

press release

A Mona Lisa in a Glass: Tokyo's Quarter Room Arrives at Horatio with Art-Inspired Cocktails in April

Led by bartender Soran Nomura, the Tokyo bar known for translating artworks into cocktails arrives in Singapore for the first time as part of Horatio's Curious Companions series.



Quarter Room: Mona Lisa

SINGAPORE, 23 March 2026 – Horatio of Resorts World Sentosa (RWS, 圣淘沙名胜世界) continues its journey of spirit discovery with the latest edition of **Horatio's Curious Companions**, this time turning its sights to Japan's capital of cool—Tokyo. For one night only on **Sunday, 19 April 2026**, from **8pm to late**, Horatio welcomes its first bartender from Japan: **Soran Nomura**, the founder of **Quarter Room** and former head bartender of the acclaimed Fuglen Tokyo. The evening also marks Quarter Room's first appearance in Singapore.

Located in Tokyo's Setagaya district, Quarter Room is a cocktail bar and creative studio known for its art-driven approach to mixology, where drinks draw inspiration from visual artworks, scent compositions and sensory memory. For the guest shift, Nomura will present selections from his **"Art in a Glass"** menu—an exploration of cocktails that translate the impressions, historical context and emotional resonance of iconic artworks into flavour and aroma.

With a background in art and years spent bartending in London before returning to Japan, Nomura approaches cocktail-making much like a painter approaches a canvas—layering flavour, aroma and texture to create compositions that are as expressive as they are balanced.



Horatio's Curious Companions: Quarter Room
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For the evening, Soran will present **four of his signature cocktails** from Quarter Room, offering guests a taste of the Tokyo bar's distinctive style. All cocktails for the evening will be priced at **S\$20**.

- **Smile**

Mixed Berry Infused Ketel One, Apricot Brandy, Elderflower Syrup, Houseblend Hop Soda

Inspired by the timeless song *Smile* by *Charlie Chaplin*, this cocktail carries the same gentle optimism carried in its melody. Echoing Tokyo's vibrant craft beer culture, where neighbourhood taprooms fill with conversation after long workdays, Smile transforms the familiar comfort of a golden brew into cocktail form. Mixed berry-infused vodka is brightened with apricot brandy and elderflower before being lengthened with house-made Citra hop soda. Topped with mango foam, the drink resembles a crisp craft beer at first glance, revealing a lighter, more playful character beneath.

- **Mona Lisa**

Gin, Aged roasted tea, Cacao Brown Liqueur, Campari

Inspired by the *world's most famous painting, Mona Lisa*, *Mona Lisa* reimagines another classic—the Negroni. In this interpretation by Soran, sweet vermouth is replaced with fig leaf-infused gin, introducing a soft, green aroma that lends the cocktail a delicate, almost feminine

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character. Aged roasted bancha tea adds depth in place of dilution, while cacao liqueur and Campari build structure and balance. In a subtle nod to Leonardo da Vinci—who was known to have a fondness for wine—the cocktail also incorporates ingredients derived from grapes, weaving history, aroma and flavour into a layered reinterpretation of the iconic aperitivo.

- **Banana**

Irish Whiskey, Banana Liqueur, Lemon Juice, Maple Syrup

Inspired by the *iconic banana artwork created by Andy Warhol for the debut album of The Velvet Underground*, *Banana* plays with the same sense of surprise and reveal. Just as the original album cover invited listeners to peel back the banana skin to uncover the pink flesh beneath, the cocktail reimagines the classic Old Fashioned with an unexpected twist. Irish whiskey and banana liqueur form the foundation, rounded with maple syrup and brightened with lemon juice, while subtle pink flavour notes emerge on the finish.



Quarter Room: Banana

In keeping with Horatio's Curious Companions tradition of each visiting bartender bringing a spirit from their hometown, the evening will spotlight **KI NO BI Kyoto Dry Gin**, one of Japan's most celebrated craft gins from the **Kyoto Distillery**. This premium, small-batch Japanese gin—crafted with a rice spirit base and 11 distinct botanicals—will be featured in the evening's **secret password-only cocktail**—revealed exclusively through [Horatio's Instagram \(@thehoratiosingapore\)](#) **48 hours before the event**—adding a distinctly Japanese touch to the tasting.

Marking Quarter Room's first appearance in Singapore, the evening offers guests a rare opportunity to experience Soran Nomura's art-driven approach to cocktails through his "Art in a Glass" creations. The guest shift takes place at Horatio, Resorts World Sentosa on Sunday, 19 April 2026, from 8pm till late.

Reservations for **Horatio's Curious Companions: Quarter Room** can be made via the website [here](#).

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Next, Horatio's travels venture further into Southeast Asia in April, where the next chapter will unfold in a city fondly known as the Land of Smiles.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore and Adventure Cove Waterpark, as well as one of Southeast Asia's leading ocean institutes, comprising Singapore Oceanarium and the Research and Learning Centre. Complementing this are six unique luxury hotels including [The Laurus, a Luxury Collection Resort](#) - Singapore's first prestigious The Luxury Collection branded property in collaboration with Marriott International, the retail and lifestyle destination WEAVE, the premier Resorts World Convention Centre, and a casino. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisines from around the world helmed by celebrity chefs, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from star-studded concerts to immersive exhibitions. RWS is the first integrated resort to be inducted into the TTG Travel Hall of Fame in 2022 after being named "Best Integrated Resort" for 10 consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards, which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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ABOUT HORATIO

Tucked within the storied halls of Resorts World Sentosa, Horatio is a whimsical realm where rare spirits, captivating cocktails, and boundless imagination collide. Inspired by the fantastical travels of the fictional bon vivant Horatio Fairchild, the bar invites guests on a theatrical journey through the world's most storied distilling regions. Featuring the globally inspired 'Trails & Tales' cocktail collection, Horatio offers 12 captivating drinks that tell stories from around the globe. Step into a treasure chest of over 300 rare spirits, with a strong focus on exceptional whiskies from around the world. From the spirited theatrics of The Main Parlour to the curated exclusivity of The Retail Emporium and the hush-hush intrigue of The Enclave, every corner brims with mystery, charm, and discovery. Some come for a drink. Others come for a discovery. But everyone leaves with a story.

ABOUT HORATIO'S CURIOUS COMPANIONS

Horatio's Curious Companions is a monthly guest shift series that brings some of the world's most renowned bartenders into Horatio's world of exploration and rare discoveries. Each edition features a guest bartender who steps in as one of Horatio's "companions," journeying with him through tales of spirits, flavours, and culture. True to Horatio's ethos, every guest introduces a spirit from their hometown or home region, curating cocktails that unfold like new "chapters" in Horatio's ever-expanding travelogue. Beyond the glass, each bartender personally curates a music playlist to deepen the storytelling, while a secret password-only cocktail adds an element of intrigue — revealed exclusively on Horatio's Instagram 48 hours before each event. More than a guestshift, it is a journey into the roots, craft, and imagination of bartenders from around the world.

ABOUT Quarter Room

Quarter Room is a distinctive cocktail bar in Tokyo's Setagaya district that merges art, fragrance and mixology into a multisensory drinking experience. Founded by bartender Soran Nomura, the space functions as both a cocktail bar and creative studio, where drinks draw inspiration from visual artworks, scent compositions and sensory memory. Influenced by Nomura's background in art and his years bartending in London before returning to Japan, Quarter Room approaches cocktails as expressive compositions—layering flavour, aroma and texture with precision and creativity. Known for its imaginative yet balanced drinks, the bar has become a notable voice in Tokyo's contemporary cocktail scene, where storytelling, experimentation and thoughtful hospitality come together in every glass.

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