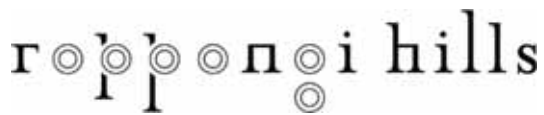


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Roppongi Hills to Mark its 15th Anniversary

—Major renewal will add to Roppongi Hills’ presence as the cultural heart of Tokyo—

Tokyo, March 8, 2018 — Mori Building, a leading urban developer in Tokyo, announced today that its Roppongi Hills mixed-use complex, Japan’s largest urban redevelopment project, will mark its 15th anniversary this coming April 25. To mark the anniversary, Mori Building will enhance the status of Roppongi Hills as the cultural heart of Tokyo by launching a major renewal to introduce 23 new culinary venues and by staging a variety of stimulating art events and exhibitions throughout 2018.

Roppongi Hills fully embodies Mori Building’s unique urban design concept, Vertical Garden City, which makes intelligent use of ultra-high-rise structures and underground space to enhance infrastructure efficiency and integrate diverse urban functions, in addition to freeing a vast amount of open space on the ground level for greenery. Roppongi Hills is developed as a “city within a city” where people can work, live and relax within a walking distance. Since its opening in 2003, it has attracted people worldwide as a premier tourist destination. Some 40 million people visit Roppongi Hills every year and cumulative visitation is expected to total around 600 million by the anniversary date.

The planned renewal upon completion in 2020 will be significant in size — covering about half of the total retail floor space at Roppongi Hills. This year’s renewal will introduce 23 high-quality restaurants and food proprietors from Japan and other countries.

The diverse range of celebratory art events and exhibitions scheduled in 2018 will emphasize Roppongi Hills’ status as the cultural heart of Tokyo.

New culinary delights

Six new establishments run by top culinary artisans will be opened along Roppongi Hills’ Keyaki-zaka street, where many of the world’s best-known luxury brands are on display. *Le Chocolat Alain Ducasse Roppongi* will launch a flagship chocolat boutique with a salon in April, and Ukai Group will open *Ukai-tei*, Japan’s top-notch teppan-yaki restaurant, and *Kappou ukai* in March. New openings in June will include *L’Effervescence*, which already operates a Michelin two-star French restaurant in Tokyo, *Le Sucre-Coeur*, a leading French bakery in Osaka, and several other globally renowned restaurants, further enhancing Roppongi Hills’ reputation as a culinary paradise.



Roppongi Ukai-tei opens on March 29 (2 venues)



Le Chocolat Alain Ducasse Roppongi opens on April 27



Blouangerie (bakery) and café open in June

Stimulating art experiences

Roppongi Hills offers impressive architectural and artistic experiences for everyone. The complex is steeped in art, including its numerous public art installations by leading artists from around the world and as the home of Mori Art Museum, a critically and internationally acclaimed venue for contemporary art located atop the Mori Tower. Some of the noteworthy art events and exhibitions planned in celebration of Roppongi Hills' 15th anniversary include the following:

- Roppongi Hills 15th anniversary installations

From April 25 to May 29, French American sculptor Louis Bourgeois's *Maman* sculpture and its surrounding 66 Plaza will be transformed by the amazing handiwork of Ms. Magda Sayeg, a noted textile artist who uses eye-catching wool coverings to turn everyday cityscapes into explosions of color. This will be Ms. Sayeg's first installation in Asia.



rendering, Louise Bourgeois's 1999 bronze sculpture *Maman* wrapped in fabric by Magda Sayeg in a temporary installation at Roppongi Hills, Tokyo, April-May 2018
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- Mori Art Museum exhibition

From April 25 to September 17, Mori Art Museum will present "Japan in Architecture: Genealogies of its Transformation" to showcase the distinctive architecture of Japan, which has captured the world's imagination for centuries. Nine different sections will present the key concepts underlying Japanese architecture, tracing the lineage from ancient times to the present. For further details, please visit:

<https://www.mori.art.museum/en/exhibitions/japaninarchitecture/index.html>



Yoshio Taniguchi and Associates
D.T. Suzuki Museum, 2011
Kanazawa, Japan
Photo: Toshiharu Kitajima

- Roppongi Art Night 2018

From May 26 to 27, Roppongi Hills, Mori Art Museum, Suntory Museum of Art, The National Art Center, Tokyo Midtown, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and other institutions and facilities in the Roppongi area will jointly host the 9th Roppongi Art Night, a one-night celebration of art. Since 2009, the event has served as a pioneering model for combining urban development and the enjoyment of art in everyday life. Admission is free and the event is available for anyone to join.



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Moving forward, Roppongi Hills will continue to embrace the diverse values, cultures and talents of its global tenants and thereby evolve as a truly magnetic global hub attracting people from around the world.

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