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Akihiro Omori Named Grand Chef of Yamazato at The Okura Tokyo 34-Year Veteran Assumes Helm of the Japanese Fine Dining Restaurant in Its First Change of Guard in Two Decades

TOKYO, Japan – JUNE 7, 2023 – The Okura Tokyo announces the appointment of Akihiro Omori as grand chef of Yamazato, the luxury hotel’s Japanese fine dining restaurant. Omori brings more than 30 years of experience in the Okura Group to the role, including a four-year stint abroad in Shanghai. His predecessor, Tadashi Sawauchi, assumes a new executive position, overseeing Japanese culinary operations for the Okura Group as a whole. The change in leadership at Yamazato is the first in twenty years and makes Omori the restaurant’s fifth grand chef in a lineage that has garnered worldwide fans of its haute Japanese cuisine.

Upon his appointment Omori commented, “I assume this post with a great sense of gratitude and a keen sense of responsibility toward our guests and all those before me who have established Yamazato’s reputation. Moving forward, we will continue to provide the finest Japanese dining experience in terms of flavor, ingredients, culinary expertise and consummate attention to detail in our menus as well as in our kitchen operations. Our clientele hail from across Japan and abroad, bringing a wealth of diverse backgrounds and expectations to the restaurant. It is thrilling indeed to rise to the challenge of creating a memorable and authentic Japanese dining experience for everyone. With great pleasure I look forward to serving both our longtime and first-time guests.”



Yamazato Grand Chef Akihiro Omori

- 1969 Born in Kanagawa Prefecture
- 1989 Graduates Tsuji Culinary Institute
- 1989 Joins Hotel Okura
- 2003 Appointed grand chef of Japanese cuisine at Okura Chiba Hotel (youngest in the Okura Group)
- 2015 Appointed grand chef of Yamazato at Okura Garden Hotel Shanghai
- 2022 Appointed deputy chef of Yamazato at The Okura Tokyo
- 2023 Appointed grand chef of Yamazato at The Okura Tokyo

Japanese Fine Dining YAMAZATO

The Okura Heritage Wing 4F

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Breakfast 7:00–9:30 (to 10:00 on weekends and public holidays) | Lunch 11:30–14:30 | Dinner 17:30–21:30

Closed for lunch and dinner on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Main dining hall: 36 seats | Omakase counter: 10 seats | Sushi: 12 seats (counter and table) |

Tempura: 12 counter seats | Private rooms: 5 including 1 Japanese-style room

theokuratokyo.jp/en/dining/list/yamazato