

# THE FEAST

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## Extravagant Shroom Becomes Most Expensive Dinner Guest in Hong Kong



8 ½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana

Weighing in at almost 2 pounds, this fungus costs almost as much as a new Ferrari (tastes better though).

Of the many creative ways to spend \$142,653, few can imagine literally eating that money. For Jeannie Cho Lee, a Hong Kong based wine expert, it was an easy idea to swallow. Ms. Lee purchased the giant truffle (weighing in just shy of 2 pounds) at auction on November 16. She immediately made plans to consume it in style by engaging Umberto Bombana, proprietor and chef of 8 ½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana in Hong Kong, to design a menu around the massive mushroom.

Yesterday, Bombana was scheduled to serve approximately 30 guests a menu featuring the soccer ball sized fungus. He was confident about the eight course dinner, noting that this was actually not the largest truffle he had ever worked with. In fact, the chef previously worked with a 1.5 kilogram (almost 3 ½ pound) truffle in 2006.