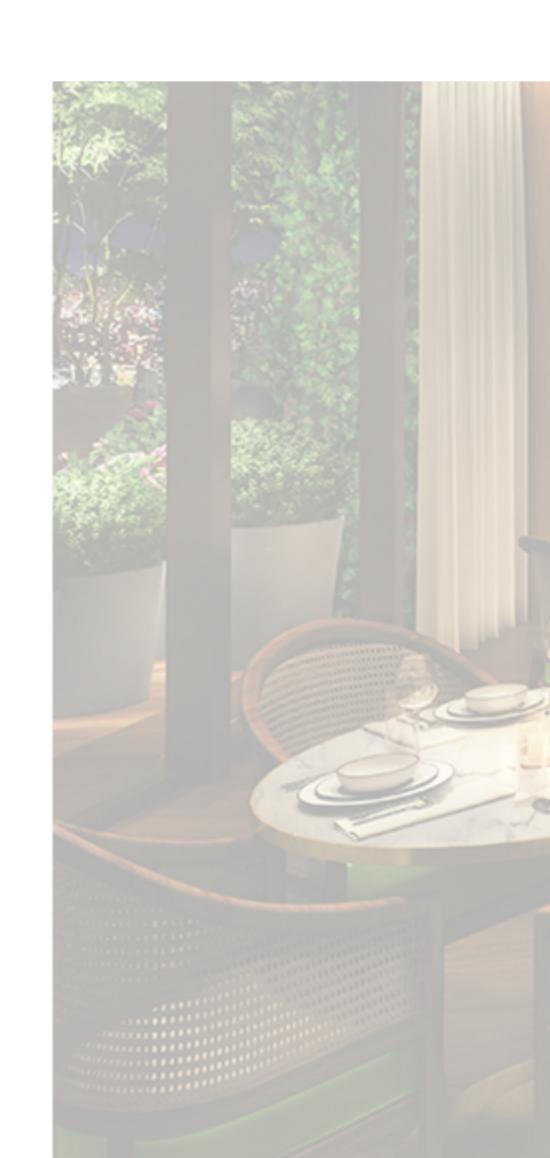
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Kengo Kuma

EDITION opens first of two locations in Tokyo

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The Tokyo EDITION, Toranomon is a bespoke, custom-made hotel embodying unique and original elements from East and West







Designed in partnership with renowned architect Kengo Kuma, the architect of the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo and other iconic buildings, the hotel allows the visitor to experience the essence and spirit of Tokyo without ever having to leave the premises.

The Tokyo EDITION, Toranomon brings together Marriott International, Ian Schrager and Mori Trust, led by president and CEO, Miwako Date.

Centrally located near the metro stations of Kamiyacho, Roppongi-Itchome and Toranomon and steps away from Tokyo's best neighbourhoods and attractions, the hotel is housed within Tokyo World Gate, a new 591ft, 38 storey mixed use skyscraper, where it occupies floors 31 to 36 and commands unobstructed views of the Tokyo skyline and the absolute best view of the landmark Tokyo Tower from anywhere in the city; guests feel as though they can reach out and touch the 1,000 ft tower.

With an infinite array of possibilities, the 206 room hotel's public space features more than 10 distinctly unique entertaining and working spaces to suit every mood. The restaurants, bars and entertainment areas are a cacophony of black, blue and jade and were inspired by the precious stones and extremely rare elements, sapphire, Japanese jade and gold. Throughout the spaces, authentic, natural, honest materials such as walnut, oak, bronze, travertine, glass and silk are juxtaposed with yamato-bari, a traditional Japanese wood cladding, and exotic greenery to create an eclectic mix of elements that cannot be categorised as one type of design or look. However, there is a clear reverence to Japanese culture in the most subtle of ways.

Outside the Jade Room + Garden Terrace is a transformative and unexpected 'Sky Garden' floating over 450 ft above street level where guests are transported from the frenzied and dynamic pace of city life to a beautifully serene oasis and respite right in the middle of the city. With over 500 plants, trees and shrubs composed of 25 different exotic species including Asian Bamboo, Cherry Laurels and Birds of Paradise, this magical space might just be the largest skyscraper garden in all of Tokyo using 140 tonnes of fertile soil were brought in from Saitama Prefecture.

The Gold Bar is decorated in black with flourishes of white and gold inspired by the design of a rare fine piece of jewelry, features blackened wood finishes inspired by Japanese yakisugi, a traditional method of charring cedar in order to preserve the wood, gold accents, a fluted black marble bar and white barrel vaulted 16ft high ceilings.

The first-floor space with street access, transitions seamlessly from a relaxed lounge during the day, with an afternoon traditional Japanese tea ceremony, with a twist, and an all-day food menu, to a sophisticated cocktail bar in the evenings.