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*James Beard nominated and award-winning Yardbird Southern Table & Bar brings U.S. Southern comfort cuisine to Singapore in its first Asian venture*



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**Singapore (3 July 2017)** – Marina Bay Sands has teamed up with 50 Eggs to unveil its first international location of the James Beard nominated and award-winning Yardbird Southern Table & Bar, operating under the name The Bird Southern Table & Bar. A tribute to Southern hospitality and farm-fresh ingredients, The Bird enhances the integrated resort’s diverse range of signature restaurants and casual dining options.

Hailing from the United States, 50 Eggs Inc. was founded by renowned restaurateur John Kunkel, who owns and operates some of Miami’s most popular restaurants, such as the award-winning Yardbird Southern Table & Bar, Swine Southern Table & Bar and Spring Chicken. Kunkel also owns and operates a second Yardbird Southern Table & Bar on restaurant row at the Venetian Hotel Las Vegas, in addition to his newest concept Chica, located right next door.

“Heart-felt hospitality and good food are international,” says John Kunkel, founder and CEO of 50 Eggs, “Singapore is an incredibly exciting destination and I am honored to bring our family recipes to Asia’s leading integrated resort, Marina Bay Sands.”

Christine Kaelbel-Sheares, Vice President of Food & Beverage, Marina Bay Sands said, “Marina Bay Sands welcomes The Bird to our family of outstanding culinary establishments. Its authentic Southern cuisine and hospitality, paired with a commanding presence on the waterfront promenade, will give diners another compelling reason to visit Marina Bay Sands.”



*(L-R): Chicken ‘n’ Watermelon ‘n’ Waffles; John Kunkel, CEO & Founder of 50 Eggs Inc.*



*(L-R): Butter Lettuce & Grilled Mango Salad; Fried Green Tomato BLT; Low Country Laksa*

Located at the South Promenade of The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands and set against the scenic Marina Bay waterfront, the 190-seater two-storey restaurant serves Southern U.S. classic dishes, including the famous 100-year-old recipe **Lewellyn’s Fine Fried Chicken**, **Shrimp ‘N’ Grits**, **Buttermilk Biscuits**, and **Butter Lettuce and Grilled Mango Salad**. Amongst the classic southern favorites, The Bird has also included as part of their menu, a Singapore-exclusive dish with an inventive spin on local cuisine – the **Low Country Laksa**. This dish features a skin-on snapper filet, served with Carolina gold rice pirlau, a heritage rice grain that is indigenous to South Carolina, enhanced with sweet corn and spiced pecans served with a crispy poached farm egg and a caramelized ginger and coconut broth. This dish was inspired by Kunkel’s travels to Singapore and combined with traditional southern ingredients and techniques.



(L-R): *Blackberry Bourbon Lemonade; Ong Bak; Sloe Plum Shrubble*

Following suit to its US counterpart Yardbird Southern Table & Bar, The Bird's extensive beverage program serves the highest quality hand-crafted cocktails, including **Blackberry Bourbon Lemonade**, The Bird's **Old Fashioned with Bacon Infused Bourbon**, and the **Watermelon Sling** - alongside cocktails reflective of the Singapore culture such as **The Ong Bak**, **The Sloe Plum Shrubble** and **The Japanese Porkchop**, made with Yamazaki 12yr, dijon mustard, Marugoto Shibori Yuzu, unfiltered apple cider and fresh thyme.

The Bird will also boast one of Asia's most impressive selections of bourbon and many sought-after spirits from around the globe. Among the multitude of signature bourbon options, guests will discover rare favorites such as *Pappy Van Winkle*, Jefferson's Aged at Sea and rare expressions of Blanton's.

### **Serving up the best of Southern culture and cuisine**

Inspired by the Southern United States, The Bird incorporates modern-rustic design with industrial touches. The restaurant uses familiar textures and colors signature to its flagship location, including accents of reclaimed wood, recycled machinery parts and mason jars, while incorporating additional greenery and live plants unique to the cultural roots of the signature Singapore gardens.

Diners can expect to bask in a lively atmosphere amongst alfresco seating, vibrant bar settings, live telecasts of major sporting events, and a bustling open kitchen. Guests looking for a perfect spot to host intimate events can also choose between a private dining room that can be configured into two rooms for 6 to 10 people, and a 30-seater semi-private dining room.

Open from 11am to 2am daily, The Bird offers lunch (11am to 4pm) and dinner (4pm to 2pm) daily, and a signature weekend brunch (10am to 4pm).

To make a reservation, please call 6688 9959 or email:  
[TheBirdReservations@MarinaBaySands.com](mailto:TheBirdReservations@MarinaBaySands.com).

For more information, visit <http://www.marinabaysands.com/restaurants/american/the-bird-southern-table-and-bar.html>

**The Bird Southern Table & Bar**

B1-07 (Galleria Level) & L1-82 (Bay Level)  
The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands  
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**About John Kunkel's 50 Eggs**

Restaurateur John Kunkel, creator and founder of one of Restaurant Hospitality Magazine's, "Coolest Multi-concept Companies in the Land," focuses his unwavering passion for a variety cuisines and his branding acumen into a diverse group of successful concepts. In just two decades, Kunkel built 50 Eggs into a James Beard nominated and award-winning restaurant group by demonstrating talents in concept and culinary development, brand ideation, and the implementation of outstanding interior design and operational excellence for a broad range of hospitality concepts.

**About The Bird Southern Table & Bar**

A tribute to the best of the South, The Bird Southern Table & Bar Singapore, the first international location of Yardbird Southern Table & Bar, offers classic down-home cuisine. With US locations Yardbird Southern Table and Bar in Miami Beach, FL, Las Vegas, NV in the Venetian|Palazzo Resort & Casino and soon to open Beverly Hills, CA, The Bird serves lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. A crafted cocktail program and extensive bourbon menu round out The Bird's hospitable atmosphere.

The Miami Yardbird location was named a James Beard Foundation Award Semifinalist for "Best New Restaurant South," praised by the *New York Times* and recognized as one of *Bon Appétit's* "50 Best New Restaurants."