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Chicago's new MICHELIN Stars 2022 Revealed

- **Inspectors highlights four new One MICHELIN Star restaurants in Chicago**
- **7 new Bib Gourmand restaurants revealed**
- **23 restaurants achieve MICHELIN Star distinctions, the 2022 selection includes a total of 39 cuisine types**

CHICAGO, April 5, 2022 — The MICHELIN Guide has added four One MICHELIN Star restaurants to Chicago's roster of Starred eateries, and seven new Bib Gourmand, highlighted for their particularly interesting value for money. Altogether, 23 restaurants made the list, including a Three MICHELIN Stars one, **Alinea**, led by chefs Grant Achatz and Douglas Alley, which still maintains its exceptional level of quality, since the first edition of the MICHELIN Guide Chicago in 2011.

"MICHELIN Guide inspectors found that Chicago chefs and restaurant teams still maintain a high level of quality and creativity in fine dining experiences, even as pursuing their activity has been an unprecedented challenge during the past year", said Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the MICHELIN Guides. "We are pleased to welcome four new One MICHELIN Star restaurants and seven new Bib Gourmand in this 2022 selection and celebrate all 23 MICHELIN Starred establishments."

Here are the new One MICHELIN Star restaurants, with inspector notes introducing each (find full versions of comments in the App or the MICHELIN Guide's website):

Claudia (Bucktown/Wicker Park; contemporary cuisine)

After years of searching for a brick-and-mortar home, Chef Trevor Teich landed upon this welcoming Bucktown location. Named after his mother, Claudia is über cool and contemporary. In this special place, you can enjoy an intensely creative prix-fixe, the bento box — featuring the likes of a scallop cracker with preserved egg yolk, squid ink madeleines, yellowfin tuna nigiri stuffed with foie gras, and a caviar-topped potato beignet — sets the stage for an exquisite and memorable meal.



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Kasama (Bucktown; Filipino cuisine)

Chefs Tim Flores and Genie Kwon, both former members of the Oriole kitchen, have branched out on their own with this restaurant, which opened at the height of the pandemic in 2020. It has evolved to represent the true vision of what the couple had in mind for Kasama, with a dinner tasting menu that emphatically displays this talented team's training, experience and heritage for an experience that is ambitious, clever and distinct, mixing Filipino traditions with contemporary notes.

Esmé (Lincoln Park; contemporary cuisine)

Together with his wife and co-owner, Katrina Bravo, Chef Jenner Tomaska lays bare lofty ambitions at this airy atelier. The minimalist, well-lit space evokes an art gallery, complete with a high concept tasting that's aimed at blurring the boundaries between art and dining: the multi-course meal features a variety of creative and unexpected dishes, each offered on custom pieces made by local artists.

Galit (Lincoln Park; Middle Eastern cuisine)

Chef Zach Engel brings his experience to bear on this personal brand of modern Middle Eastern cuisine. His prix-fixe allows diners to make their own selections from a range of options, but sharing is key to cover the most ground. Kick things off with salatim (spreads and pickles) accompanied by flame-kissed pita. Even familiar dishes offer surprising depth, like creamy hummus or crackling-crisp falafel with mango labneh.

Seven new Bib Gourmand

This year, MICHELIN Guide's inspectors have discovered seven new spots offering a particularly interesting value-for-money: **Apolonia, Bloom Plant Based Kitchen, Dear Margaret, Lardon, Sochi, Superkhana International, Tortello Pastificio.**





Two Special MICHELIN Awards revealed this year

In addition to the highly awaited Bib Gourmand and MICHELIN Star awards, the Guide has revealed Special Awards, including Sommelier of the Year, presented by Wine Access, awarded to **Colin Hofer** (restaurant Porto) and the Exceptional Cocktails Award which rewards **Julia Momosé** (restaurant Kumiko).



