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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Professor Abreu

From: Karen Alarcon

Date: March 8, 2018

Re: New York Times Restaurant Review

A restaurant review that starts with a tittle that says “A New Link in the World’s Most Expensive Chain Restaurant” already gives an idea that this restaurant will not be for everyone. L’aelier de Joel Robuchon is known as the world’s most expensive restaurant chain with 4 locations so far. The first restaurant was opened in Paris, followed by two other ones in Las Vegas and Tokyo. The newest location in New York, around Chelsea Market. The restaurant has a modern décor that includes horseshoe shaped dinning counter facing to the kitchen with red leather stools, with service that can be described as formal. Food critic Pete Wells wasn’t impressed with the $44 burgers topped with foie gras and a mush of eggplant under a runny egg for $32. But he enjoyed the beef tartare and the king crab in avocado cannelloni. Most of the Restaurants dishes are on the expensive side like the $64 duck dish that he described as a “Slab of roasted duck breast with cracked pepper and kumquat preserves”. He also admitted that he enjoyed the bread from the bakery downstairs more. Tetsuya Yamaguchi, who has been a baker for Robuchon’s restaurant for 20 years, served escargot, which is savory brioche dough with olive oil between layers. He also enjoyed the pastries by pastry chef Salvatore Martone. “Chocolate soufflés that are the finest and airiest in the city”

The L’aelier de Joel Robuchon, is a restaurant that can be appropriate to visit on a special occasion. However, their price tag is just way too high for me and that is what sets me back into trying out this place. Pete Wells should try out a more affordable restaurant that his readers would be able to visit. For now, we can only experience them by his reviews, which at times can be confusing.

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