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Bahrain's original five-star hotel opens the island's first Mexican 'fine dining' restaurant

Bahrain's oldest and most luxurious hotel, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain, has just opened the island's first ever fine dining Mexican restaurant. The Gulf Hotel Bahrain officially opened its Margarita Mexicana restaurant with Margarita Tequila Bar on Saturday 2nd October 2009 for lunch and dinner.

Boasting 12 speciality restaurants and bars and cafes, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain is internationally acclaimed as serving some of the best cuisine in this increasingly desirable island. Aside from authentic Mexican food, guests can choose from top quality Japanese, Italian, Lebanese, Iranian, Chinese & Thai cuisine amongst others. A new wine bar called Vintage is also set to open at the hotel in the next few weeks.

With 84 covers, Margarita Mexicana expects to attract business travellers and tourists alike. The five-star hotel's new restaurant boasts head chef Nathan Slattery a renowned Mexican Chef from the US and assistant chef Fernando Reyes who, together with the restaurant manager, are Mexican – meaning that the menu and experience is as authentic as possible. This move is expected to position The Gulf Hotel Bahrain and its restaurants as some of the most sought-after places to stay on the island.

All dishes, including tortillas and guacamole, are freshly prepared on site using the finest ingredients imported directly from Mexico. Signature dishes include 'guacamole in mollcagete' and 'mixiote de pollo'.

The restaurant's Margarita & Tequila Bar serves the some of the best cocktails in Bahrain, as well as many of Mexico's finest tequilas with brand names including Jose Cuervo Reserva, Patron.

About the Gulf Hotel Bahrain

The Bahraini-owned Gulf Hotel Bahrain was established in 1969 and is, today, one of the leading hotels for tourists and business travellers visiting the island. With 18 food outlets, 12 of which are speciality restaurants, the hotel particularly prides itself on its gastronomy.

The five-star Gulf Hotel Bahrain features over 357 bedrooms, including a Platinum Floor, which offers some of the best views over the city and Gulf. Located in the commercial district of Adliya and just 15 minutes from Bahrain International Airport, the hotel is in a prime position for both business travellers and leisure visitors to the island. With 21 venues and over 4,780 square metres of space, the hotel also boasts an unrivalled Gulf Convention Centre, which is ideal for conferences, exhibitions and meetings.

The Gulf Hotel Bahrain also boasts a 15 storey Gulf Executive Residence, which offers 97 luxury apartment suites, which are available for both short and long stays.

The Gulf Hotel Bahrain is an affiliate of the WORLDHOTELS group, which is an extensive collection of the world's most unique independent hotels. WORLDHOTELS has almost 500 affiliate properties in more than 300 destinations and 70 countries worldwide.

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