



Markus Thesleff

BRINGING FLAVOUR TO DUBAI

“Be honest, work hard, strive to be the best that you can be; success and reward will follow, not the other way round.”

Markus Thesleff has big plans. The co-founder of the latest chic eating hotspot Okku Dubai at the newly opened Monarch Hotel, says he plans on opening a string of businesses during his time here. The entrepreneur has spent most of his career working in the hospitality industry and admits, “what I love most is being able to put a smile on people’s faces.” While Markus hasn’t been based in Dubai for long, he does know how to have a good time. A lazy brunch at the Park Hyatt with friends would be followed by spa treatments at the Royal Mirage and evening drinks at Buddha Bar. “What I love about Dubai are the group dynamics and constant change, there is never a dull moment! Even the roads change from the time you leave for work in the morning to when you get home,” he laughs. “I find the city a modern melting pot that is accepting and tolerant as long as people want to better themselves. It’s much more than just a holiday destination.”

Corey Oliver

THE MAN WE WOULD LOVE TO HATE... AND DO AT 6AM!

Corey Oliver could be out shopping for groceries, or enjoying a latte at the Lime Tree when the taunting begins. And many would say he deserves it. The Australian sports addict is director of fitness and operations for Dubai fitness formula company, Physical Advantage Fitness Solutions. More notorious however is his role as the Military Bootcamp Commander, putting people through the paces in the name of health and fitness. “I could be anywhere and a Bootcamp recruit, sporting civilian clothes and not looking anywhere near how they look at the ungodly hour of 6am, will sneak up on me and start jabbering out commands that I had taught them at the top of their lungs.” With a host of sporting events and achievements under his belt, Corey is a man who lives, breathes and dreams action. From swimming, running, kayaking to boxing and surfing, the man never stops. “I enjoy it because my long term goal is to educate the masses and change the face of health and fitness in the Middle East. I like seeing my clients feel better about themselves, by having more confidence, longevity, self accomplishment, and a better understanding of well-being.”

“No more waiting to start your fitness regime at the start of another week. Seize the moment and start right now.”

