



Enjoying Italian cuisine with Singapore flavours at 8picure

## Description

I was recently invited to a media lunch tasting at 8picure, located in Loft@Nathan along River Valley Road. Though I've probably driven past it many times, I hadn't noticed it before. Loft@Nathan is a condominium complex with commercial spaces on its first floor.





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The restaurant recently underwent a renovation, giving it a fresh new look. I especially loved the choice of dark green accents, which added to its cozy ambiance.

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8picure is helmed by Chef Gabriel, who brings his unique take on Italian cuisine. His dishes combine Italian cooking philosophy with flavours inspired by his own heritage and culture, creating a menu that's distinctly his own. With experience in Italy and the United Kingdom, Chef Gabriel's passion for cooking shines through in every dish.

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For our media tasting, the degustation menu had flavors with an Asian twist, which added a familiar touch. I was excited to see what was in store. Hereâ??s what we enjoyed:

**Note:** The portions we had were tasting sizes and not the full servings.

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### **Italian-Asian Tuna Salsa with Prawn Crackers.**

The prawn crackers, made with extra prawns for a more intense flavour, paired well with the tuna salsa. An excellent start to the meal.

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### **Chilled Pesto Capellini with Hokkaido Sashimi Scallop.**

This dish let the fresh, sashimi-grade scallop shine. It was kept simple, allowing us to fully appreciate the delicate flavours.

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## **Spicurean Crabcake with Chilli Crab Sauce.**

This Singaporean-Italian fusion dish is a must for any chilli crab lover!

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The crabcake was packed with chunks of real crab meat, though I felt it could have used a bit of crunch. Perhaps a small mantou on the side would complete it?

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**Sakura Ebi Capellini (Shio Kombu, White Wine, and Sakura Ebi).**

Packed with distinctly Asian flavours, this capellini was a standout.

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## **Herb-Crusted Cod Fish with Roasted Bell Pepper Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables.**

The cod was perfectly cooked, complemented by a rich roasted bell pepper sauce and a side of fresh vegetables.

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## **8picurean Tiramisu.**

This tiramisu is truly one-of-a-kind. Made with mascarpone mousse, coffee- and liquor-soaked savoiardi, and roasted almond flakes, it managed to be crispy without being soggy. I noticed a slight hint of pesto flavor, which we later identified as sweet basil, a unique touch that made it memorable.

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