

Retirement dining catered by Curtis Stone

Residents of The Alba and The Grace in Albert Park have a restaurant and cafe run by Curtis Stone Events.

Curtis Stone Events is the brainchild of the Michelin-starred and much-loved Aussie chef Curtis Stone. After launching in Los Angeles in 2016 and catering for the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, the Screen Actors Guild Awards, Gucci and more, it was recognised as “best new caterer in the west”.

From that American success, Stone was able to realise his long-held dream of having a culinary presence in his beloved home town of Melbourne, launching Curtis Stone Events here in partnership with his brother Luke and lifelong friend Chris Sheldon.

It is widely known for challenging the industry norm and being at the forefront of innovation in terms of hospitality concepts, service delivery and exceptional food.

It is catering for the exclusive Birdcage at this year’s Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington, for example, and also recently opened Grace by Curtis Stone Events, an event space in Melbourne.

“We have set ourselves a mission to astound you and your guests through delicious food and beverage and professional but super-fun service,” says Sheldon, the managing director. This level of quality and service will be no different at The Alba, where Curtis Stone Events runs the rooftop restaurant and street-level cafe.

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beautiful as the building and the rest of the facilities that are within the building,” Sheldon says.

The Alba is setting a new bar in luxury residential aged care and assisted living. Located in the former Australian Unity office building, directly opposite Albert Park Lake and next door to The Grace independent retirement living community, the building has been gutted and repurposed to meet the varying needs of seniors.

The Alba has a mix of what Australian Unity calls “easy living” apartments – an enhanced retirement living offering with tailored services.

Then, on the lower floors are The Alba Aged Care Suites, which are residential aged care suites and premium apartments,

offering permanent, respite, palliative and memory support care.

The Level 15 restaurant is for the exclusive use of The Alba and The Grace residents and their family and friends.

Curtis Stone Events also runs the street-level Corner Stone Cafe, which is open to the public as well, and has a modern European menu of grab-and-go seasonal options made in-house.

“We haven’t really altered what we do; we’ve just risen the bar in that space ... we’ve got really beautiful meals that we’d be proud to serve anywhere,” Sheldon says of the restaurant’s three course menu, which has a different culinary theme each week.

“We have Italian week, or French week. We continually roll the menu around be-

cause we’ve got so much regular visitation from the residents.”

Sheldon says they are catering to a more refined palate, for people experienced with fine dining, which means they also offer wine pairings. There will also be a private space for celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

“We want the restaurant and the cafe to feel like an extension of their residence,” he says of their focus on service, which is intended to match the quality of the meals.

“Apart from changing the menu weekly, we’ve kept it to what we would serve in our restaurants across the world.”

People considering retirement community living should seek professional, independent financial and legal advice.



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THE ALBA

ALBERT PARK LAKE

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Wednesday 25 October, 11am

The Alba 114 Albert Road, South Melbourne

RSVP by 18 October at hello@thealba.com.au or call 1300 794 970



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