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From hot spots to hidden gems This is your guide to all things local the L A unscripted way as we take over Santa Monica the iconic picture Perfect Peer the world class restaurants the fun the sun the shopping whether it's a day at the beach or a staycation destination it's not hard to come up with reasons why Santa Monica is so special Welcome to L A Scripted everyone I'm and we were in major need of vitamin C That's a so we parked ourselves at a prime location here at the Ambrose Hotel The Ambrose Hotel is a 77 room small boutique hotel located in Santa Monica And our focus really is our local neighborhood guests as well as sustainability So this is actually our library area As you see with the green books It's actually our most instagrammable room I can see why So the Ambrose Hotel is named after Saint Ambrose He was a saint who was actually born in a swarm of bees which is why our logo is a bee And it's so interesting when you think about bees they care about their community and their colony So the Ambros really stands for community being local and giving back which is also part of why sustainability is so important to us So we like to use led lights for all of our light bulbs For example we have an energy management system for our temperature control that's motion sensor So for water conservation um we have aerators on all of our sinks So when you open the sink it consumes a little bit less water All of our plants outside are actually desert plants And then we also have our Clean The World Program where we donate all of our discarded shampoos and conditioners to clean the world So they create hygiene kits from our discarded amenities So the Ambrose Hotel was built as a hotel about 20 years ago And it's funny because a lot of people still today in co from L A really don't know this property even exists So this is our living room area Thank you In order to really think about how do we target our guests to really focus on this local neighborhood aspect We created a be a local campaign 24 hour coffee service from Groundworks coffee the Santa Monica brewer beer So then we created the Santa Monica passport And the idea is that your your key card is your key to Santa Monica And when you go to these local businesses they have so generously offered our guest exclusive offers for their businesses The Ambrus Hotel does have a special discount code for all the L A unscripted viewers today You can use a discount code KTL A and that will get you up to 20% off of your local state to match our neighborhood rate So Ambrose considers itself upscale yet low key you know kind of like me without the upscale part but I am high key

excited about this other beach side spot Hi I'm Terence Stevenson I'm Khalil Kinsey and we are the owners of offhand wine bar All Fan Wine Bar is a wine bar that has a heavy focus on West Coast Natural winemakers Offhand is an extension of our crew West Side Winos and our uh kind of unconventional casual approach to wine This is West Side Winos good soup good soup Wine is often uh treated as a very serious kind of thing and we wanna bring a little fun to it So off hand is the way that we introduce ourselves To be honest the reason we picked Santa Monica is because Santa Monica picked us We're West side as we know born and raised here in Los Angeles Our other partner is also a California native as well He found the space and he knew the concept that we had and he was like hey I I got a good space for you guys Would you like to take it And we were like absolutely How did you learn how to swirl so good Just years of practice Years of practice It's all in the wrist This is actually two operations in one by day it's please enjoy coffee bar and by night it's offhand Please enjoy The coffee side is open from 7 to 4 p.m. and then offhand opens at five to midnight It really does transform the lights get dimmer Uh The music gets louder the volume overall right from the people to to everything gets gets a little turned up and then the wine starts flowing We offer uh weekly wine flights uh selected by our partner Justin and we offer education as well Every Friday we call it flight school because we love to give knowledge to everybody We only pick four wines at a time So you won't get over overload of information I see what you did there So it changes every Friday and then it's available every day Look at the wrist There you go I smell it You gotta teach me that Um What what do you call a Yes the aeration Yeah I've gotta learn how to do that You OK Wait I like this one There's definitely food here So and it's like Khalil likes to say enough to keep you here We have some great small bites Charcuterie board cheese plates marinated olives A few other things We are very well known for our grilled cheese sandwich here Did you say that Like you guys get people who come in all day long come for coffee and come back again at night Oh yeah Some people just close down the cafe and stick around to the wine There's such a rich history of black community and black business here in Santa Monica in many ways us being here is you know carrying on tradition Did you know Santa Monica is believed to be the birthplace of beach volleyball Yet we're serving up all sorts of neighborhood goodies just like this next fresh find Crudo was something that I was already known for working with local fish and working with these sort of Italian flavors but with an L A palate So doing something that was really seafood

