

PRESS RELEASE

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A NEW THREE STARS RESTAURANT IN THE MICHELIN GUIDE SPAIN & PORTUGAL 2014

The new edition of the Michelin Guide for Spain and Portugal confirms the strength of gastronomy on the Iberian Peninsula, and today reveals 25 newly starred establishments, including 8 restaurants with three stars, 19 restaurants with two stars and 144 restaurants with one star.

Despite a difficult economic context, restaurateurs were able to overcome this hurdle, offering with a great diversity of culinary offerings and new formulas which enrich the sector. Proof of this is found in the 171 starred establishments in the 2014 Michelin Guide, compared to 158 last year. There are 25 newly starred establishments, covering the entire Spanish geography.

One new restaurant received a third star in the 2014 edition of the guide: the restaurant **Diverxo, in Madrid**. Concerning this restaurant, Michael Ellis, International Director of the Michelin Guides, declared "the chef David Munoz is without a doubt a rising star in the world of gastronomy, and we are sure that he has many wonderful surprises in store for his customers going forward. At the tender age of 33 years old, he shows a culinary signature of remarkable maturity. David's energy, and cutting edge concepts have been inspired by his travels Japan, China and Europe, and his creations are rich in textures, flavors and aromas that can surprise and astonish. It is cooking of exceptional creativity, one where the senses are never at rest. The atmosphere in the restaurant are in the image of the chef himself, avant garde, iconoclast and totally unexpected".

With restaurants *Akelare* and *Arzak* in San Sebastián, *Martín Berasategui* in Lasarte-Oria (Guipúzcoa), *Sant Pau* in Sant Pol de Mar (Barcelona) and *El Celler de Can Roca* in Girona. Spain has 8 three stars. They therefore continue to rank among the top 100 or so best restaurants in the world, deemed worthy of this highest distinction awarded for their "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey."

19 new restaurants were inducted into the guide's two stars category this year, and 22 new one star restaurants.

The MICHELIN guide Spain & Portugal 2014 also lists 253 Bib Gourmand restaurants that offer excellent value for money. Whether they are the latest buzz or quaint bistros, offering traditional or inventive cooking, local specialties or world cuisine, all serve a three-course meal at moderate prices (no more than €35 in Spain and Andorra, €30 in Portugal), while respecting the quality criteria of the MICHELIN guide.

Thanks to a uniform, rigorous selection system applied to 23 countries, the MICHELIN guide is an international benchmark for gourmet dining. All of the restaurants featured in the selection were selected by the MICHELIN guide's famous inspectors, who anonymously travel the roads of the Kingdom and the Grand Duchy in search of the best addresses. The inspectors undergo rigorous training so that they apply the same time-tested methods used by MICHELIN guide inspectors throughout the world to ensure a uniform, international standard of excellence. As a guarantee of complete objectivity, Michelin inspectors pay all their bills in full.

The MICHELIN guide Spain & Portugal 2014 **goes on sale for €29.90**. The new edition lists 3,848 addresses, including:



- ✓ 1856 hotels
- ✓ 268 country guesthouses
- ✓ 1724 restaurants
- ✓ 130 tapas bars
- ✓ 253 Bib Gourmand
- ✓ 320 especially pleasant establishments

The MICHELIN guide on iPhone

Looking for a home-style meal or a gourmet restaurant? The MICHELIN guide inspectors have selected the best establishments for you.

For a complete presentation of each restaurant (including contact details, awards and amenities, opening periods, prices and comments from the MICHELIN guide), you just locate it on a map and can book a table directly via your iPhone. Then, share your experience with other gourmet diners.

The selection of the MICHELIN guide Spain & Portugal 2014 can be consulted via your iPhone or iPod Touch.

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