

Regent Hong Kong Introduces Qura Bar: A Sensory Odyssey with Rare Spirits and Hypnotic Views



Hong Kong, 11 January, 2024 – Regent Hong Kong is delighted to announce the grand opening of Qura Bar. Perfectly situated with framed views overlooking Hong Kong's dazzling Victoria Harbour, Qura is more than a bar; it is a place where rare spirits, eclectic design and culinary delights from around the world converge. Designed by the renowned BAR Studio, Qura is set to become a landmark on Hong Kong's vibrant nightlife scene.

Qura's heart beats with the spirit of 'The Curator', an intrepid explorer in search of rare and vintage spirits. This modern-day explorer and expert tastemaker, driven by a relentless thirst for the extraordinary, has journeyed across continents, from the Caribbean's sun-kissed shores to the misty Scottish Highlands. The Curator's quest, inspired by ancient trade routes and a fervour for the exotic, has led to a collection of spirits that is as diverse as it is deep. Each selection, be it an Armagnac resonating with French vineyard history or a fiery Scotch whisky, embodies a journey through time and place. Ensconced in an imaginative ambience that conjures worldly mystique, guests at Qura are invited to indulge in the carefully selected array of flavours, brought together by The Curator's discerning palate and passion, reflecting a tapestry of tastes that celebrates the artistry and diversity of global spirits.

Experience the glamour of a bygone era, reimagined with contemporary flair

Embark on a unique sensory journey at Qura, envisioned by BAR Studio. Mirroring "The Curator's" eclectic taste and worldly explorations, the design features a whimsical collection of furniture and decorative items lovingly curated over a span of two years.

Comprising an interlinked drawing room, bar, dining lounge and cigar spaces, all with spectacular framed views of Victoria Harbour, Qura evokes the allure of a bygone era. An exploration through its curated spaces reflects a collection of found and carefully restored furniture, vintage and antique objects in original materials with authentic details and patinas, alongside Art Deco elements and custom-designed furnishings that add modern sophistication.

Transitioning from warm, inviting tones and rich velvets to cooler, tranquil hues, each space is adorned with bursts of colour, texture and intriguing objets d'art – from a whimsical emerald green parrot lamp in the entry hall to quirky table lamps with monkeys holding parasols and gilded monkey pirate sconces. In the arrival area and corridor, large vintage photos from the original Regent Hong Kong days recall the rich heritage of this exclusive venue.

Art Deco-inspired portals lead guests through a journey of discovery, where every corner is a celebration of global cultures and eras. All the while, mesmerising views of Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline take centre stage.

At the heart of Qura is a backlit rose quartzite bar, set in a space richly layered with hand blown Murano crystal lighting fixtures and decorative textiles, creating an atmosphere of bold fantasy. In the dining lounge, a quirky Timorous Beastie wallcovering with playful iguanas conjures images of an exotic tropical rainforest, while hand blown Venini Murano chandeliers ramp up the glamour, as diners soak in the hypnotic harbourviews.

In the Cigar Lounge, stunning custom-made de Gournay Chinoiserie wall coverings adorned with crystal sconces frame a green marble fireplace. A vintage tiger motif rug and Persian carpets add warmth and a touch of the exotic to cosy seating areas with a vintage quilted leather sofa and armchairs in this clubby haven for cigar aficionados.

Embark on a global exploration of the world's finest spirits, wines and cocktails.

Peruse the extensive Beverage Menu and discover a bespoke collection of rare spirits and wines, passionately curated from around the world. Significant highlights from the spirit collection include the 'Uniting Nations #3,' a rare blend of Japanese and Scottish whisky traditions, and the historic 'Ferrand Distilled Before 1914,' offering a taste of pre-World War I craftsmanship. The 'Foursquare Shibboleth,' a 16-year-old Barbados Single Blended Rum, encapsulates the rich legacy of Barbadian rum-making. Adding to these treasures, the 'Fiona Macleod 33-Year Old' by The Character of Islay Whisky Company stands out as a masterpiece of Islay's whisky heritage, offering a complex, peat-smoked flavour, a tribute to the mystique of Islay. The 'Jose Arechabala Ron Blanco Arecha' from the 1960s embodies the golden era of Cuban rum-making, a rare collector's item that speaks of Cuba's rich rum history. Finally, the 'Collector Gin #001,' a collaboration with Hong Kong's NIP Gin, is a testament to global exploration, infusing exotic botanicals from around the world encountered by 'The Collector.' These rare spirits are not just beverages but stories captured in bottles, brought from the farthest corners of the world to the heart of Hong Kong.

At Qura, Bar Manager Gennaro Pucci creates a cocktail experience that reflects the search for rare and vintage spirits. Each drink, from classic to innovative, tells a story of global discovery. Pucci's minimalist, handcrafted style makes every cocktail a unique journey, offering guests a taste of indulgence and exploration. In addition, Qura's exclusive wine programme features an exquisite partnership with Château

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, showcasing some of the finest vintages and offering a sublime journey through the celebrated vineyards of Burgundy.

Savour epicurean pleasures and accessible gastronomy in a sophisticated bistro ambience

In the Qura dining lounge, under the shimmer of the hand blown Venini Murano glass chandeliers, sip on rare spirits and bespoke cocktails while soaking in the majestic framed views of Victoria Harbour over selections from a menu that is a captivating blend of comfort and adventure. Some dishes are familiar favourites, while others blend exotic twists with ingredients from around the world. Signatures include 'Marinated red bell pepper,' 'Baby lamb shoulder "Aveyron",' and the luxurious 'Lobster linguini' and 'Black truffle porcini risotto.' The 'Catch of the Day,' sourced from various waters, and a refined selection of aged cheeses and charcuterie, reflect a world of exploration, flavours and traditions in every bite. The menu, which also features a diverse selection of oysters and caviar, is designed to perfectly pair with the curated beverages, as each dish brings unique tastes and origins to the table in the spirit of global culinary exploration.

Discover a cigar haven with hypnotic harbourviews

Adding to the indulgence, Qura boasts an exclusive cigar room, featuring six prestigious cigar brands: Cohiba, H Upmann, Hoyo de Monterrey, Montecristo, Partagas and Romeo and Juliet. With views of Victoria Harbour and the city skyline from the comfort of the vintage leather sofa and chairs in the cigar lounge, this is an idyllic place to enjoy these fine hand-rolled cigars, each carefully selected to complement the spirit and wine collection, The de Gournay Chinoiserie wall coverings framing the green marble fireplace and objets d'art including an antique cigar stand enhance the allure of this haven for cigar afficionados.

Qura invites guests to immerse themselves in a world where exceptional spirits, extraordinary wines, gourmet offerings and mesmersising harbourviews converge in an ambience of refined elegance and imaginative design. It is a destination where the art of curation and the joy of discovery come together to create an unmatched experience in Hong Kong's bar scene.

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