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NEW OPENING: "Informal Affairs" - A Rooftop Gin Bar Inspired by the Golden Era of Hong Kong, Brought to you by Ovolo and N.I.P Gin



[HONG KONG, 18 September 2023] This October, Ovolo Southside, in partnership with N.I.P Gin, presents **Informal Affairs - Southside's first rooftop gin pop-up bar** overlooking the serene backdrop of Hong Kong's Southern district and the South China Sea.

Inspired by the famous 90's and early 2000s Hong Kong, the unique cocktail bar will transport guests to a world of 'informal affairs' in a dai pai dong-style setting and to a time that pays tribute to a bygone era of Hong Kong when gin cocktails were clinically endorsed. Movie stars and Cantopop singers would comfortably rub shoulders with exuberant expats and locals whilst indulging in classic, humble Hong Kong bites.

With local greenery by **My Rooftop Is Green**, the bar promises a carefully curated **cocktail menu (all HK\$108)** by The Wise King's and N.I.P Gin Ambassador **Sandeep Kumar** in collaboration with **Issac Lim, Ovolo's Bar Manager**. The creative cocktails are paired with a Hong Kong-inspired vegetarian snack menu **(all HK\$58)** by Ovolo Hotels **Executive Chef Raul Tronco Calahorra** and visual designer **Ron Wan**.

The irresistible cocktail menu showcases N.I.P's Gin in its finest form. The meticulously crafted spirit combines traditional botanicals of distilled gin with local flavours and aromas like kumquat and Shoumei tea to create a unique blend with a Hong Kong flair. Masterfully perfected by the notable Sandeep Kumar,

tipples include **The Peppery Mule**, a concoction of N.I.P Rare Gin with a bittersweet Rinomato Suco, rhubarb and ginger topped with effervescent ginger beer, as well as **SHE-SO-SEXY** a playful and zestful celebration of N.I.P Rare Gin, orange marmalade, peach and citrus. Guests attending the pop-up will also be the first to try the new release of N.I.P Exotic City Blend featured in cocktails such as **Exotic Summer**, a fruity crush of raspberry, passion fruit, citrus, bergamot tonic and a hint of Scrappy's Bitters Firewater.

The moreish snack menu features the perfect drinking accompaniments, such as savoury **Airplane Olives marinated in N.I.P Gin**, a nostalgic snack from Hong Kong's hay day and lightly-battered **Salt & Pepper Tofu and Salt & Pepper "Squid-Mushroom"**, as well as **Chinese Pickled Cucumber on a stick**, a classic zesty starter in Chinese cuisine and a classic complement to the gin-based cocktails. For those who prefer something sweet, the **Sourdough Pineapple Bun with Lemon Butter** and **Lemon Egg Tart** is a playful spin on a Hong Kong favourite, mirroring citrus notes in the N.I.P Exotic City Gin.

"The N.I.P Gin brand is a reflection of the Hong Kong spirit. This collaboration with Ovolo Southside brings to life many of the nostalgic Hong Kong elements and flavours, fused with the serene backdrop of Hong Kong's Southern District and the South China Sea. It's been a pleasure working with Chef Raul, Ron Wan, and Issac in designing the food and beverage offering, and it's something we are all truly proud of. - Sandeep Kumar, Founder of The Wise King and Brand Ambassador of N.I.P. Gin.

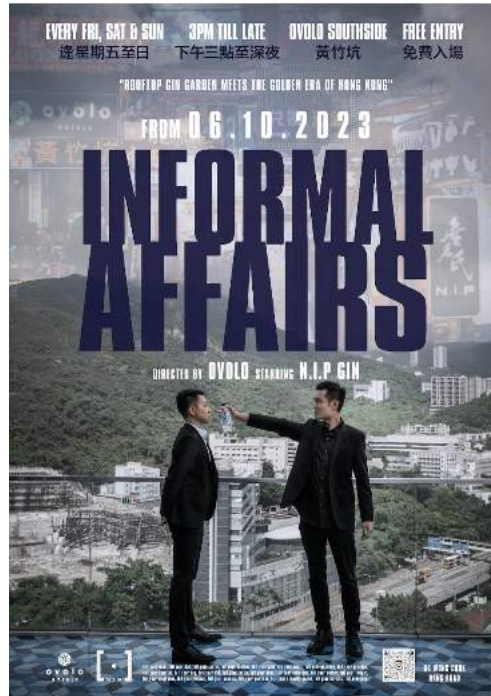
"We couldn't be more excited to launch Informal Affairs. Whether you're a gin connoisseur, sound junky or you're looking for an ideal spot to sip sundowners till late, this is the spot for you. There really is nothing like it in Hong Kong and we are confident that Informal Affairs will become a must-visit drinking destination for visitors and residents alike". - Stephen Howard, Group Director of Marketing at Ovolo Hotels

The **Informal Affairs Pop-up** is open **every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 6th October from 3 pm**, giving Southsiders and those who want to escape the city an idyllic setting to sip away from **sundown till late** to the sweet sounds of Ovolo's resident DJ. The pop-up also promises exciting surprises over the coming months.

For more information, visit <https://www.instagram.com/informalaffairshk>

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About Ovolo

The Ovolo Group was founded by entrepreneur Girish Jhunjhnuwala and first entered the real estate market in 2002; then further expanded into the hotel industry in 2010. Ovolo Group quickly became one of Hong Kong and Australia's leading independent hospitality brands by providing guests with the best in effortless living across hotels and food and beverage outlets.

The Ovolo Group is a collection of contemporary hotels that keep you connected to the little luxuries you love, all effortlessly included. The company prides itself on being in touch with the modern traveller through award-winning interior designs, detail-driven comforts, and complimentary value-added services like the mini bar and breakfast, with cutting-edge technology. Ovolo Hotels have been acknowledged for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence, receiving the accolade "Hotel Brand of the Year", at 2019, 2020 and 2022 HM Awards.

Ovolo Group is currently operating 13 hotels and 14 restaurants & bars under two brands, Ovolo Hotels and By Ovolo Collective, across Hong Kong, Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, and Bali.

Whilst Ovolo Hotels remains the core of Ovolo Group's ethos, providing a uniquely rich experience full of eye-catching art and vibrant interiors alongside its signature Perks, it also operates By Ovolo Collective a distinctive collection of hotels - each one unique, each one special, the more guests explore, the more they'll find.

At Ovolo, it all starts with our own people – whose care, creativity and passion for hospitality create a 'feel-good' factor that keeps guests coming back time and time again. Whose effervescence and bright minds help make every day, and every stay – an experience filled with wonder.

Ovolo also recognises the activities of our hotels and restaurants have the potential for negative impacts

on the environment and community if not properly managed. Ovolo is committed to achieving best-practice environmental and social sustainability. When people do good, they feel good. So, we aim to be a force for good. On every level – from its individuals to its communities and our planet – it's clear for all to see. We care.

Ovolo acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are located. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

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