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Enjoy re/Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck. New menu invites guests to embark on a one-of-a-kind culinary journey



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Celebrity chef and world renowned restaurateur Wolfgang Puck's Asian fusion restaurant has revealed its new menu. Discover innovative Far Eastern dishes, presented with a contemporary twist. Savour an uplifting location and dedicated service culture.

### Chef of the Year 2015

Executive Chef Brian Becher - recognised as "Chef of the Year 2015" by Food & Travel Arabia - instils an authentic take on Asian culinary creations, with many signature dishes that exemplify his skills in cuts of meat and seafood.

### Pamper you palate

Start your dining with a sweet corn soup with black tiger prawns, then continue with wok fried shrimp dumplings, Peking duck rolls, wild mushroom-filled vegetable dumplings, Korean-fried bao buns or the short rib and brisket wontons. Not just a vast selection of fried rice and hand-made noodles, the new menu excels at lavish desserts, too, created by Executive Pastry Chef Pierre Chambon.

Executive Chef Brian Becher

# Petrol prices surge in North

North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), Hwasong-14 being launched at an undisclosed place in North Korea

### Pyongyang

Petrol prices are being pumped higher in Pyongyang in the wake of United Nations sanctions restricting exports of oil products to nuclear-armed North Korea.

Retail prices have gone up around 20 percent in two months in the capital -- and are now more than double what they were at the beginning of the year.

Two weeks ago the UN Security Council imposed its eighth set of sanctions on the North in an effort to rein it in following its sixth nuclear test, which Pyongyang said was a hydrogen bomb.

Under leader Kim Jong-Un, North Korea has made rapid progress in its weapons programmes, and it launched two intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) in July that appeared to bring much of the US mainland into range.

The latest UN sanctions for the first time imposed limits on supplies to the North of the fuel it needs to keep its citizens and soldiers moving. North Korea has few hydrocarbons of its own.

China confirmed in a statement late Friday it would adhere to the new sanctions from October 1. Exports of refined products will be

## China says will limit oil

China will limit exports of refined petroleum products to North Korea starting October 1, its commerce ministry said.

In a statement posted to its website, the ministry reiterated the terms of the latest resolution, writing that UN member states would not export more than 500,000 barrels of refined petroleum products to the North in the final three months of 2017, and 2 million annually starting next year. "Chinese

government authorities will issue a notice based on the export situation when approaching the upper limit, and from that date implement a prohibition on exports of refined oil products to North Korea for the year," it said.

It added that China has issued a "comprehensive ban on imported textiles" from North Korea, reiterating another clause of the new sanctions that prohibits trade in both fabric and clothing.

capped at 2 million barrels a year beginning in 2018.

Under the sanctions, crude oil exports are limited to current levels.

According to the US mission to the United Nations, Beijing provides Pyongyang with around 4 million barrels a year of crude oil, and 4.5 million barrels of refined oil products such as petrol and diesel.

There is a livelihood exemption in the rules, but the measures would seem to amount to a cut of more than 55 percent in oil

product supplies, and it appears to be having an effect in Pyongyang.

In North Korea petrol is sold by the kilogram rather than the litre, and payment in hard currency is required for retail buyers.

"It was \$1.90 yesterday, today it is \$2," said a petrol station employee. "I expect the price will go up in the future."

In January prices were below \$1 per kilogram, and stood at around \$1.65 in July, so they have gone up about 20 percent in the last two months and more than doubled so far this year. (AFP)



In line with its strategy to promote Bahrain as a destination-wedding venue, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain recently held a three-day familiarization trip for eight seasoned wedding agents and planners from India, showcasing the beauty of the island through its white sandy beach, cerulean seas and manicured gardens. The event, held in association with Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority and Visit Bahrain, hosted representatives from different wedding planning companies in New Delhi and Mumbai. Commenting on the initiative, Soufiane El Allam, Executive Assistant Manager for Sales and Marketing said, "After the great success of the recent Indian Wedding held in April of this year, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain gracefully welcomes the select wedding planners and introduce the island as the newest venue for luxurious Indian weddings."