



TANUKI TAVERN BEGINS LUNCH SERVICE TO THE MEATPACKING DISTRICT

New York, NY (March 2010) – **Tanuki Tavern**, the Japanese gastropub and sushi bar located in the heart of the Meatpacking District, is now the perfect Downtown, West side location to grab a quick lunch with friends or meet with business associates.

Like at dinner, the menu draws its inspiration from the Japanese *izakaya*—the ubiquitous sake pubs found in Japan—and serves up Western-savvy small plates and snacks. Unlike most izakayas, **Tanuki Tavern** offers a venerable array of sashimi, sushi and inventive rolls, all served in a hip neighborhood setting.

Some new additions to the lunch menu include the *Miso Caesar* with hearts of romaine tossed in a miso aioli (with chicken \$10, with salmon \$11 or with shrimp \$12); *Grilled Cheese* with oven roasted tomatoes, whole grain mustard and gruyère cheese on Orwasher's Pullman potato bread (\$9); and the *Chicken Katsu Sandwich* with miso mayo, chiffonade of lettuce and roasted plum tomatoes on an Eli's potato bun (\$11).

In addition to the new dishes, **Tanuki Tavern** will continue to offer customer favorites including *Crispy Baby Bok Choy* with lemon pepper (\$6); specialty sushi rolls such as the *Rock Shrimp Dynamite Roll* (half \$9 / whole \$16), the *Baked Kani Kama California roll* topped with rock shrimp (half \$6 / whole \$10), the *Sesame Crusted Tuna Tataki Roll* filled with avocado, spicy tuna mousse, cucumber, and scallion, topped with tuna tataki and drizzled eel sauce (half \$8 / whole \$14); and entrées such as the *Pat LaFrieda "Tanuki Tavern Burger,"* (dubbed by "A Hamburger Today's" Nick Solares as "A fine Example of a pub burger") topped with pickled purple onions, kimchi relish, and a tavern sauce, served on Eli's potato bun (\$10)

Tanuki Tavern is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Tuesday 12pm- 1am, Wednesday through Saturday 12pm- 4am and Sunday until 11pm. The restaurant is available for private events and seats 109 in the dining room, 24 in the lounge, and 70 in the outdoor terrace.

Tanuki Tavern is located at 18 Ninth Avenue. In the Gansevoort Hotel For reservations call 212.660.6766 or visit http://www.chinagrillmgt.com/images/user-generated/restaurant-menu-pdf/TanTav_lunch%20menu%2001_20_10.pdf.

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