

Grand Hyatt Mumbai Launches Masters of the Table 2026

Grand Hyatt Mumbai, the city's iconic destination for luxury hospitality, immersive experiences and award-winning dining, unveils Masters of the Table 2026—a year-long culinary series that will host globally acclaimed chefs at its signature specialty restaurants, Celini and China House. Rooted in authenticity, craftsmanship and storytelling, the series underscores the hotel's commitment to curating ingredient-driven, experiential dining for Mumbai's cosmopolitan audience.

Building on the success of last year's celebrated guest chef collaborations, Masters of the Table 2026 elevates the experience with a carefully curated lineup of culinary masters from across the world—each presenting a distinct gastronomic narrative. The series opens with L'Essenza d'Italia at Celini, featuring Chef Vittorio Lepore, Chef de Cuisine at Verso, Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi. From 6 to 8 February 2026, guests are invited to embark on a three-day modern Italian dining journey, available for both lunch and dinner, where tradition meets contemporary expression.

Born in Bari in southeastern Italy, Chef Lepore brings a deeply personal approach to Italian cuisine, shaped by an international career spanning Florence, Südtirol, Oxfordshire, Copenhagen and Beijing. His distinguished culinary pedigree includes associations with globally revered kitchens such as Noma and Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. Defined by refined simplicity and ingredient-led cooking, his culinary philosophy focuses on emotionally resonant dishes that tell a story.

For Mumbai, Chef Lepore has curated a menu that pays homage to his Apulian roots while seamlessly incorporating global influences gathered throughout his journey. Signature highlights include Orecchiette alle Cime di Rapa, coastal-inspired creations such as risotto with scampi and citrus, and contemporary accents featuring black garlic and morels—resulting in a dining experience that feels soulful and familiar, yet unexpected in execution.

Sharing his perspective, Chef Vittorio Lepore said,

“My vision is to celebrate modern Italian cuisine through the lens of my Apulian heritage, while weaving in the global influences that have shaped my journey. For this experience, I wanted to bring the essence of Verso at Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi to Mumbai—creating a culinary journey that balances tradition, innovation and the spirit of contemporary Italy.”

Masters of the Table 2026 reinforces Grand Hyatt Mumbai’s leadership in shaping the city’s evolving culinary landscape—bringing together celebrated chefs, global flavours and elevated hospitality experiences under one roof.