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Cesar's open dining appeal

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THE art of al fresco dining in Malaysia has evolved from casual night gatherings at teh tarik stalls to today's get-togethers in trendy outdoor cafes and bistros.

The atmosphere of both eras can be experienced at Cesar's Bistro, which was opened on Dec 7 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The opening marks the debut of the first hotel satellite restaurant under the management of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company.

Located in the heart of the new Bintang Tourism Centre near Starhill in Kuala Lumpur, Cesar's Bistro features a delicious array of Malaysian dishes such as roti canai, nasi lemak and rendang as well as Western salads and grilled sandwiches. With culinary ingenuity, a new range of ice-blended "Avalanche" presentations have been created which includes the Teh Tarik Avalanche.

With a seating capacity of 70, diners can opt for either breezy spots under palm trees or in the indoor circular dining room with glass walls. During the day, diners can enjoy views of the vibrant Bintang and the evening stars.

"We recreate the warm, relaxed, yet refined ambience of our sister restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur but in a more casual setting," said the hotel's food and beverage director Nikheel Advani.

Cesar's Bistro is managed by the Ritz-Carlton's culinary team, given the same training as all Ritz-Carlton staff in order to deliver the highest levels of service. The bistro opens from 8am till midnight.

The hotel, recently named "Best Hotel in Asia Pacific" by Business Traveller Asia Pacific magazine, features three food and beverage outlets - Li Yen Chinese restaurant with five private dining rooms, Lobby Lounge serving afternoon tea and evening cocktails, and Pool Bar offering more casual fare.

For reservations, call 03-2428182.

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