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Raffles, Fairmont open restaurants in Qatar ahead of hotels' Doha launch

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The dual-branded Raffles Doha and Fairmont Doha, housed within Katara Towers. Image credit: CNW Group/Accor

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Eyeing an opportunity ahead of their full-fledged launch, **Raffles Doha**, Qatar's only all-suite hotel, and yacht-inspired **Fairmont Doha** are opening seven of their restaurants to non-staying guests.

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The dual-branded hotels are opening their restaurants exclusively to those attending the FIFA 2022 World Cup final. Tables are available through pre-registration. The hotels will open their doors to overnight guests after the competition.

The World Cup is an international competition for men's national soccer teams, which takes place every four years in a different country, most recently in Russia.

Food for thought

At Raffles Doha's Blue Cigar lounge, guests may sit among 6,000 classic books, including some first additions, while enjoying a catered selection of cigars.

Malaki lounge, in the hotel's atrium, is being positioned as an ideal setting for afternoon tea.

At L'Artisan, chefs bring dishes out on Gueridon trays and put the finishing touches on them at the table side.

Alba, which is the first overseas location of the restaurant overseen by three-star Michelin chef Enrico Crippa, boasts authentic Italian fare. The greatest delicacy are the rare white truffles from the town which serves as the restaurant's namesake.

At the Fairmont Doha is the Masala Library, conceived by Jiggs Kalra, restaurateur, author and television host. Guests receive a spiritual dining experience in four acts, each of which pays homage to a specific act of Indian culture or food.

Vaya serves up mate-based cocktails and prepares food via open kitchens and interactive food stations. Its signature Friday brunches include Latin music and tango dancing.

This announcement come amidst fierce criticism of Qatar's selection as a host country for the competition due to allegations of human-rights abuses.

A record number of spectator seats remain empty, and many celebrities and participants have come under fire for participating in surrounding events.

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