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## **VEERASWAMY CATERED FOR THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

Ranjit Mathrani, Namita Panjabi and Camellia Panjabi are honoured that Veeraswamy, the UK's oldest Indian restaurant, was chosen by Her Majesty The Queen to work with the Royal Chefs to cater for the reception she hosted at Buckingham Palace on Monday 27 February 2017. This is to launch the 2017 UK-India Year of Culture which will celebrate the deep cultural ties and the 70th anniversary of India's Independence through a year-long programme of events and exhibitions which will take place in both countries.

This is the second occasion that Veeraswamy has uniquely catered for a reception hosted by Her Majesty The Queen - the first was in October 2009 as part of the programme to launch the State Visit of the President of India.

Ranjit Mathrani and Namita Panjabi who are the co-owners of the MW Eat Group which owns Veeraswamy, Chutney Mary, Amaya and the Masala Zone collection of restaurants, were amongst the guests. The high profile attendees included guests from the fields of performing arts, fashion, food, literature and sport with an interest in both countries.

MW Eat Chairman Ranjit Mathrani stated: "This is a rare and privileged opportunity for Veeraswamy to collaborate again with Buckingham Palace for this significant occasion. The past year has been a momentous one for Veeraswamy, as it commemorated its 90th anniversary in the same month that HM The Queen celebrated her 90th birthday - and the restaurant also achieved a coveted Michelin star in September."

The menu provided by Veeraswamy included the following canapés - Tandoor Prawn Cocktail, Raj Puri, Paneer Squares with Herb Crust, Salmon Kedgeree Croquette, Hung Yoghurt Kebab on Crisp Wafer, Soya Gujjias, Pineapple and Almond Halwa Tart, and Boondi and Chocolate Rock.

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