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Guest Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE FROM HANS BASSE, GENERAL MANAGER



The temperatures are slowly rising, and the outdoor cafés and Central Park are bustling, which signifies spring in New York. As the season ushers in new life and excitement throughout the city, The Kitano New York welcomes guests from both near and far to visit the city at this beautiful time of year.

We are proud to announce that our three-month guestroom refurbishment project is now complete, providing the same sense of calm and tranquility that our lobby and common areas offer to our 149 guestrooms. During their stay, guests will now enjoy upgraded linens and new furniture throughout the rooms. This refurbishment will ensure that guests visiting The Kitano for both business and pleasure are comfortable, productive and relaxed throughout their visit.

In honor of the spring season, the Garden Café, which is located in The Kitano New York, is now offering a special spring menu. Guests will enjoy a fine selection of American, Asian and French-inspired dishes from The Garden Café's new menu. The Garden Café will also be the perfect spot to honor Mom as the restaurant will present a special Mother's Day Brunch, available on Sunday, May 13.

During your stay, we also encourage you to drop by The Kitano Boutique, located off of our main lobby, to peruse the new items. Our creative and unique merchandise is carefully handcrafted by European and Asian artists, and are perfect gift ideas for any occasion.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Kitano New York this season.

Warmest regards,

Hans C. Basse, General Manager



### THE KITANO NEW YORK GUEST ROOM REFURBISHMENT PROJECT NOW COMPLETE

The Kitano New York is proud to announce the completion of its three-month room refurbishment project. With new custom-made mattresses, 37-inch flat-screen plasma TVs, and furniture and bedding, the room upgrade has brought the same sense of serenity combined with the maximum level of comfort and service, for which the hotel is known, to the guestrooms.

Each of the hotel's 149 guestrooms now welcomes guests with a serenity-inspired color palate of natural beige and brown tones, including new comfortable sofas and moveable club chairs. The Sealy Posturepedic™ Dynasty pillow-top mattresses are custom-designed for The Kitano, providing each guest the ultimate in softness and support. Covering these exclusive mattresses, The Kitano features softer cotton sheets, plush white down-filled pillows, European duvets and new gold satin throws to provide the perfect touch of luxury and sophistication. With the hotel's sound-reducing technology installed in the walls and sound-eliminating, double-pane windows, guests will sleep with ease and comfort, forgetting they are in the middle of New York City.

For the business traveler, The Kitano's guestrooms will now provide a more efficient work space with larger desks, ideally suited for those who need additional room. These custom-designed work spaces offer easy desk-top access to outlets, eliminating the need to search for hidden outlets out of plain view. Ergonomic desk chairs supply guests with a comfortable, healthy and productive work environment and new lamps provide more efficient lighting.

The recent upgrade allows The Kitano to effectively meet the needs of both our business and leisure guests, and we look forward to hosting you in our new guest rooms. For reservations, call (800) 548-2666 or book online at www.kitano.com.



### NEW MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT THE KITANO BOUTIQUE

The Kitano Boutique, one of Park Avenue's best kept shopping secrets, invites you to stop by to check out its newest collection. The Kitano Boutique is now offering additional items such as the handcrafted Pepper Mill Set available for \$30, the uniquely designed Napkin Holder priced at \$40 or the Gelgem Toothbrush Holder priced at \$7.50.



In addition to these new items, the shop is full of other chic gift ideas, including stylish purses, unique children's toys, home accents and whimsical ornaments. Some of The Kitano Boutique's signature items include a collection of pens and business card cases designed by renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Handbags and coin purses created by the renowned Japanese designer, Yukiko Sato are also featured. The gift shop is located on Park Avenue and 38th Street, and is open Tuesday - Friday from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. To contact the Kitano Boutique directly, please call (212) 885-7130.

### TREAT MOTHER TO BRUNCH AT THE KITANO NEW YORK

Celebrate Mother's Day with a delicious brunch on Sunday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Garden Café at The Kitano. The restaurant will feature a buffet with an assortment of dishes and specialties including an Omelet Station. To begin the meal, guests can select from a range of light savories including *Vine Ripened Tomatoes with Fresh Mozzarella and Basil, Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Aged Balsamic* or *Assorted Organic Mesclun Greens*.

