

THE PENINSULA

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THE PENINSULA HONG KONG PRESENTS

GADDI'S 55th ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

On 18th December 2008, Gaddi's celebrates its fifty-fifth year of culinary excellence, exemplary service and renowned reputation. The once-in-a-lifetime gala dinner featuring a six-course menu paired with six exceptional wines, all from 1953 – the year that Gaddi's opened its doors – will be served on this remarkable day at Hong Kong's oldest and finest French restaurant.

Since 1953, Gaddi's has always lived up to its reputation as the best restaurant East of the Suez. Executive Chef Florian Trento says, "Gaddi's is born and raised in Hong Kong, fifty-five years of distinction in this business is pre-eminent anywhere in the world, especially in Asia. To Hong Kong, Gaddi's not only symbolises the most famous home-grown restaurant, but also represents remarkable birthday, wedding and anniversary memories housed in a legacy of fine dining."

The 55th anniversary gala dinner menu was created around wines that are just as extraordinary as Gaddi's: Château Canon 1953 – St Emilion, Château La Mission Haut Brion 1953 – Graves, Vieux Château Certan 1953 – Pomerol, Château Margaux 1953 – Margaux, Château Pichon Lalande 1953 – Pauillac, and Château Gillette 'Crème de Tête', Preignac 1953 – Sauternes.

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Chef Trento explains “It was a painstaking journey to search for exquisite wines all from 1953. Wines available from this year are already very limited to begin with, and our team spent an entire year to research and locate the wines on this gala menu, which are garnered from England and France.” Gaddi’s Chef David Goodridge adds, “It is a chance of a lifetime to taste six astonishing vintage wines on the same evening. On this momentous occasion of Gaddi’s 55th anniversary, guests have the opportunity not only to taste rare and exceptional wines but in addition a thoughtfully created menu – dishes designed to enliven the complexity of the wines while maintaining a balance between flavour and texture.”

Evolution rather than revolution, traditional yet up to date – Gaddi’s preserves the fine culinary experience in a classic and elegant manner, while adding modern interpretation in the presentation. “Since its opening in 1953, Gaddi’s has always been a leader in fine dining. Trends and tastes have changed, but the unwavering commitment to innovation, and the obsessive dedication to service and attention to detail has never altered,” says Goodridge.

On this special occasion, Gaddi’s brings back nostalgic memories by offering guests a limited edition gift, a replica of a silk-embroidered Chinese doll menu dating back to 1953 – the year Gaddi’s first opened its doors. To mark this anniversary, The Peninsula has reproduced these vintage menus for guests to bring home as a souvenir.

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Canette de Chalon au foie gras mariné, topinambours et noix rôtis

Challonnaise duck with marinated goose liver, Jerusalem artichokes and roasted walnuts

Château Canon 1953 – St Emilion

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Raviolo de joue de boeuf braisée au vin rouge, chou-fleur et câpres

Red wine braised beef cheek raviolo with cauliflower and capers

Château La Mission Haut Brion 1953 – Graves

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Combinaison de homard bleu d'Atlantique

Atlantic blue lobster combination

Vieux Château Certan 1953 – Pomerol

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Chevreuil rôtis lentement, légumes d'hiver, coings et sauce à l'Armagnac

Slow-roasted venison loin, winter vegetables, quince and Armagnac sauce

Château Margaux 1953 – Margaux

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Brie de Meaux et truffe noire

Brie from Meaux with black truffles

Château Pichon Lalande 1953 – Pauillac

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Chocolat Valrhona amer aux marrons et rhum

Bitter Valrhona chocolate with chestnuts and rum

Château Gillette 'Crème de Tête', Preignac 1953 – Sauternes

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Mocha ou thé Peninsula

Coffee or Peninsula tea

Petits fours

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A BRIEF HISTORY

With the opening of Gaddi's on 18th December 1953, Hong Kong residents no longer had to travel to France to experience the finest French cuisine. Named after The Peninsula's General Manager, Leo Gaddi, at the helm of the hotel from 1948 to 1960, the restaurant's reputation for exquisite dining developed straight away, although its inaugural menus offered Russian, Chinese and Continental dishes rather than the purely French fare that is its signature today.

By the 1960s Gaddi's had metamorphosed into an elegant supper club, comprising a three-tiered room with a dance floor on the lowest level. In 1978, the restaurant relocated from the Lobby level to its current location, the former ball room on the first floor. In 1994 Gaddi's re-opened after an eight-month hiatus, elegantly draped in subtle shades of beige, cream and gold, all of which have remained until today.

With its dance floor and band, Gaddi's is one of the very few venues in Hong Kong to dine and dance. Each evening, the band and singer perform soulful jazz during dinner, giving the restaurant a supper club ambience.

Please note the dress code for Gaddi's is jackets for gentlemen, with ladies dressed similarly (no jeans, flip-flops, beach sandals or plastic footwear. Additionally for gentlemen, full length trousers only and no sleeveless shirts). We respectfully advise that children under 12 are not permitted in Gaddi's.

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