





changing eight-course 'kaiseki' (formal, multicourse) menus are inspired by the memory of his first tea ceremony. They are, he says, his attempt to express the 'Japanese art of living' in re-worked versions of classic dishes.

Served in a succession of beautifully decorated chinaware, lacquered bowls and bamboo boxes, dishes such as grilled tile fish marinated in salted shrimp, puffer roe boiled in sake with turnip soup and whole fried river fish with gingko



the stone path through the moss garden and enter through a sliding door. From there, you're escorted to your private dining room that's sparsely decorated in a contemporary 'sukiya' Japanese tea ceremony style with sliding doors, paper screens, tatami mats, low level table and floor level chairs.

Matsuo's seasonally driven, and monthly





nuts, spinach and tamago (a type of Japanese omelette) combine colour, flavour, taste and texture in a highly sophisticated way. The meal will also include elements more familiar to western palates such as scallop, snapper and cuttlefish, sashimi and prawn and conger eel sushi.

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A member of Relais & Chateau since 2011, Matsuo is also a member of the board of directors at All Japan Food Association that promotes Japanese cuisine. In 2013, he won the bronze medal at the 4th Culinary Masters Awards held by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and opened Kashiwaya, Hong Kong, in November 2015.