forward that was choosing things the right way was super important to me and you get the halibut today can you we just scaled right now Thank you So Wednesday markets are the biggest market right down the street in Santa Monica We get fish and uh produce from there as well So it's our big receiving day Uh We take in everything and then just got some uni and oysters Uh all came in from Santa Barbara this morning So Koido is a small shop Uh We're a fish market and raw bar in Santa Monica So we sell low intervention wine fish by the pound But we also do small plates of crudo and vegetables all day long and you can come by and have either a Oikari tasting menu or a quick light lunch We have the uni tacos Beautiful started cooking in Italy Uh That's where I like really got to build a passion and like really real respect for local ingredients sourced in the right way handled the right way with like love The menu is really inspired by classic Southern Italian plate ups where when you're traveling through Sicily or Positano or the Malfi or kind of these like Mediterranean islands even in Southern Spain you get something that is pristine quality pulled out of the water by someone you know sliced and topped with olive oil and that's about it So we take that just a step further We're gonna slice a little fish and garnish Rita together This is a halibut that we just had come in this morning Like Captain Vin Crudo we wanted to really lean into the fact that we're just specializing in raw fish and not sushi not ceviche not mariscos Like we wanted to highlight this as its own type of food group Noo is in reference to a lot of things you know the fish is mostly comes is plated naked but it's also like because it's our first passion project It's also like us putting ourselves out there to the world kind of naked you know and vulnerable and look how pretty and like snow white It is like it's just beautiful So this is our favorite part We lay these out OK on the plate and then you're gonna dress them So the dashi right there is made from the halibut bones from the halibut from last week Oh really And that is our hal looks it looks gorgeous Sit down in one piece Mm It is so rich It is delicious I grew up just kind of up the street on Bay in Lincoln here I have memories of coming down here as a kid Um my partner Lena also has lived in Santa Monica for 15 years now And so this is like our home We love the intersection of Ocean Park Santa Monica and Venice Brian and I and everybody on our team um are all dreamers We tend to cultivate like a really creative group of people And I think that when people come here really feel well taken care of and they feel like they're getting to support a small business that really cares about what they're doing and cares about the environment and is trying to create the vision that they want to see in the

world Thankfully from day one credo has been the top seller So now we're serving people like you know they're clamoring for abalone They're like eating Persia out of our hand like it's like just a dream come true and we're just starting to dive into our Santa Monica take over from the Ambrose Hotel So keep riding this L A You wave of fun right after the break The first solar powered Ferris wheel in Santa Monica going green is golden Welcome back to a script everyone I'm here at the Ambrose Hotel where the guest experience isn't just exceptional It's electric as part of our local neighborhood program and included in our amenity fee We have a Tesla with a driver to take you It's a house car to take you within a three mile radius of the hotel However if you do rent a car we also do have four ev chargers downstairs so they could use uh they could rent electric cars as well See now you're plugged into all the 411 Well maybe not all I designed this space to feel like you're sitting in your grandma's living room like a French Vietnamese grandma's house I think Kobe's is purely traditional Southeast Asian recipes and they are my favorite dishes that I picked and brought over here The flavors are very true to their origin The more authentic the dish the better in my opinion And I want it to taste like it's come off a street car or Nasi Goreng which is our number one seller An Indonesian fried rice seasoned with a little bit of oyster sauce A little sweet soy There's a fried over easy egg on there in Australia We are very close to Southeast Asia My stepmom is Indonesian and I ended up spending a lot of my childhood there I speak Indonesian I just kind of fell in love with the cuisine And the earliest recollection I have is of the the beef rendang and I was only seven years old and she really wouldn't eat anything else Yeah she was very much I want the rendang from that moment That kind of started my obsession with curry during the pandemic I started Kobe's curry It was a pop up and it was just word of mouth and friends Initially it was curry from all regions around the world Kobe Santa Monica has been open since October 2021 But we were lucky enough to be introduced to Margaret and Manha Patel They have been in this space since 1972 So it used to be called DBA and it was purely Indian cuisine Then over COVID I guess they decided it was time to kind of you know change it up a bit and we got introduced to them Me myself I'm Vietnamese So we kind of tie in some Thai a lot of Vietnamese influences Kobe cooks with a lot of shrimp paste I cook with a lot of fish sauce So we kind of compliment each other This is our butter chicken This is probably our best seller I think Asian street food is just better They don't hold back It's bold I think with street food in Asia that's your go to place You've been

