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### Two new cities and two new two-star restaurants in the Michelin Nordic Cities guide 2015!

The first edition of the Michelin Nordic Cities guide features two new cities: **Aarhus** in Denmark and **Malmö** in Sweden, as well as recommending the best places to eat and stay in **Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, Stockholm and Gothenburg**.

Rebecca Burr, editor of the Michelin Guides, said, *"We are excited to be able to share with our readers our recommendations for restaurants and hotels in these two cities. The new wave of Scandinavian kitchens has really raised the bar in this part of the world. Aarhus is a vibrant city with a diverse gastronomy, whilst the gloriously fertile region of Skåne puts a wealth of top quality produce on Malmö's doorstep."*

Both new cities come with an armful of awards: Aarhus is now home to 3 one-star restaurants, **Frederikshøj, Gastromé** and **Substans**, as is **Malmö**, with **Ambiance à Vindåkra, Bloom in the Park** and **Vollmers** gaining one star apiece.

Also included in the new selection for Aarhus and **Malmö** are 4 Bib Gourmands: 2 in each city. The Bib Gourmand is awarded to restaurants that offer excellent value for money and there are now 30 in the Nordic guide in total.

Copenhagen sees a new two-star awarded to cellar restaurant **a|o|c**, where former sommelier, Søren Selin serves playful, original cooking with harmonious flavours and a Danish heart.

Also gaining two stars is **Oaxen Krog**, set in a delightful waterside location in Stockholm's Djurgården. Here, says Burr, *"the finest ingredients are prepared with clarity and balance to create beautiful dishes with real depth of flavour."*

Other newly awarded restaurants are one-star **Volt**, a friendly, intimate restaurant in Stockholm run by a young but experienced team; one-star **SK Mat & Människor** in Gothenburg; a cosy restaurant with an open kitchen serving exciting dishes packed with flavour; and **Koka**, the reinvented Kock & Vin, also in Gothenburg, offering finesse, flavour and plenty of fish.

The Nordic guide caters for every type of visitor, from business traveller to tourist, and recommends the best establishments across all categories of comfort and price – from lively bistros and intimate townhouses to celebrated restaurants and luxurious hotels.

The Michelin Nordic Cities Guide 2015 will be available in bookshops from Friday 27th February 2015.

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