

SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

### ZHAO GUANG YOU – JE MANSION

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### LU YAO – YIHE MANSIONS

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7.30pm for 8.00pm • Louis Roederer Brut Premier and canape reception • Five-course signature menu • £130 per person

Wines to complement every dish are carefully selected by Craig Bancroft and the wine team • Please enquire for exclusive wine package price



In 2017, Saturday 28 January is Chinese New Year so who better to mark the occasion at Obsession than Zhao Guang You and Lu Yao, two of China's finest chefs. The centuries old 15 day-long festival

of the Chinese New Year (also known as Spring Festival) marks the turn of the Chinese lunar calendar, celebrated by those famously colourful dancing paper dragons, firecrackers and great food. Each year falls under the

12 year cycle of the animal zodiac and 2017 is the year of the fire rooster, a time of awakening, triumph and success – sounds just like Obsession itself.



### ZHAO GUANG YOU

**Z**hao Guang You is the Executive Chef of the luxurious JE Mansion hotel in Beijing. He studied the complexities of imperial Chinese cuisine with master chef Wang Xifu, whose grandfather was a royal chef in the Forbidden City. Zhao Guang You was the personal chef to a leader of the Chinese central government and went on to become Executive Chef of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference member club before taking his

current role at JE Mansion.

"I am very lucky to inherit China's traditional imperial cuisine from an experienced teacher. My dream is protecting China's traditional culture. I think traditional is classical," says the chef, who serves dishes inspired by China's most important culinary traditions in the refined surroundings of the restaurant at JE Mansion.

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### LU YAO

**L**u Yao is the Chinese Executive Chef of Yihe Mansions, a luxury 26 villa hotel in Nanjing in China. Yao has a long and distinguished career in China, working for several five-star hotels belonging to Jinling, one of the top luxury hotel groups in China. He has displayed his mastery of Chinese cuisine at banquet receptions, cooking for top dignitaries including Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and former President Jiang Zemin.

Opened in 2014, Yihe Mansions occupies the former private estates of ambassadors, the wealthy and the military elite that date back to

the 1920s when Nanjing was the seat of the Nationalist government. No expense has been spared restoring the yellow walled buildings that now boasts an elegant interior composed of traditional artefacts and contemporary objects, fine woods, precious fabrics and Iranian green marble. In the luxurious surroundings of the hotel's Dongyin/Yuanxia restaurant, Yao serves refined versions of authentic local dishes.

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