

**TAO GROUP SETS ITS SIGHTS ON SINGAPORE, WITH PLANS TO  
OPEN THREE ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING CONCEPTS  
WITHIN 2019 AT MARINA BAY SANDS**

***Celebrated nightlife concepts MARQUEE Nightclub and AVENUE to open on 12 April and in May respectively, followed by KOMA, a modern Japanese eatery and sushi bar set to open within the year***



*(From L-R): Renderings of MARQUEE Nightclub, AVENUE and KOMA (courtesy of TAO Group)*

**Singapore, 22 February 2019** - Leading restaurant and nightlife company TAO Group further anchors its presence in Asia with the announcement of three new entertainment and lifestyle concepts in a joint venture with Marina Bay Sands. Having successfully launched LAVO Singapore in January 2018 - the brand's first foray into Asia - TAO Group is set to once again shake up Singapore's entertainment and dining scene with the opening of internationally renowned MARQUEE Nightclub on 12 April and speakeasy-style lounge, AVENUE in May this year. A Japanese eatery and sushi bar, KOMA, is also set to debut within this year, offering a brand new dining experience under the TAO Group umbrella.

**THE LAUNCH OF MARQUEE NIGHTCLUB TO HERALD A NEW ERA FOR THE NIGHTLIFE SCENE IN SINGAPORE**

Making its highly-anticipated grand debut in Asia on 12 April, the celebrated MARQUEE Nightclub will open with a red carpet event and an exhilarating line-up of internationally-acclaimed DJs, promising revellers a taste of the immersive, high-energy spectacle that it is famous for.

Singapore marks MARQUEE's first venture into Asia and the fourth in the world following New York, Las Vegas and Sydney. As one of the longest running nightclubs in New York since its launch in 2003, MARQUEE nightclubs across the world have featured residencies of world-class DJs and artists like Armin

van Buuren, Alesso, Kaskade, Dash Berlin, Andrew Rayel, DJ Khaled, Travis Scott and Post Malone, to name a few.

MARQUEE will be the biggest club in Singapore - spanning over 2,300 square metres, featuring three floors and dramatically high ceilings that soar 30 metres. It will also be home to the first one-of-a-kind, fully-operational, eight-armed Ferris Wheel that will provide guests with unique photo moments and an unparalleled view of the nightclub from its pods. A three-storey high slide also adds to the nightclub's carnivalesque atmosphere, offering guests an extraordinary party experience filled with amusement.

As a top destination that attracts the best in music talent, the club will also feature a state-of-the-art Funktion One DJ console and sound system along with a stellar line-up of internationally acclaimed DJs following its launch.

### **TAO GROUP BRINGS SPEAKEASY VIBES WITH THE OPENING OF AVENUE**

Come May, TAO Group and Marina Bay Sands will also unveil AVENUE Singapore, a swanky speakeasy-style lounge on the ground level of the same complex but with a distinctly different vibe. Designed by iCrave, AVENUE Singapore presents itself as a layered, luxurious and immersive environment for those who seek a more intimate venue for a night out. Drawing inspiration from original locations in New York and Los Angeles, AVENUE Singapore will feature the latest in craft cocktail technology and fun features like a mini bowling alley and arcade with vintage pinball machines, in addition to its plush custom banquets, DJ booth, intelligent lighting and top of the line Funktion One sound system. This space will also play host to a distinct hip-hop and rock n roll music experience with its own DJs, entertainers and exclusive parties.

### **KOMA, A NEW CONCEPT BY TAO GROUP TO DEBUT IN SINGAPORE**

With plans to open KOMA, a Japanese eatery and sushi bar within the year, TAO Group will welcome an entirely new dining concept under its umbrella. The restaurant designed by Rockwell Group completes the one-stop shop complex, creating an unparalleled nightlife and dining destination that will continuously excite guests.

**TAO Group's co-founder, Noah Tepperberg, said,** "Singapore has proven to be the robust heart and soul within Asia for us at TAO Group. The opening of our first venture, LAVO, in January 2018 set a great momentum for our successful entry into Singapore. 2019 is looking to be an even stronger year for us with the introduction of three new venues - MARQUEE, AVENUE and KOMA - under one complex at Marina



Bay Sands. We are excited and humbled to play a part in shaping the future of Singapore's entertainment and dining landscape, and to bring about a thrilling integration of concepts for guests from Singapore and beyond."

**Las Vegas Sands' Vice President of Global Restaurant and Nightlife Development, Patrick Lang, said,** "Marina Bay Sands' collaboration with TAO Group has grown over the past year since the launch of LAVO in January 2018. As industry forerunners in Asia, we are thrilled to unveil this multi-concept dining and entertainment destination with the launch of MARQUEE, AVENUE and KOMA. The launch of these concepts are part of the company's strategy to continually reinvest in our properties and to introduce innovative concepts and renowned global brands that will attract new and repeat visitors. With their international appeal, all three venues will enhance Singapore's dining and nightlife scene."

*MARQUEE is located at Marina Bay Sands, 2 Bayfront Avenue, #B1-67, Singapore 018972. Minimum age for admission is 18 years old. Further details on AVENUE Singapore and KOMA to follow.*



## **About TAO Group**

TAO Group is a global hospitality company that develops, owns and operates many of the most successful food, beverage and nightlife entertainment venues. Founding partners Marc Packer, Rich Wolf, Noah Tepperberg, and Jason Strauss bring decades of hospitality experience to the company. Currently TAO Group boasts operations in New York City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Chicago, Singapore and Sydney, Australia. In New York City, the collection includes Avenue, Beauty & Essex, LAVO Italian Restaurant and Nightclub, MARQUEE Nightclub, TAO Asian Bistro Uptown, TAO Asian Bistro Downtown and Vandal. TAO Group operates all of the food and beverage outlets within the Dream Downtown hotel including room service, PHD Rooftop, Electric Room and Bodega Negra. Additionally, they operate all of the food & beverage outlets within the Dream Midtown hotel including The Rickey, Fishbowl and PHD Terrace. TAO Group unveiled three new concepts within Moxy Times Square including Legasea, a Seafood Brasserie; Egghead, an egg-centric all-day breakfast sandwich shop; and Magic Hour Rooftop Bar & Lounge, New York City's largest hotel rooftop open year round. Las Vegas operations include TAO Asian Bistro, Nightclub & Beach at The Venetian, LAVO Italian Restaurant & Lounge at The Palazzo, Beauty & Essex at The Cosmopolitan and MARQUEE Nightclub & Dayclub at The Cosmopolitan. TAO Group's Los Angeles venues include Avenue, Beauty & Essex, Luchini Pizzeria & Bar, TAO Asian Bistro and The Highlight Room rooftop, lounge, pool and grill atop the Dream Hollywood. MARQUEE Nightclub at The Star - Sydney represents the company's first international offering. TAO Group made its Asia debut with the opening of LAVO Italian Restaurant & Rooftop Bar in Singapore at Marina Bay Sands. TAO Group's most recent U.S. market expansion introduced TAO Asian Bistro & Nightclub to Chicago. Next up in 2019, TAO Group will unveil new concepts within Moxy Chelsea including Feroce Ristorante, Feroce Caffè, Bar Feroce, and The Fleur Room. For more information, please visit [www.taogroup.com](http://www.taogroup.com) or follow @taogroup.

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