For the main fare, the restaurant's carving station will feature *Roasted Spring Lamb and Spinach Sauté with Spring Garlic Dauphinoise Potatoes*, and guests can also enjoy *Buttermilk Pancakes with Vermont Maple Syrup* and *Eggs Benedict*. The Garden Café's Fruits de Mer offerings will include an elaborate display of *Fresh Shucked Oysters and Clams with a Mignonette Sauce, Smoked Salmon* and *Shrimp Cocktail*. Following their main entrée, guests can soothe their sweet tooth with a selection of *Assorted Pastries, Fresh Baked Cookies, Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Berries, Viennoiserie* and *Fresh Fruit Tarts*.

In addition, the restaurant will offer a selection of drink choices including *Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, Fresh Squeezed Fruit Juices*, and coffee and tea.

The Garden Café's Mother's Day Brunch buffet is \$39 per person and reservations can be made by calling (212) 885-7123.



### ENJOY A SPRING FLING IN NEW YORK CITY

With the trees in full bloom and the temperatures beginning to rise, spring is the perfect time of the year to visit New York as the city's cultural activities and events are in full bloom as well. Listed below are some of the upcoming events, holiday celebrations and cultural attractions not to be missed.

#### Upcoming Events & Exhibitions:

**Jazz at The Kitano:** Every Wednesday through Saturday night The Kitano offers two sets of live jazz starting at 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Some May performers include the Lew Tabackin Trio on May 4 & 5 or the Joanne Brackeen Trio on May 18 & 19

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art:** Barcelona and Modernity-now through June 3 and Venice and The Islamic World 828-1797-now through July 8

**The Morgan Library & Museum Exhibitions:** From Berlin to Broadway-April 20-September 2

**Tribeca Film Festival:** April 25-May 6



### ENJOY A TASTE OF SPRING AT THE GARDEN CAFÉ

To celebrate spring's arrival, The Kitano New York's Garden Café, which features American Contemporary cuisine, is now offering a seasonal menu featuring a variety of American, Asian and French-inspired dishes to please even the most discerning palate. Situated in a historic townhouse adjacent to the hotel, the Garden Café offers a tranquil urban garden setting of abundant and robust exotic plants and vegetation. Paired with its wide selection of menu choices, the Garden Café is the perfect locale for any dining experience.

Guests can begin their meal by choosing a tempting appetizer from the spring menu such as the *Panko-Crusted Goat Cheese* or *Maryland Crab Cake*. The restaurant also offers a wide selection of salads and sandwiches including a *Salade Niçoise* or the signature *Kitano Seafood Salad* as well as the *Kitano Club* or the *Char-Grilled Certified Black Angus Cheeseburger*. For a heartier meal, guests can choose from a variety of pasta and

The Los Angeles Philharmonic performing at Lincoln Center:  
April 29 and May 3

Mother's Day: May 13

Fine Art & Designer Craft Fair on Bleecker Street: May 20

Lower East Side Festival of the Arts: May 25-27

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25-28



risotto selections including *Lobster Ravioli*, *Shrimp Risotto*, or main course entrees such as *Pan Seared Tuna "Piccante"* with a *Cajun spice rub and tropical fruit salsa* or *Poached Sea Bass with soy shitake broth*.

The Garden Café also offers an extensive drink menu including Mighty Leaf Teas and Infusions such as *White Orchid Tea*, *Ginger Peach Tea* and *Mint Mélange*, and features a variety of fine wines with labels from around the world including New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and Napa Valley.

The Garden Café is open daily and dinner and lunch entrees range from \$16-29. Reservations can be made by calling (212) 885-7123.

In addition to the Garden Café, The Kitano offers fine Japanese dining at the hotel's Michelin-rated Hakubai restaurant. Recently featured in *The New York Times*, Hakubai serves traditional Kaiseki delicacies. Reservations can be made by calling (212) 885-7111.

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