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## **Yuletide celebrations kick off at Marina Bay Sands with David Beckham**

*Rediscover the joy of giving with a festive light-up &  
Christmas menus from 1 December*

SINGAPORE (25 November 2020) – Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham brought extra cheer to the festive season at Marina Bay Sands as he made a special virtual appearance to kick off the dining festivities across the integrated resort (IR).



*Chef Tetsuya Wakuda chatted with David Beckham about his signature Marinated Botan Shrimp with Sea urchin and Oscietra Caviar*

The event, held at the state-of-the-art Hybrid Broadcast Studio at Sands Expo & Convention Centre, saw Beckham speak of his love for cooking and new hobbies that include beekeeping and gardening. The self-professed foodie even shared a video of himself making mulled wine using a recipe from his friend and celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay.

Diners to Bread Street Kitchen will be in for a treat as the famed mulled wine will be offered on the restaurant's menu from now till the end of December.

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David Beckham said: “Marina Bay Sands has always felt like a home away from home for me. Even though I can’t be there in person this year, I wanted to take this opportunity together with Marina Bay Sands to wish you all a Merry Christmas.”



*David Beckham surprises Marina Bay Sands with a home-baked cake to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IR*

Speaking from his home in London, Beckham also engaged in lively banter with members of the press and Chef Tetsuya Wakuda of the two-Michelin-starred Waku Ghin, one of Beckham’s favourite restaurants on property.

Chef Tetsuya’s surprise guest appearance delighted the audience, as he offered a sneak preview of the re-opening of the acclaimed Waku Ghin. The culinary maestro spoke about the origins of Waku Ghin, and what diners can look forward to when the restaurant re-opens its doors soon.

Following Chef Tetsuya’s guest appearance, the evening culminated in a series of star-studded holiday greetings from two other celebrity chefs – Wolfgang Puck and Daniel Boulud – from halfway across the globe. Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of CUT and db Bistro & Oyster Bar, both Wolfgang Puck and Daniel Boulud thanked their Singapore teams for a decade of excellence and dedication. Quipped Chef Puck, “I feel like I should be an honorary citizen of Singapore. To me, Singapore is my favourite place.”

From tomorrow until 25 December, the iconic building will also light up for the yuletide season with a 5-minute Christmas-themed animation using “snowflakes” and light projections to simulate “snowfall” on the IR’s building façade each night from 8pm to midnight at half hour intervals.

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*The Looking Glass booths boasts Singapore's first interactive, holographic Santa*

Also, for the first time in Singapore, visitors to The Shoppes can enjoy an interactive Christmas experience at booths where they can have fun with animated 3D Santas via a holographic screen boasting an 8K display resolution. Titled *Looking Glass*, three of these booths will be located throughout the shopping mall, to allow visitors to interact with a different themed Santa at each booth – Dapper Santa, Gourmet Santa and Joyous Santa.

These holographic screens are controlled via motion sensors, enabling visitors to select outfits for Dapper Santa to wear, dishes for Gourmet Santa to whip up in a kitchen, or receive virtual gifts of luck, love and health from Joyous Santa, depending on the booth they visit.

This evening's event also kicked off six weeks of festive feasts across Marina Bay Sands' celebrity chef and signature restaurants, with [Thanksgiving specials](#) (26 November) being the first of many epic holiday menus to come. Foodies can look forward to plentiful options for Christmas celebrations, from a classic British three-course festive menu at **Bread Street Kitchen** and dazzling four-course Christmas Eve menus at **Spago Dining Room** and **db Bistro & Oyster Bar**, to splendid family-sized sharing meals at **LAVO** and **KOMA**.

Additionally, discover a host of attractive dining and beverage specials on [Marina Bay Sands' advent calendar](#), available<sup>1</sup> throughout December<sup>2</sup>. Highlights include special tasting menus at one-Michelin starred **CUT** and **Spago**, 1-for-1 cocktails at **ADRIFT** and **RISE**, as well as complimentary desserts and treats at **Bread Street Kitchen**, **Origin + Bloom** and **Yardbird**. Finally, count down to 2021 over a myriad of celebratory feasts on New Year's Eve and glorious brunches on New Year's Day.

<sup>1</sup> Advent specials are available in limited quantities, while some may require minimum spending. For more information, visit [marinabaysands.com/festivespecials](http://marinabaysands.com/festivespecials).

<sup>2</sup> Block out dates apply: 24, 25 and 31 December.

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