

PRESS RELEASE

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IIDA and HAJIME obtain three MICHELIN stars in the MICHELIN guide Kyoto & Osaka 2018

Michelin is pleased to unveil the new selection of the MICHELIN Guide Kyoto & Osaka 2018, which features a total of 412 restaurants and 86 hotels and ryokans, located in Kyoto and Osaka.

Michael Ellis, International Director of the MICHELIN guides said: *“The elegant, ancient city of Kyoto and the vibrant food city Osaka have different charms but both attract a lot of foreign tourists. I know these cities are also close to Japanese hearts. I am delighted to share with our clients the discoveries that our inspectors have made”.*

12 restaurants have been awarded Three Stars, including two new: **IIDA**, a restaurant located in Kyoto where the owner-chef serves Japanese cuisine and changes the menu monthly. The restaurant **Hajime** also obtains three stars this year: the chef Hajime Yoneda takes an inventive approach to the cuisine and has created a menu inspired by the themes of earth and space – and the natural way of things.

A total of 40 restaurants are awarded two stars in the selection 2018: 23 are located in Kyoto and 17 in Osaka.

The MICHELIN guide Kyoto Osaka also comprises 139 restaurants awarded one star. Among them 25 are new: 12 in Kyoto and 13 in Osaka.

The MICHELIN guide Kyoto Osaka selection also includes 221 restaurants awarded a Bib Gourmand, 34 of which are newly added to this year’s list: 18 in Kyoto and 16 in Osaka. The Bib Gourmand distinction recognizes those restaurants offering quality food at a maximum of 5,000JPY. It also reflects the continuing trend for competitively priced, less structured and more flexible dining. All cuisine categories have been considered this year in the selection.

The MICHELIN guide will be on sale in stores on Friday November 10th.

The MICHELIN guide Kyoto & Osaka 2018 comprises:

- ✓ 12 restaurants with three stars (Kyoto 8, Osaka 4). Among them, 2 are new
- ✓ 40 restaurants with two stars (Kyoto 23, Osaka 17) and 1 ryokan (Kyoto)
- ✓ 139 restaurants with one star (Kyoto 64, Osaka 75) and 2 ryokans (Kyoto). Among them, 25 are new (Kyoto 12, Osaka 13)

✓ 221 restaurants with a Bib Gourmand (Kyoto 90, Osaka 131). Among them 34 are new (Kyoto 18, Osaka 16)

About the MICHELIN Guide

The MICHELIN guide selects the best restaurants and hotels in the 28 countries it covers. Providing a showcase of gourmet dining around the world, it highlights the culinary dynamism of a country, as well as new trends and emerging young chefs. Creating value for restaurants through the distinctions that it attributes each year, the MICHELIN guide contributes to the prestige of the local gastronomy, thereby making cities and countries more attractive to tourists. Backed by its rigorous selection method and longstanding knowledge of the hospitality industry, the MICHELIN guide provides customers with unique expertise that enables it to offer them a true quality service.

The different selections are available in both print and digital versions. They are accessible via the Web and on a full range of mobile media that offer navigation capabilities adapted to individual usage as well as an on-line booking service.

With the MICHELIN guide, the Group continues to support millions of travelers, allowing them to live a unique mobility experience.

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