



Bon Vivant Bonanza

Le Cirque Signature opens at The Leela Mumbai to the delight of the city's cognoscenti. **Suneeta Sodhi Kanga** reports

INSPIRED by the success of its first foray in Asia, the globally-renowned Maccioni Restaurant Group has launched Le Cirque Signature at The Leela Mumbai. The opening of its first ever signature restaurant and second Asian outpost further strengthens the exclusive collaboration between two stalwarts of the hospitality industry: Sirio Maccioni, founder of the acclaimed New York-based restaurant group and Capt. C. P. Krishnan Nair, Founder Chairman of The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts, India's leading luxury hospitality brand.

Le Cirque Signature offers signature and most popular specialties of the brand's fabled restaurants around the world along with new creations for Mumbai epicures by celebrated Michelin noted chef Matteo Boglione from the flagship Le Cirque, New York.

Chef Boglione has been much acclaimed over the years by the revered critics of New York City. His guests have included Leonardo Di Caprio, Sarah Jessica Parker, Woody Allen, David Bowie, and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Located on the hotel's top floor, Le Cirque Signature offers a 65-seat dining space, a highly personalised bar area, beautifully-appointed and well-stocked wine cellars and an intimate private dining room.

Beautiful Villeroy & Boch porcelain tableware and the finest Schott Zwiesel stemware adorn each table.

Wine connoisseurs can choose from an impressive list from major wine growing regions around the world. From the classics of France and Italy, to the premium wines of Napa Valley, to new world wines from Australia, Chile and New Zealand, the repertoire includes Chateau Latour, Chateau Margaux, Chateau D'yquem, Tignanello, Opus One, Solaia and Sassicaia, among others.

The highlight of the menu is that 40% is created to suit its vegetarian patrons. The menu includes Classic Le Cirque dishes such as the Black Truffle Risotto, Ravioli Carbonara, Le Cirque Salad and Spaghetti Primavera as well as creations derived from the best local and seasonal ingredients from around the globe such as black truffles and porcini mushrooms.

Le Cirque Signature is slated to open at The Leela Palace in Bangalore early next year followed by Chennai. ☑

