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BOBA AND MORE GEMS: SEASONAL AFTEROON TEA AT GARDEN LOUNGE

30 October 2020, Hong Kong SAR, China – Garden Lounge works in collaboration with the city's newest healthy boba tea house, Mother Pearl, to push the boundaries of bubble tea treats. The creative force presents **Boba and More Gems** afternoon tea from 27 October 2020, introducing a menu of sweet and savoury treats inspired by Mother Pearl's vision on mindful consumption, wellness and sustainable lifestyle.

Offering a healthy alternative for sweets aficionados, **Boba and More Gems** comes with an enticing array of gourmet treats inspired by key ingredients of the specialty drinks spotlighted in this collaboration. **Smoked Eggplant Sandwich Roll** presents a wholesome savoury bite where the soft tomato bread is filled with flavourful eggplant puree, turmeric, piquillo pepper and Thai coriander. Beautifully housed in a verrine glass, **Over the Rainbow** features cashew yoghurt and charcoal tapioca, followed by a layer of turmeric and masala-seasoned lobster salad, and topped with white balsamic-marinated beetroot jelly.

Black Sesame and Matcha Verrine is a dessert version of a bubble tea drink – tapioca with sesame paste at the bottom, enriched with vanilla cream, and covered by a silky smooth matcha cream. Dressed in a romantic pink hue, **Strawberry and Sake Lingot** is a pillowy cream cake highlighted with a hint of sweet lychee note. A palate pleaser for vegans, **Rise and Shine** achieves its creamy texture with cashew and almond milk, presenting feather-like banana mousse on a peanut butter tartlet. Delivering irresistible exotic tastes in every bite, **Triple Chocolate Cookie** is infused with a generous slab of chai ganache.

The afternoon tea is served with vegan scones in plain and smoked pepper cheese flavours. A healthier option and equally enticing treat, the scones are made with whole wheat flour, vegan butter and Mother Pearl's plant-based "oat hemp mylk", a milk substitute for vegans.

Accompanying the gastronomic gems is a selection of delicious bubble teas filled with house-blended vegan "mylks", natural sugar and handcrafted bubbles for traditional ingredients. Guests can choose from three signature drinks of Mother Pearl – **PO Mylk Tea**, **Pot of Gold** and **Coconut Matcha**. **PO Mylk Tea** is a wholesome layered drink of rose petal, keemun rose tea, oat cashew milk, coconut condensed milk, chia seed, grass jelly and acai tapioca. An anti-inflammatory chai latte, **Pot of Gold** is a palatable concoction of activated charcoal tapioca, turmeric tapioca, masala chai tea, oat cashew milk and coconut sugar, together with a creamy layer of coconut foam. An all-natural blend of matcha powder, **Coconut Matcha** is lightly sweetened with Lakanto monkfruit syrup, pink coconut water and moringa tapioca.

Boba and More Gems

Price: HKD 698 for two persons
Date: 27 October until 30 November 2020
Time: First session: 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Second session: 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Venue: Garden Lounge, UG/F, The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel

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About Mother Pearl

Under the umbrella of PO house, a one-stop shop of sustainable lifestyle brands, Mother Pearl is a healthy beverage brand and the first and only boba tea purveyor in Hong Kong with all of its ingredients house-made from scratch. Located on Lyndhurst Terrace in Central, Mother Pearl is devoted to serving delicious textured teas filled with house-blended vegan "mylks", unique flavors, and ingredients with proven benefits for physical and emotional wellbeing.

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