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**One new three-starred restaurant
in the Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland 2020**

The Michelin Great Britain & Ireland Stars for 2020 have been unveiled today at a special launch event at The Hurlingham Club in Fulham, London.

One hundred and eighty-seven Michelin-Starred Restaurants are featured for 2020, including one new Three Star, four new Two Stars and 23 new One Stars.

This year's highlight is the promotion of Pierre Gagnaire's **Sketch (The Lecture Room & Library)** in Mayfair (Johannes Nuding as executive chef) from Two to Three Michelin Stars – our highest accolade.

"We are thrilled that this has been such a stellar year, and we have seen many first ventures opening and rapidly rising to success," says Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the Michelin guides.

*"With three Michelin Stars, **Sketch** joins four other restaurants at this prestigious level. This Pierre Gagnaire restaurant won its first star in 2005 and its second in 2013. Our inspectors judge the cooking here to be wonderfully complex and highly original, with each element of the meal excelling in terms of structure, composition and, above all, flavour,"* adds Mr Poullennec.

Three restaurants have been promoted from One to Two Stars: Anne Sophie Pic's **La Dame de Pic** and the chef Luca Piscazzi ; **The Dining Room** at Whatley Manor in Malmesbury (Niall Keating); and **The Greenhouse** in Dublin (Mikael Viljanen).

Meanwhile, **Aimsir** in Celbridge – where Jordan Bailey focuses on foraged and preserved produce – enters the guide for the first time with Two Michelin Stars.

The Lake District is a big winner, with three restaurants gaining One Star: the sweet, intimate **Old Stamp House** at Ambleside; **Allium at Askham Hall** in Askham, which makes great use of produce from its gardens and estate; and hidden gem **The Cottage in the Wood** in Braithwaite.

One Star is awarded to **Interlude** in the Leonardslee Gardens in Lower Beeding and to **Pensons** in Tenbury Wells, which both focus on local and garden produce; meanwhile, Nottingham's new One Michelin Star **alchemilla** really brings plant-based ingredients to the fore.

Six of our new Stars are run by husband and wife teams. These include the picture-perfect **Royal Oak** pub at Whatcote; modest little **Stark** in Broadstairs, which seats just 10 guests; **The Angel** in Hetton, which is now under the leadership of experienced owner Michael Wignall; and Laurie Gear's **Artichoke** in Amersham.

London has a good geographical spread of new One Stars, with intimate **Mãos** in Shoreditch; **Da Terra** in the restored Town Hall Hotel in Bethnal Green; **Dysart Petersham**, set in a charming early-1900s house in Richmond; and Japanese **Endo at The Rotunda** in the old BBC Building in Shepherd's Bush.

Other city establishments include sophisticated Indian restaurant **Opheem** in Birmingham and stylish **Mana** in Manchester, which receives the city's first Michelin Star in over 40 years.

Scotland brings home two new Stars in the form of understated **Condita** in Edinburgh and **Isle of Eriska**, which is set within an impressive baronial mansion on the island of the same name. Wales sees the charming **Beach House** at Oxwich awarded a Michelin Star and the trendy **Muddlers Club** brings a third Star to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The Republic of Ireland also has much to celebrate, with intimate wine-bar-cum-bistro **Bastion** in Kinsale being promoted from a Bib Gourmand, and funky modern **Variety Jones** in Dublin and grand hotel dining room **The Oak Room** in Adare both receiving One Michelin Star.

“This is an amazing year for the Republic of Ireland, with five new Michelin Stars being awarded – two of them at Two Star level. This brings the total number of Starred restaurants in Ireland up to 18 and is just reward for the determination of young chefs who are keen to make their mark on the Irish dining scene,” says Rebecca Burr, Director of the Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland.

She adds: *“Running a successful restaurant is tough, and we know that. It takes long hours, dedication, teamwork and the support of those people closest to you. I congratulate all the teams and chefs who have won and retained Michelin Stars in the 2020 guide.”*

Alongside the new Stars, the winners of the three Michelin Awards for 2020 have been announced:
Welcome & Service Award 2020 – Team Bonwick at **The Crown at Burchetts Green**.
Sommelier Award 2020 – Jurica Gojevic at **Adare Manor** in County Limerick.
Sustainability Award 2020 – **Loam** in Galway.

“This selection is also symbolic because it also marks another step in the enormous digitisation work launched by our teams, adds Mr Poullennec. “Indeed, foodies from all around the world can now find the full selection on line on the Michelin guide’s website, free of charge, accompanied by exclusive editorial content that is regularly enriched throughout the year.”

Fine-dining lovers, whether British, Irish or tourists who wish to enhance their stay with a first-rate culinary experience, will also be able to book certain tables online and enjoy exclusive offers.

The 2020 selection at a glance:

- 1,464 restaurants in total (131 New)
- 5 Three Michelin Star restaurants (1 New)
- 23 Two Michelin Star restaurants (4 New)
- 159 One Michelin Star restaurants (23 New)
- 131 Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurants (22 New) [See also the Bib Gourmand Press Release]
- 1,146 Michelin Plate restaurants (131 New)

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