### Hedy Khoo STFood Online Editor recommends



Moosehead Kitchen-Bar's (clockwise from top) Spicy Tuna & Quinoa Bowl, Pork Ragu Tagliatelle and Fried Chicken Burger. ST PHOTOS: HEDY KHOO

#### FLAVOURSOME RAGU

The Pork Ragu Tagliatelle (\$18+) from Moosehead Kitchen-Bar looks like any other ordinary pasta dish. But once you taste the housemade tomato sauce, you know it is not. The tanginess is well-balanced and you can see finely diced onion and carrot in the flavour-packed sauce. There is also a rich meatiness from the generally amount of minced park

from the generous amount of minced pork.

The tagliatelle is a tad overcooked for my preference and breaks easily, but the flavoursome gravy makes up for it.

At Moosehead, the tomato sauce is prepared in-house thrice weekly and cooked for three hours at a time. The Pork Ragu Tagliatelle is made using braised pork shoulder.

The restaurant serves what it describes as edgy food that centres on Mediterranean flavours with influences from around the world.

The Fried Chicken Sandwich (\$12+) is worth ordering. The panko-coated chicken cutlet arrives hot and crispy. The house sauce packed with tomatoes keeps the fried chicken from being cloying. Moosehead prepares its cutlets from fresh boneless chicken thighs which are marinated for 24 hours.

For a lighter option, go for the Spicy Tuna & Quinoa Bowl (\$18+). Each spoonful is a lovely play of textures, derived from the firm tuna cubes, vinaigrette-dressed quinoa, fresh rockets, creamy avocado slices and crunchy to asted sesame seeds.

The combination of ingredients makes the dish tasty even without the dressing of the soya-based sesame sauce with Korean chilli and fresh chilli padi that is packed on the side.

WHERE: Moosehead Kitchen-Bar, 110 Telok Ayer Street INFO: WhatsApp 9833-4979 for delivery; minimum spending of \$50 with flat delivery fee of \$5; delivery hours: Mondays to Saturdays, noon to 2pm, 6 to 8pm; go to mooseheadproject.com

#### **CHINESE-INDONESIAN CUISINE**

Kota88's menu is likely to appeal to meat lovers – from Sup Baikut (Indonesian-style pork ribs and salted vegetable soup, \$18.88+) to Sate Babi (pork satay, \$18.88+ for 10 sticks).

The restaurant serves Chinese-Indonesian fare influenced by Cantonese, Hakka and Hokkien

cuisines.
Sup Baikut comes with three large pieces of spare ribs that are

fall-off-the-bone tender.

The soup is well-balanced by salted vegetables that keep the meatiness in check. It is cooked for three to four hours and left to rest overnight

before salted vegetables are added. Sate Babi is a combination of charcoal-grilled skewers of pork, intestine, skin and liver.

The pork skin skewer is exceptionally tender and scraped clean of excess fat. The intestines are also well-marinated with no meaty odours.

Roasted meat lovers can go for Nasi Campur Babi (pork mixed rice, \$14.88+), which comes with char siew, roasted pork, one stick of satay, ngo hiang, siomay (siew mai), braised pig ear and egg. The restaurant uses Thai Hom Mali rice, which is distinctively fragrant.

For a less decadent choice that still tastes decent, try Nasi Bebek Panggang (roasted duck rice, \$10.88+). The duck is well-seasoned such that the flavours penetrate the meat.

WHERE: Kota88, 01-02, 907
East Coast Road INFO: Go to
www.kota88restaurant.com or call
6242-2645; minimum order of \$55
with delivery fees from \$7.90; delivery
hours: 11am to 9.30pm daily







#### Cantonese restaurant Yan.

**EXQUISITE DIM SUM**Get your dim sum fix from

The Salted Egg Yolk Custard Buns (\$8 for four pieces) are made in-house and feature custard prepared from salted egg yolks, not salted egg powder.

When I tore one open for a video recording, the bright yellow salted egg lava spurted onto my mobile phone. But there was still plenty of that savoury filling left inside the bun for tasting.

Order the Pork and Prawn Dumplings Topped With Fish Roe (\$8 for four pieces) if you love siew mai. The housemade dumplings contain generous pieces of bouncy prawn meat.

For a value-for-money set meal, go for Pan-fried XO Carrot Cake & Char Siew Bento (\$10.80), which comes with two crispy prawn dumplings and housemade char siew.

It is a steal considering the carrot cake is prepared from scratch with ingredients such as white radish, preserved Chinese sausage, egg and housemade XO sauce.

The large cubes of carrot cake retain their shape through the frying and are moist and tender on the inside.

