

## PRESS INFORMATION

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### **FIVE NEW ONE-STAR RESTAURANTS RECOGNIZED IN 10th EDITION OF MICHELIN GUIDE CHICAGO**

Michelin today released the 2020 edition of The MICHELIN Guide Chicago. Michelin inspectors, who have been dining anonymously around Chicago for more than a decade, recognized 25 establishments that have been awarded one or more Michelin stars, including five new one-star restaurants.

“Our inspectors are especially impressed by the high-end Japanese cuisine available in the West Loop,” said Gwendal Poullennec, international director of the MICHELIN Guide. “We have five new one-star restaurants in the 2020 MICHELIN Guide Chicago, each of which demonstrates a fine attention to detail and serves high-quality, top-notch cuisine.”

**Kikkō**, a tasting counter secretly tucked away in the luxe cocktail den, Kumiko, earns one star for 2020. Executed by chef de cuisine Mariya Russell and overseen by Oriole’s Noah Sandoval, culinary highlights include sashimi, house-made tofu and seared mackerel with creative, clever touches.

Chicago veteran chef B.K. Park earns one Michelin star with **Mako**, an impressive omakase offering a strikingly beautiful procession of sushi, while chef Sangtae Park’s **Omakase Yume**, an intimate spot where diners enjoy high-quality food at a good value, also earns one star.

Located in the former Grace space, executive chef Mari Katsumura and team at **Yūgen** serve up a thoughtfully composed dining experience, where contemporary cooking is influenced by Japanese flavors and techniques that creatively reflect the chef’s personal experience. **Yūgen** also earns one star for 2020.

Michelin inspectors recognized **Next**, the innovative concept from chefs Edgar Tinoco and Grant Achatz, with one star in the 2020 edition. Formerly a Michelin Plate, **Next** offers a novel approach to dining, changing its themed menu multiple times a year.

“Our inspectors have frequented Next for several years and are thrilled to recognize it with a star in the 2020 MICHELIN Guide,” Poullennec said. “The menu delivers a fresh experience, and the food is consistently high-quality and worthy of recognition.”

**Alinea**, also led by chef Grant Achatz, retains three stars, the highest recognition offered by the Guide.

The 2020 Bib Gourmands were announced last week for Chicago. The Bib Gourmands are awarded to restaurants that earn the attention of Michelin inspectors for offering good quality food at a good value.

Additionally, the 2020 MICHELIN Guide Chicago recognizes more than 100 restaurants with the Plate symbol, a designation given to restaurants that inspectors recommend to travellers and locals for a good meal with fresh ingredients and capable preparation.



The nearly 200 restaurants that appear in the MICHELIN Guide Chicago represent 39 unique cuisine types. Diners can find recommendations for establishments with notable wine, beer, sake and cocktail lists, as well as menus on which average prices are \$25 and under.

In summary, the 2020 selection for Chicago includes:

- One restaurant with three stars
- Three restaurants with two stars
- 21 restaurants with one star
- 54 restaurants with a Bib Gourmand

The 2020 MICHELIN Guide Chicago will go on sale Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at major book sellers for a suggested retail price of \$18.99.

## Chicago's 2020 Michelin Stars

### THREE STARS

*Exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey*

ESTABLISHMENT	AREA	NEW	CHEF
Alinea	Lincoln Park & Old Town		Grant Achatz

### TWO STARS

*Excellent cuisine, worth a detour*

ESTABLISHMENT	AREA	NEW
Acadia	Chinatown & South	
Oriole	West Loop	
Smyth	West Loop	

### ONE STAR

*High quality cooking, worth a stop*

ESTABLISHMENT	AREA	NEW
Band of Bohemia	Andersonville, Edgewater & Uptown	
Blackbird	West Loop	
Boka	Lincoln Park & Old Town	
EL Ideas	Pilsen, University Village & Bridgeport	
Elizabeth	Andersonville, Edgewater & Uptown	

<b>Elske</b>	West Loop	
<b>Entente</b>	Lakeview & Wrigleyville	
<b>Everest</b>	Loop	
<b>Goosefoot</b>	Andersonville, Edgewater & Uptown	
<b>Kikkō</b>	West Loop	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Mako</b>	West Loop	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Next</b>	West Loop	<b>NEW</b>
<b>North Pond</b>	Lincoln Park & Old Town	
<b>Omakase Yume</b>	West Loop	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Parachute</b>	Humboldt Park & Logan Square	
<b>Schwa</b>	Bucktown & Wicker Park	
<b>Sepia</b>	West Loop	
<b>Spiaggia</b>	Gold Coast	
<b>Temporis</b>	Bucktown & Wicker Park	
<b>Topolobampo</b>	River North	
<b>YŪGEN</b>	West Loop	<b>NEW</b>

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