

### Media Release

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# THE STAR GOLD COAST RINGS IN LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION HERALDING THE YEAR OF THE OX

The Star Gold Coast is set to bring an abundance of joy and Lunar New Year revelry when it ushers in the Year of the Ox with an opulent celebration of food, fun and family this February.

From Thursday 11 February until Friday 26 February, The Star will welcome Gold Coasters, their families and their friends with opulent dining experiences and mouth-watering special menus as well as live entertainment that's sure to excite.

The Star Gold Coast Chief Operating Officer Jess Mellor said colourful entertainment would bring festive flavour to the iconic Gold Coast resort, while some of its most popular restaurants would inject international flair into a custom menu of uniquely crafted dishes to honour the important cultural celebration.

"Our talented chefs have created authentic and tantalising special dishes and menus to ensure everyone can celebrate this significant event on the cultural calendar in spectacular fashion," Ms Mellor said.

"What better way to mark this auspicious occasion than to watch a dazzling lion dance and firecracker performance before tucking into dim sum at Imperial at the Star, or traditional Lunar New Year cakes at Mei Wei Dumplings?

"For a prosperous and luxurious start to the Lunar New Year, guests can include in our most decadent seafood with Kiyomi's magnificent Seafood Celebration Platter."

Ms Mellor said The Star had placed considerable thought and attention into every detail of its Lunar New Year experience to ensure guests who could not travel overseas for traditional family celebrations could still enjoy an authentic and uplifting celebration.

Lion dancers will bring energy and excitement to The Star as the much-loved spectacle weaves its way through the property, delighting guests of all ages.

The Star is the most authentically festive destination on the Gold Coast to play, stay and dine this Lunar New Year.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

#### Live Performances | 11 - 26 February

The Star Gold Coast is home to a dazzling array of free, live entertainment and elaborate decorations during the Lunar New Year period including lion dancers and firecrackers. The traditional lion dance begins with a bang as firecrackers are lit at the property's main entrance. The dancers weave their way through the Atrium and Imperial at the Star restaurant, before dancing through The Darling Lobby to end the performance in the main foyer.

#### Highlights include:

- Thursday 11 February (eve of Lunar New Year) firecrackers, lion dance
- Friday 12 February (Lunar New Year) firecrackers, lion dance performance in the Atrium
- Saturday 13 February firecrackers, lion dance performance in the Atrium
- Friday 26 February (last day of Lunar New Year celebration) lion dance





#### SIGNATURE DINING

#### Imperial at the Star | 8 - 21 February

The Star Gold Coast's Executive Chef of Asian Cuisine, Song Yao Su, has combined traditional Mandarin and Cantonese ingredients with his signature flair to craft a special Lunar New Year menu for Imperial at the Star.

Chef Song brings more than 30 years of international experience to his all-inclusive menu that highlights an eclectic mix of flavours and fusions as well as region-specific dishes.

"We import the best ingredients, sauces and spices directly from Hong Kong and pair them with the highest quality local and seasonal produce to produce flavoursome Chinese cuisine that surprises and intrigues our guests," Chef Song said.

Diners can celebrate Lunar New Year with a selection of special dim sum dishes or sample the a la carte's unique, yet familiar flavours.

#### Kiyomi | 11 - 17 February

Gold Coast's premier Japanese restaurant, Kiyomi, embraces opulence with a jaw-dropping Seafood Celebration Platter (\$888) featuring lavish portions of the highest-grade seafood including sashimi lobster and Siberian Black Pearl Caviar.

The exquisite platter is designed to bring families and friends together in a luxurious celebration of new beginnings and the promise of an abundant and prosperous new year.

#### **CASUAL DINING**

#### Mei Wei Dumplings | 8 - 21 February

Celebrate the Year of the Ox with a delicious selection of Lunar New Year cakes (\$8 each) at Mei Wei Dumplings:

- Nian Gao (glutinous rice cake)
- Luo Bo Gao (radish cake)
- Ma Ti Gao (water chestnut cake)

With a name that translates to 'delicious', Mei Wei Dumplings provides a contemporary take on the hawker lanes of Hong Kong and serves quality dumplings and mouth-watering noodles throughout the Lunar New Year celebrations.

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