The restaurant also has meat-free

dishes such as Sze-Chuan Style Stewed Beancurd With Minced Omni Pork and Spicy Sauce (\$22).

Prices for Yan's delivery menu are

WHERE: Yan Cantonese restaurant, 05-02 National Gallery Singapore, 1St Andrew's Road INFO: Go to www.yan.com.sg/estore, call 6385-5585 or WhatsApp 9769-4283; delivery fees are \$10 for orders below \$80; free to one location for orders above \$80; delivery hours: 11am to 9.30pm daily (last order at 9pm)





Yan's
Pan-fried
XO Carrot
Cake & Char
Siew Bento
(above) and
Pork and
Prawn
Dumplings
Topped With
Fish Roe
(left).

### **FOOD**

### **PROMOTIONS**

# Grand Hyatt Singapore's Take Home Options

The hotel's take-home offerings include items like Australian grass-fed beef bolognaise (halal), Australian mottainai lamb korma (halal) and organic vegetable salad, which come in 1kg vacuum-sealed family meal packs; as well as organic vegetable soup, a housemade chocolate brownie; and two juices. Available for collection from the lobby store, drive-through collection and delivery (\$20 a location; free with minimum order of \$300). All orders must be completed two hours before the requested delivery time. Orders made after 6pm are for next-day pickup/delivery.

WHERE: Grand Hyatt Singapore, 10 Scotts Road MRT: Orchard WHEN: 10am - 9pm daily PRICE: From \$22 for a 1kg family meal pack INFO: store.grandhyatt singapore.com/product-category/ take-home-options

## Chatterbox's Signature

**Flavours** Enjoy 50 per cent off Chatterbox's speciality menus, which include Mandarin Chicken Rice, Nasi Goreng Istimewa, Vegetarian Fried Rice and Salted Egg Chicken Wing. Available for pickup (parking is free) and delivery (\$20 a location; free with minimum order of \$80). WHERE: Chatterbox, Level 5 Mandarin Orchard Singapore, 333 Orchard Road MRT: Somerset WHEN: Pickup: 11.30am - 9pm daily; delivery: 11.45am - 8.30pm daily PRICE: From \$4.50. Prices listed are after a 50 per cent discount

**TEL:** 6831-6291/6288 **INFO:** E-mail dine.orchard@meritushotels.com

#### "Twice the Spice" Mini Burger Duo

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The "Twice the Spice" Mini Burger Duo by Ginger and Si Chuan Dou Hua restaurants at Parkroyal on Beach Road consists of five-spice beef burger with housemade Achar and Sichuan mala chicken burger with seasoned potatoes and fresh greens in a charcoal sesame bun. Available for takeaway, drive-through pickup at the hotel's driveway and delivery (\$3 a location, excluding surcharge for orders below \$38). WHERE: Parkroyal at Beach Road, 7500 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Till June 14, 11.30am - 10pm daily **PRICE**: From \$8 TEL: 6505-5722 INFO: shop-parkroyalbeachroad.

### DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

# Rice Dumpling Delights At Shisen Hanten

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Campur Babi

(above), Sate

Sup Baikut

(left below).

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Two-Michelin-starred Shisen Hanten by Chen Kentaro is offering five different types of rice dumplings, including the Hong Kong-style rice dumpling and the premium abalone dumpling. Available for collection at Chatterbox restaurant.

WHERE: Chatterbox, Level 5
Mandarin Orchard Singapore, 333 Orchard Road MRT: Somerset
WHEN: June 12 - 25
PRICE: From \$6.80 a piece
TEL: 6831-6262/6831-6266
INFO: E-mail shisenhanten.orchard@meritushotels.com

### Golden Peony's Rice Dumplings

Apart from the popular mainstays – traditional Hong Kong-style rice dumpling, and Singapore Chilli Crab,

# rice dumpling – Golden Peony has added new offerings: the Crispy Smoked Duck with Chestnut rice dumpling and the Mala Chicken rice dumpling. For those who prefer sweet flavours, try the Egg Custard Sweeties rice dumplings.

Prawn and Whole Bedford Scallop

Enjoy 30 per cent early-bird discount on all orders made via the online store before June 7.
Available for collection outside Oscar's restaurant and delivery (\$30 a location).
WHERE: Golden Peony, Level 3 Conrad

Centennial Singapore, 2 Temasek
Boulevard MRT: Promenade/
Esplanade WHEN: June 8 - 25
PRICE: From \$12.80 nett a piece
TEL: 6432-7482/88

INFO: E-mail sinci.goldenpeony@conradhotels.com or go to www.connoisseur.sg/zong-zi-festival