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## Old World Hospitality to bring Indian Accent to London



Old World Hospitality is to replace its Chor Bizarre restaurant on Albemarle Street, Mayfair, with a UK outpost of Indian Accent, the highly rated top-end restaurant brand helmed by chef Manish Mehrotra.

Indian Accent currently has restaurants in New Delhi and New York. The original restaurant in India is one of the highest rated places to eat in the subcontinent. It is currently the only Indian restaurant in India to feature on the World's 50 Best Restaurants list (number 78 on the 51-100 list) and has been named the best restaurant in India by Asia's 50 Best Restaurants for three years running.

Mehrotra is planning to move to London to oversee the launch of the restaurant, which is expected to open in late Autumn. Like the two existing restaurants, Indian Accent London will serve creative modern Indian dishes that use local produce and reference "home style nostalgic cooking".

Mehrotra's dishes include chicken kofta with Punjabi kadhi and onion pakora; crab claws with butter, pepper, garlic and cauliflower; and goat brains with Khasta roti.

Design LSM is overseeing the design which is described as "being contemporary and clean using reimagined materials familiar in Indian architecture". The lobby is described as being dark and intimate and is designed to contrast with the lighter, minimalist interiors in the main restaurant, which will have combed pearl-lustered plastered walls, reminiscent of Indian Accent's locations in New Delhi and New York.

"We are so very grateful to the loyal diners of Chor Bizarre, London for their love and patronage, that kept us going for 20 glorious years," says Old World Hospitality founder and chairman Rohit Khattar. "This decision to close Chor Bizarre was hard.

"However, it did need major refurbishment after so long and whilst we were looking for a home for Indian Accent, we realised that there was no space more perfect than Albemarle Street. We do hope that London embraces Indian Accent as warmly as New York has."

The new restaurant will be located just a few doors up from Gymkhana - the former National Restaurant of the Year run by the Sethi family close to a number of other high-end Indian restaurants, including Jamavar, Benares and Tamarind.

Alongside Indian Accent and the now three-strong Chor Bizarre brand, Old World Hospitality operates two hotels and 35 restaurants in India and abroad including Tikka Town, The All American Diner, Oriental Octopus and Eatopia.