

cal lines, azure hues and illuminated glass; look for the back-lit vodka wall that glitters with scores of brands, stirred tableside into martinis and seasonal specialty libations.

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"Sublime sushi" "is just the start" at this sleek new spot on the "luxurious Crystal Cove" Promenade; swooning supporters of "fabulous chef"-owner Takashi Abe (previously of Abe) insist "anything he makes is wonderful" owing to his "intricate presentations" of "fresh and clever" "French-accented" Japanese dishes that are simply "beyond delicious"; sure, "reservations are a must" and "you pay a premium to be by the beach", but it's "worth it" – and there's always the "lunch omakase that's still a steal."