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The MICHELIN Guide Chicago 2022 selection at a glance:

 Bib Gourmands (Good food at moderate price)	55
 (Exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey)	1
 Excellent cuisine, worth a detour)	4
 (High quality cooking, worth a stop)	18
Cuisine types reflected in selection	39
Cuisine types starred restaurants	7
Cuisine types reflected in Bib Gourmands	23

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Chicago's 2022 Starred Establishments

Restaurant	Honor	Address
Alinea	***	1723 N. Halsted St.
Ever	**	1340 W. Fulton Market
Moody Tongue	**	2515 S. Wabash Ave.
Oriole	**	661 W. Walnut St.
Smyth	**	177 N. Ada St.
Boka	*	1729 N. Halsted St.
Claudia (new)	*	1952 N. Damen Ave.
EL Ideas	*	2419 W. 14th St.
Elizabeth	*	4835 N. Western, Unit D
Elske	*	1350 W. Randolph Ave.
Esmé (new)	*	2200 N. Clark St.
Galit (new)	*	2429 N. Lincoln Ave.
Goosefoot	*	2656 W. Lawrence Ave.
Kasama (new)	*	1001 N. Winchester Ave.
Mako	*	731 W. Lake St.
Next	*	953 W. Fulton Market
North Pond	*	2610 N. Cannon Dr.
Omakase Yume	*	651 W. Washington Blvd.
Porto	*	1600 W. Chicago Ave.
Schwa	*	1466 N. Ashland Ave.
Sepia	*	123 N. Jefferson St.
Temporis	*	933 N. Ashland Ave.
Topolobampo	*	445 N. Clark St.

Chicago's 2022 Bib Gourmands Selection

Restaurant	Address
Apolonia (new)	2201 S. Michigan Ave.
avec	615 W. Randolph St.
Birrieria Zaragoza	4852 S. Pulaski Rd.
Bloom Plant Based Kitchen (new)	1559 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Cabra	200 N. Green St.
Chef's Special Cocktail Bar	2165 N. Western Ave.
Chilam Balam	3023 N. Broadway
Ciccio Mio	226 W. Kinzie St.
Cira	200 N. Green St.
Daisies	2523 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Dear Margaret (new)	2965 N. Lincoln Ave.
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Dos Urban Cantina	2829 W. Armitage Ave.



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etta	1840 W. North Ave.
Flat & Point	3524 W. Fullerton Ave.
Frontera Grill	445 N. Clark St.
Funkenhausen	1709 W. Chicago Ave.
Ghin Khao	2128 W. Cermak Rd.
Giant	3209 W. Armitage Ave.
Gilt Bar	230 W. Kinzie St.
Girl & The Goat	809 W. Randolph St.
GT Fish & Oyster	531 N. Wells St.
HaiSous	1800 S. Carpenter Ave.
Herb	5424 N. Broadway
Ina Mae	1415 N. Wood St.
Joe's Imports	813 W. Fulton Market
Kie-Gol-Lanee	5004 N. Sheridan Rd.
La Josie	740 W. Randolph St.
Lardon (new)	2200 California Ave.
Longman & Eagle	2657 N. Kedzie Ave.
Lula Cafe	2537 N. Kedzie Ave.
Mama Delia	1721 W. Division St.
Mango Pickle	5842 N. Broadway
Marisol	205 E. Pearson St.
mfk.	432 W. Diversey Pkwy.
Mi Tocaya	2800 W. Logan Blvd.
Mott St.	1401 N. Ashland Ave.
Munno Pizzeria & Bistro	4656 N. Clark St.
Nella Pizza e Pasta	1125 E. 55th St.
Perilla	401 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Pizzeria Bebu	1521 N. Fremont St.
Pleasant House Pub	2119 S. Halstead Ave.
Proxi	565 W. Randolph St.
Smoque BBQ	3800 N. Pulaski Rd.
Sochi (new)	1358 W. Belmont Ave.
Sol de Mexico	3018 N. Cicero Ave.
Soulé	1931 W. Chicago Ave.
Superkhana International (new)	3059 W. Diversey Ave.
Table, Donkey and Stick	2728 W. Armitage Ave.
The Duck Inn	2701 S. Eleanor St.
The Purple Pig	444 N. Michigan Ave.
Tortello Pastificio (new)	1746 W. Division St.
Tzuco	720 N. State St.
Vajra	1329 W. Chicago Ave.
Virtue	1462 E. 53rd St.



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