

press release

Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi from Michelin-starred CRAFTALE in Tokyo brings French-Japanese haute cuisine to Singapore

Be enthralled by youthful artistry and vivid storytelling through his culinary creations at the 16th edition of the Art at CURATE dining series from 1 to 7 November 2019



Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi (left), 35, of One Michelin-starred CRAFTALE in Tokyo will take diners on a gastronomic journey traversing the seasons with his inventive creations inspired by his homeland, Japan and France, the land of his coming of age

SINGAPORE, 10 October 2019 – From **1 to 7 November 2019**, Resorts World Sentosa's CURATE restaurant will set the stage for one of Japan's youngest culinary stars, **Shinya Otsuchihashi** from the cutting edge **One Michelin-starred CRAFTALE.** Chef Otsuchihashi brings to Singapore a unique blend of avant-garde techniques borne out of classical French culinary training and a deep understanding of ingredients from his homeland of Japan. The 16th instalment of the successful quarterly *Art at CURATE* dining series concludes the year-round showcase of French-Japanese cuisine by Michelinstarred guest chefs.

Born in Kagoshima prefecture in January 1984, Chef Otsuchihashi's interest in food was a result of a childhood allergies to chemical food additives. A gourmand at heart, he felt that the best way to express his love for food was to prepare it himself through his culinary creativity and hence decided at a young age to pursue the culinary arts as a lifelong vocation and craft. Chef Otsuchihashi attended

Tsuji Culinary Institute in Osaka after graduating from high school and furthered his culinary education in gastronomic centre of Lyon, France at the age of 19. He honed his skills in haute cuisine at the three Michelin-starred Le Chateau de Joël Robuchon in Ebisu, Restaurant Anis in Tokyo's Hatsudai neighbourhood, and Saturne in Paris. Chef Otsuchihashi opened CRAFTALE in 2015 at the young age of 31, in the trendy neighbourhood of Nakameguro along the Megurogawa River. The restaurant was awarded its first star in the MICHELIN Guide Tokyo 2017, retaining the accolade in 2018 and 2019. Almost every ingredient aspect – including breads and seasonings – at CRAFTALE is painstakingly handcrafted by small producers with minimal waste. He hopes to convey the essence of each artisan producer's philosophy and passion through the use of quality Japanese ingredients.

Dishes at CRAFTALE – a mash up of the words "craft" and "tale" alluding to story-telling through fine artistry – take guests on a gastronomic journey as Chef Otsuchihashi creates exquisite art that draws upon his childhood in Japan and his coming of age in France. Each dish features a pop of colour with flavours that are at once refreshing and delicate. Chef Otsuchihashi's dishes at *Art at CURATE* will take diners on a gastronomic journey through the four seasons on the plate fronted by the best Japanese ingredients executed with finesse.

Diners can look forward to Chef Otsuchihashi's vivid and visceral storytelling as they traverse the seasons with iconic dishes from CRAFTALE such as *Amuse Bouche* made with fresh scallops from Hokkaido, Japanese root vegetables, walnuts and truffle presented on a wooden plate, signifying the transition from autumn to winter. The visually conjuring *Snow Field*, an inventive dish of foie gras pate, grated Japanese daikon and Yuzu juice in a glass globe, topped with meringue that looks like freshly fallen snow in the frozen wilderness is complete with animal foot prints. Chef Otsuchihashi's traditional *Kamo Nanban* brings together Japan and France in a dish – a light soba served with duck and poireau leeks. End the meal by stepping into *Japanese Garden*, an elegant dessert made out of sesame seeds, Japanese matcha and black soy beans which is a treat for the palate and the eyes.

Booking details:

Art at CURATE Series 16 will be held at CURATE located at RWS (The Forum, Level 1) from 1 to 7 November 2019. The four-course lunch is available at S\$138++ per person, and eight-course dinner at S\$308++ per person.

Wine pairing menus with wines selected by RWS sommelier, Takayoshi Aoki is also available at \$\$198++ per person for lunch and \$\$428++ per person for dinner.

Reservations are strictly required and can made via (65) 6577 7288 or <u>curate@rwsentosa.com</u>. Please refer to Appendix A for menus.

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Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi

Chef-owner, CRAFTALE (One Michelin Star), Tokyo

A native of Kagoshima Prefecture, Chef Otsuchihashi's interest in food started from a young age. He attended Osaka's famed Tsuji Culinary Institute after completing high school and at the age of 19, travelled to France to study in the gastronomic centre of Lyon. He has since then worked both in haute cuisine – first at the Michelin-rated The Georgian Club in Tokyo and Three Michelin-starred Le Chateau de Joël Robuchon in Ebisu – and in smaller rarefied locations such as Saturne in Paris and Restaurant Anis in Tokyo's Hatsudai neighbourhood.

Chef Otsuchihashi opened CRAFTALE in 2015 and within two years, was awarded a Michelin star in 2017. He describes CRAFTALE as a mashup of the words "craft" and "tale" as well as an anagram of the French word *fractale*.

ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

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Art at CURATE Series 16 (1 – 7 November 2019) 4-course Lunch

Amuse Bouche Scallop. Walnut. Truffle CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi

Foie Gras Pate Sancho Pepper. Seabuckthorn CURATE 2016 Yves Cuilleron Condrieu La Petite Côte

> Soufflated Egg Salsa Verde. Caviar CURATE

Kamo Nanban Duck. Soba. Poireau CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi 2014 Domaine d'Eugénie, Vosne-Romanée

Japanese Garden Sesame. Green Tea. Black Soy Bean CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi

Petit Four



Art at CURATE Series 16 (1 – 7 November 2019) 8-course Dinner

Amuse Bouche Scallop. Walnut. Truffle CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi Emilio Lustau East India Solera Sherry

Snow Field Foie Gras. Yuzu. Daikon CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi 2016 Yves Cuilleron Condrieu La Petite Côte

> Soufflated Egg Salsa Verde. Caviar CURATE

Autumn Abalone. Potato. Mushroom CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otshuchihashi 2015 Louis Jadot Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume

Scallop Fermented White Cabbage Consommé. Parsley CURATE

> Pike Perch Smoked Beurre Blanc. Le Puy Lentils CURATE

Kamo Nanban Duck. Soba. Poireau CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi 2014 Domaine d'Eugénie, Vosne-Romanée

Cucumber Sherbet Elderflower Cream & Pine Needle Chip CURATE

Japanese Garden Sesame. Green Tea. Black Soy Bean CRAFTALE, Chef Shinya Otsuchihashi

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