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Eggs and pegs

AFTER eggs it was time for pegs! Well, after the formal opening of yet another outlet of Eggsplore, this one at Oshiwara, it was time for the after-party at Hymus lounge with the spirits in full flow. Lovers of eggs and dishes lovingly prepared with eggs were happy to be amidst an indoor and fast-casual style food environment. Brand partners Rakesh Rathi

Chandresh Kothari and Krishna Rande were there to warmly welcome the many guests that included Shweta Khanduri, Smita Gondkar and Akansha Singh. The talk was that Eggsplore is a trademark registered brand and the only company in the country that is preparing egg dishes on an induction machine. It is a rising chain of themed fast food outlets specially designed for people who love eggs. Of course, people enjoyed the pegs, too.



AKBAR SAMI

JYOTSNA CHANDOLA

Music mania

VORTEX, the fusion bar in Bandra, was the place to be as it hosted the launch party for popular DJ Akbar Sami's new album titled 'Kabhi Kabhi.' Guests enjoyed the mesmerising music as they experienced the diner, lounge and club with its founder Santosh Shetty.

Specially designed by the parametric consultants to resemble a starship, Club Vortex is described as a treat for all party enthusiasts. With an area spanning 3,500 square feet, it is dubbed as a designated premium club space with an excellent sound system (Martin Audio from the UK) and top-notch lighting designed using Madrix software from Germany. Guests also learnt that the many events and gigs at Vortex are carefully curated and programmed by Raveena Rai and team.

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ANNA CARLANDER-MUNRO, TIM HALL, ROXANNE BAMBOAT, SHAHEEN BAMBOAT & ALIYA ELARISS

Wine and dine

It was formal yet festive as All Things Nice and COMO The Treasury Hotel, Australia presented a curated culinary experience by Jed Gerrard, executive chef of Wildflower, Perth's classiest fine-dining restaurant. On offer at Artisan at Sofitel were contemporary dishes revolving around the indigenous ethos of the six seasons in Western Australia. The five-course sit-down dinner, curated by sommelier Nikhil Agarwal, saw guests like Peter Baldwin, Commissioner, Government of Western Australia, Rob Delane, Deputy Director General, Government of Western Australia, Tim Hall,

Vice Consul, Australia, Patrik Riese, MD and CEO, Volkswagen, Desiree Dubier and Gazella Thomas of Cathay Pacific and Nick Pringle, COO, Sula Vineyards. Partners at this extravagant

evening were Sofitel, Cox & Kings, Government of Western Australia, The Australian Government, Food and Wine India, Cathay Pacific, Classic Coffee, Jean Claude Biguine, Mud House Wines, William Hardy Wines, Sula Vineyards and Remy Martin. Yes, besides fine wines there was cognac, too.



PETER BALDWINN, JED GERRARD & NIKHIL MERCHANT

Sip of passion

WHEN passion meets inspiration, an obsession is born. Jean-Charles Boisset, acclaimed French vintner and proprietor of Boisset Collection, France's third largest wine group and Burgundy's largest wine producer and Kapil Sekhri, co-founder of Fratelli Wines, launched J'Noon range of wines at Four Seasons Hotel. The evening, presented by Master of Wines Sonal Holland, saw guests sip and savour the sparkling, white and red wines created with



KAPIL SEKHRI, SONAL HOLLAND & CHARLES BOISSET

grapes carefully selected and handpicked from the Fratelli estate-owned vineyards in Akluj in Solapur. The sparkling wine named JCB No. 47 in honour of India's independence was filled with aromas of green apples, tropical fruit and brioche, J'Noon White had green

apple, white pear and stone fruit flavours of Chardonnay along with fresh, vibrant lime, lemongrass, white pepper, jasmine and herbaceous fruit flavours of Sauvignon Blanc and J'Noon Red was full-bodied with flavours of black fruits and structured tannins.

Family and friends

HOSPITALITY entrepreneur, interior designer, urban planner, adventurer and architect Jimmy Mistry hosted a private dinner to celebrate famed cricketer Farokh Engineer's 80th birthday at Della Adventure and Resorts. The two Parsis have forged a strong bond over the years and the celebration was a good excuse to get friends, fraternity and family together to commemorate this landmark birthday and toast the dashing, suave gentleman. Legendary cricket stars Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar were there to share anecdotes and reminisce about the good old days. Guests got a chance to experience Della Adventure and Resorts comprising an adventure resort, luxury resort, banquets, multi-cuisine



SUNIL GAVASKAR, JIMMY MISTRY & FAROKH ENGINEER

restaurants, residential villas and a range of Signature Suites. A new segment, Della Adventure and Training Academy (DATA), was also introduced to the guests that included veteran journalist Khalid A-H Ansari and mentalist Deepak Rao among others.