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## Brasserie Fouquet's takes up residence inside Louvre Abu Dhabi

**Fouquet's will open its doors in the United Arab Emirates at the beginning of 2020, with a menu created in collaboration with Pierre Gagnaire.**

Well-known for its links to the worlds of art and culture, Fouquet's has been the place to go for Parisian food lovers in search of top-quality brasserie-style classics for more than a century. Since rolled out from Paris to Cannes, Toulouse, Marrakech, La Baule, Enghien-les-Bains, Courchevel and Montreux, the legendary Parisian brasserie will be opening its doors in 2020 in a place that is equally symbolic in terms of France's international exposure.

Set at the heart of Louvre in Abu Dhabi, this exceptional project - Fouquet's 9<sup>th</sup> Brasserie - is a symbol of openness to the world, promising a gourmet experience to be shared in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, in traditional Parisian brasserie style, whilst respecting the local culture.

Drawing inspiration from the museum's elegant and artistic architecture, designed by Jean Nouvel, Fouquet's Abu Dhabi will also remain true to the brand's aesthetic codes with its unique ambiance and distinctive red leather armchairs. Created in conjunction with Chef Pierre Gagnaire, the menu will propose a number of Fouquet's signature dishes, whilst adapting to the local culture and an international clientèle.

*«The arrival of Fouquet's at Louvre Abu Dhabi is a milestone in the international development of the Barrière Group. Thanks to our strong iconic concept and our expertise, we are legitimate to associate ourselves with a place whose cultural and artistic value is well established. Barrière is proud to be able to offer, from next year, our Parisian brasserie's main dishes mixed with local flavors in such a symbolic place.»* says Dominique Desseigne, President and CEO.

### About Barrière

*Founded in 1912 by François André and subsequently developed and managed by Lucien Barrière, Diane Barrière-Desseigne and Dominique Desseigne, Barrière has developed a benchmark in the luxury hotel industry and high sophisticated restauration founded with the view to providing operational excellence, a*



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*quality of service that is second to none and French art de vivre. Today it owns 18 Hotels\* (mainly 5 stars) and more than 140 bars and restaurants, one of which is the renowned Fouquet's in Paris (with subsidiaries in 7 other cities) and organises almost 3,500 shows and events every year.*

*Barriere Group was 1.2 billion euros at the end of their financial year on 31st October 2018, and they now comprise almost 7,000 staff members.*

*Barrière is also well known in the food and beverage industry, serving some 2 million meals, in the leisure industry with 15 spas, 1 thalassotherapy centre in La Baule, 1 balneotherapy centre in Ribeaupillé, 3 golf courses and 2 tennis clubs, and is increasingly making a name for itself through its world renown Resorts located in many popular tourist destinations.*

*\*including Le Carl Gustaf which will open last quarter 2019*

### **About Louvre Abu Dhabi**

*Created by an exceptional agreement between the governments of Abu Dhabi and France, Louvre Abu Dhabi was designed by Jean Nouvel and opened on Saadiyat Island in November 2017. The museum is inspired by traditional Islamic architecture and its monumental dome creates a rain of light effect and a unique social space that brings people together.*

*Louvre Abu Dhabi celebrates the universal creativity of mankind and invites audiences to see humanity in a new light. Through its innovative curatorial approach, the museum focuses on building understanding across cultures: through stories of human creativity that transcend civilisations, geographies and times.*

*The museum's growing collection is unparalleled in the region and spans thousands of years of human history, including prehistoric tools, artefacts, religious texts, iconic paintings and contemporary artworks. The permanent collection is supplemented by rotating loans from 13 French partner institutions, regional and international museums.*

*Louvre Abu Dhabi is a testing ground for new ideas in a globalised world and champions new generations of cultural leaders. Its international exhibitions, programming and Children's Museum are inclusive platforms that connect communities and offer enjoyment for all.*

*In 2019—the declared Year of Tolerance in the United Arab Emirates—Louvre Abu Dhabi will continue to be a hub for all cultures and a symbol of openness, hope, tolerance and inclusivity in the Arab world.*



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