. dubaihillsmall.ae



Indian food courtesy of celeb chef Kunal Kapur

Amazing artwork can be found on Sumosan's ceiling



Sumosan's sushi masters are ready to slice and dice

SUMOSAN

With the beautiful Japanese artistry adorning the ceiling of Sumosan, now open at The Dubai EDITION hotel, near Dubai Mall, there's a real risk of guests staring upwards, rather than down at their plates. With its sushi masters and mixologists working their magic, eyes may be directed elsewhere, eventually settling on the fantastic seafood and the dishes the brand is known for, such as the truffle tiradito and salmon rice pizza. sumosandubai.com



Impressive modern Turkish fare from Bebek's open kitchen

BEBEK

It should be easy to spot the newly-opened Bebek Restaurant on Jumeirah Road, not far from the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC), with its vibrant façade and luminous Art Deco arches. The interior of this converted two-storey villa is just as impressive, with its dessert corner, shisha lounge, DJ booth, and windows looking directly into the kitchen, showcasing the chefs as they prepare their contemporary Turkish fare. bebekrestaurant.ae