

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Tapasya Restaurant Group gets involved with Curry for Change 2017.

Both Tapasya@Marina and Tapasya on Beverley High Road have selected two of their dishes from their menus. Each time one of these is sold, £1 of the dishes' value will be donated to families in rural Asia and Africa suffering from poverty and hunger.

The Curry for Change initiative was begun by the UK charities, Find Your Feet and Health Poverty Action. Both provide support for 19 countries around the world, helping vulnerable families build a new future.

Throughout October, Tapasya and Tapasya@Marina will be donating £1 to the charity whenever their specially selected dishes from both their menus are sold. This will contribute to Find Your Feet and Health Poverty Action's cause, assisting them in the fight to end hunger and poverty amongst the most disadvantaged communities in Asia and Africa.'

The Tapasya Group have always endeavoured to get involved with local charities. In recent years, they have hosted numerous events to raise money for causes such as Clarity and the Smile Foundation. They are extremely enthusiastic to begin the process of assisting charities that will benefit people on a global basis.

One of the group's owners, Mukesh Tirkoti, said 'We're delighted to be involved in such a worthy cause. Find Your Feet and Health Poverty Action's do amazing work and we're so happy that we can help with Curry for Change and make a difference to so many disadvantaged families all over the world.'

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About Tapasya, on Beverley High Road, Hull**

Tapasya is a restaurant and private catering brand based in Hull serving Indian food in ornate surroundings. Cocktails are served in a bar area where diners enjoy an interesting pre-dinner selection of cocktails and drinks. The restaurant also boasts an extensive wine collection.

The food is sourced from local suppliers and is based upon seasonal produce. Tapasya uses Indian cooking techniques, spices and flavours to create a fusion of British and Indian cuisine. Dishes are presented with care to give diners a fine dining experience.

#### **About Tapasya@Marina**

The restaurant will be designed by Technical Procurement Int. Ltd, specialists in building high-quality restaurants up and down the country, which also built the original Tapasya on Beverley Road. Tapasya will feature inspiring décor and provide 125 covers, private dining and a chef's table.

Tapasya is looking forward to bringing an entirely new dining experience to the Marina that will change the way diners view Indian cuisine.

## **About Tapasya's founders**

The men behind the helm of Tapasya are Tapan Mahapatra and Mukesh Tirkoti. Both have worked tirelessly to create invaluable connections with local suppliers and brewers to ensure their restaurants meet their exacting expectations.

Mr Mahapatra is a well-known onco-plastic consultant breast surgeon at Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, and Spire Hospital, Anlaby. He has been a Trustee and Chairman of the charitable Hindu Cultural Organisation in the city for past six years. He is also a board member of Hull UK City of Culture 2017.

After deciding to establish a unique restaurant in Hull, he joined forces with Mr Tirkoti, who has vast experience in the international hospitality industry. He has worked in five-star hotels in India, launched projects in Moscow and Zurich, opened destination restaurants in London and, latterly, held senior management positions with the largest Italian restaurant group in Europe. With their combined experience, connections and local knowledge, Mr Mahapatra and Mr Tirkoti are perfectly qualified to lead Tapasya's development. They are supported by a highly-skilled team of chefs and waiting staff, all of whom demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to their restaurant and its diners.

Follow Tapasya and Tapasya @Marina's progress toward opening as they post frequent updates on their digital and social media platforms:

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Twitter: @tapasyahull and @marinatapasya

Facebook: Tapasya- [www.facebook.com/Tapasya-196170853880967/](https://www.facebook.com/Tapasya-196170853880967/) and Tapasya@Marina-  
<https://www.facebook.com/TapasyatMarina/>

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