going there for years you know how it is There's nothing better or more significant in an Asian family Then when you all sit down around the table all the foods on the table It's all family style We all share food and appreciate each other's presence I mean that just makes me happy as a clam and we have to take a short break but let us know where your happy place is Email us at L A unscripted at KTL A dot com and then Hang 10 because we'll be right back Welcome back to scripted Santa Monica take over from the Ambrose Hotel Ok Pop quiz What do Jack Black Jamie Lee Curtis and Toby Maguire all have in common The famous faces were all born in Santa Monica Who knew And here's something else you want to know about All right guys I found a new hair salon right here in Santa Monica called Chateau Beauty Bar and they're getting ready to give me a new j Chateau Beauty bar is an inclusive salon that caters to men women Children You name it just come in here and experience the experience we serve wine snoop Dogg wine A K my dad we got his rose and his 19 crimes So you can come in here and take a little shot whatever you want to do take a sip Have a good time Relax and get pampered It's the family business of course So it's my brother his wife Sophia uh me Wayne Carla and our sister in law Lucia My middle brother Cordell brought us he came to our parents' house one day and was like I got a salon I'm like ok congrats You know and he was like it is called Chateau Beauty Bar which is named after my second niece And um he just really loved how me and my business partner Wayne did our our business you know which is called Choc Factory He loved how we branded it and how dedicated we were And he was like y'all should come and sell at our beauty bra I'm like OK cool And then as time went on he was like no forget that Wayne you run in point Corey you run in point and we just gonna have this business We pretty much do everything We have the best stylist I think in Santa Monica we definitely do sew ins we do um locks we do silk press Dad's hair is always la has he been in here and got his hair He has been in here yet but he needs to come get in here ASAP Yeah it's a high end salon but you if you wanna walk in if you wanna call in we're very inclusive and we love to accommodate to everybody Our slogan is um Chateau Beauty Bar Pampering from head to toe So in the spring summertime we're gonna bring in nails we're gonna start bringing in um microblading lashes It's a family business But how does it feel for you having this salon and having something that you can call your own It's a major major blessing And I feel like in life you just kinda have to go for it Like I feel like so many people are like you shouldn't do this you should do that or you should no you should do

whatever you wanna do because you never know what the outcome may be We love the Santa Monica area People that walk by they love us They even just say I've been I've been looking at you guys for a minute like congrats It's just the best feeling in the world Just getting phone calls People don't even wanna book They just wanna congratulate us and welcome us to the city sometimes like the beach and sometimes the beach is life especially if you hang out at this spot Can you handle it I have seen this place all over social media It is the most out of this world experience yet It's right here in the heart of Santa Monica Let's go float This is intimacy C A play on the word intimacy CS E A because we're all about the ocean and the healing aspects of it It is a quantum wellness studio First and foremost this was established as a float center Jen the owner she floated and she was blown away and floatation meditation as we like to call it is floating in a very short 12 inches of water more salt than the dead sea And you just get into the Zen You turn off some senses and then other senses come to life Athletes love it because it's the high concentration of salt is so good for muscles floated in the water with your own self Sometimes me and myself don't get along So I don't know But I think this would be amazing This is a place where you're going to come and use the services here to get more in touch with yourself Authentically this is the post float lounge Wow that is the mother of all crystals It is Where did you get this This came from Brazil And so what is it when you touch your crystal What happens It'll magnify any intention that you have in the same room where we have a salt chamber a true salt chamber which is modeled after a salt cave in Europe Amazing for the lungs good for the skin There's also an infrared sauna in the room as well that see it's two people So this is our Lulu's higher realm crystal galactic Crystal Intention the Galactic Crystal Intention tubs We brought them over from Brazil and they're giant bathtubs and they're for energetic soaking The idea is that you get into this tub and you have something that you want to manifest an intention that you want to create for yourself Can you give me just a rough idea about prices The Galactic Crystal Intention tubs are 99 and you have the entire suite for an hour and there's also steam sauna in there The floats are 77 for L A unscripted viewers coming to intimacy with the code word unscripted You'll get 20% off of regular services and you can use that online or you can mention the word unscripted in person OK Self care for the wind You guys have to check out intimacy All right I've got a manifest so out Love you guys I think the only thing left to say is the world is your oyster and a unscripted is proof of that Thank you so much to the Ambrose Hotel for letting us go

off script Where will we pop up next You never know Good night everyone