

Real talk: Dubai is one of the culinary capitals of the world. There's such a diverse range of eateries serving everything from steak and ceviche to seven-course menus of the highest order, you can always find a great meal. In 2018, the scene will be boosted by more great options, so here's a look at the spots we can't wait to eat at.

BEEFBAR

Opening in Al Fattan Currency House in DIFC – in the space vacated by Greg Malouf's Clé – this is the latest in a franchise that already has restaurants as far as Monte Carlo, Hong Kong and Mexico City. Their blurb talks about diners having "meat to satisfy their carnivorous desire" which sounds sinister, but it's a beef menu split into three, with street food to share, a "great meats" section including Australian Wagyu and the famed Japanese Kobe, and then a section with fish, risotto and pastas.

Where: DIFC

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LE PETIT BELGE

Business Bay's DoubleTree by Hilton in Bay Square will house a new branch of the Belgian restaurant that's already popular in JLT as a reliable facsimile of Belgian cuisine. Expect mussels and frites with mayo, decent breads, and all the traditional Belgian dishes as well as a range of imported Belgian drinks that, with the new 5% VAT, will feel even more like a luxurious once-in-a-while treat.

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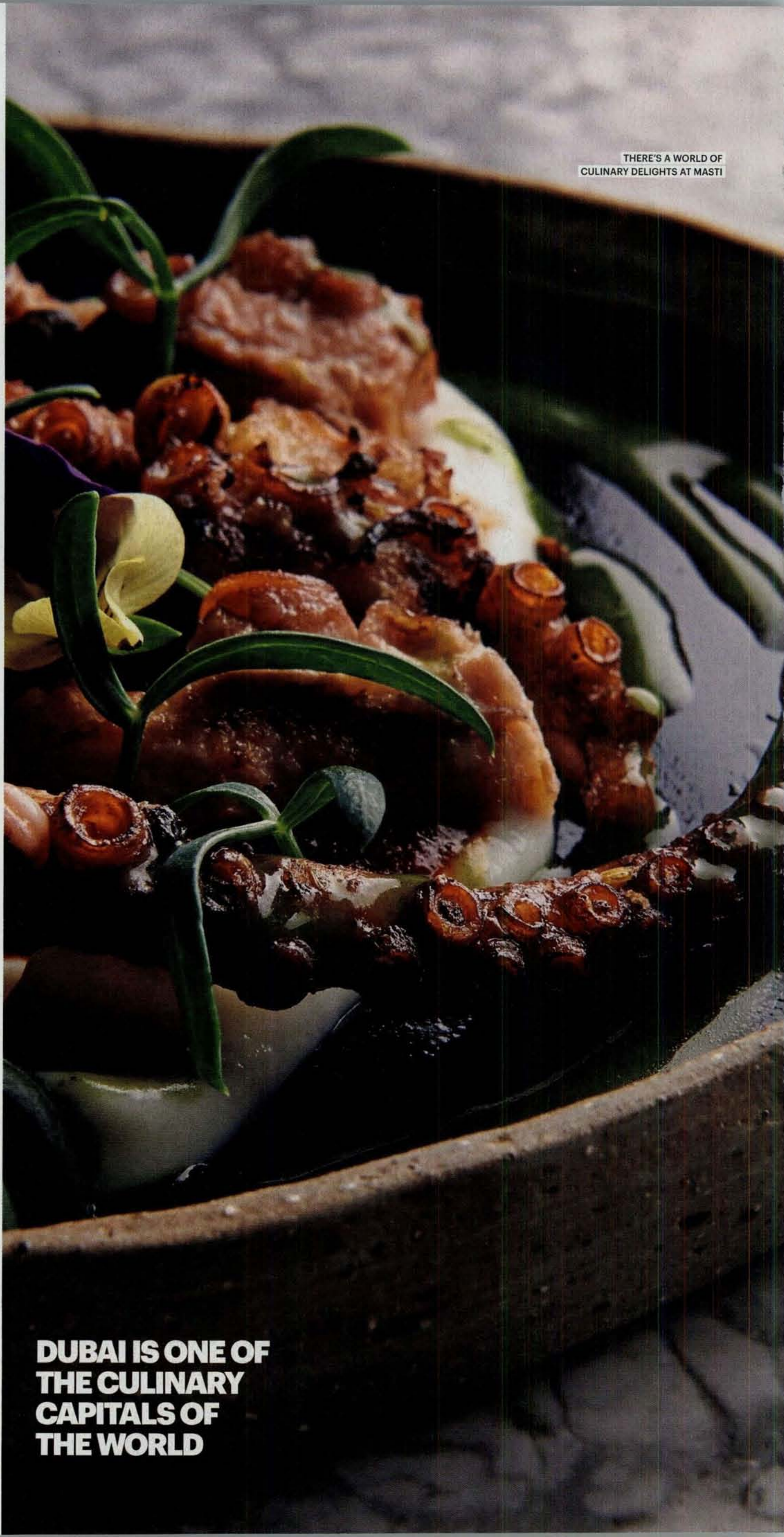
The new Renaissance Downtown Hotel has just opened but January will see the launch of Chef Masaharu Morimoto's two-floor restaurant. The ex-Nobu head chef has starred on TV cooking show The Iron Chef for many years, while some of his restaurants in Japan have been awarded Michelin stars. The Dubai restaurant will also have private rooms you can hire with access via your own PIN.

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STK

Following on from the branch in JBR, the Address Dubai Mall will open another outlet of the Las Vegas steak restaurant. With seating for 240 inside and 100 outside overlooking the Dubai



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