



PRESS RELEASE

MICHELIN GUIDE

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## MICHELIN Guide Toronto 2023 increases in Star power

- **Two restaurants earn a MICHELIN Star for the first time**
- **Toronto receives its first-ever MICHELIN Green Star**
- **21 Bib Gourmand, plus four special awards, also unveiled**
- **83 total restaurants, 28 cuisine types reflected in selection**

Two restaurants, **Kappo Sato** and **Restaurant 20 Victoria**, joined the exclusive list of MICHELIN-Starred eateries in Canada, as the 2023 MICHELIN Guide Toronto was announced Wednesday night at HISTORY.

Overall, the anonymous MICHELIN Guide inspectors awarded Stars to 15 restaurants, with Sushi Masaki Saito remaining atop that list with two MICHELIN Stars. The 2023 selection comprises 83 restaurants and 28 types of cuisine.

**Frilu**, which retained its one MICHELIN Star, and **White Lily Diner**, which earned a 2023 Bib Gourmand award, were awarded the city's first MICHELIN Green Stars, as a recompense for their sustainable commitments.

"Since the inaugural selection in Toronto last year, we have seen and felt the momentum grow in this culinary community," said Gwendal Poullennec, the International Director of the MICHELIN Guides. "The passion, encouragement and determination has been evident, and we see the fruit of that labor today. We are very pleased to welcome Kappo Sato and Restaurant 20 Victoria into the family of MICHELIN Starred restaurants. The famously anonymous inspectors of the Guide were also inspired by Frilu' and White Lily Diner's commitments to sustainable gastronomy".

Here are the new one MICHELIN Star restaurants, with inspector notes from each (inspectors' comments in full on the MICHELIN Guide website and [mobile app](#)):



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### One MICHELIN Star

#### **Kappo Sato (Japanese cuisine)**

*Unlike the quiet ceremony of a sushi omakase or the formal structure of a kaiseki, this freewheeling tasting is driven solely by Chef Takeshi Sato, who swims in familiar culinary waters on his own terms. The room is a constant blur of motion thanks to a young team that hurries about preparing multiple courses at once. Sato is their seasoned guide, as he moves with intention, ever masterful with a knife, and works with an impressive bounty of ingredients, most of which are flown in from Japan. Soulful dashi broths weave in and out of view alongside clever courses like tempura fried mackerel with shiso or seared toro nigiri with Japanese green onions.*

#### **Restaurant 20 Victoria (Contemporary cuisine)**

*On a quiet stretch of downtown Toronto, Chef Julie Hyde is making her talents known in this tiny-but-mighty restaurant that captured the city's heart the day it opened. Top-notch local produce, pristine seafood and refined sauce work make for a delicious trifecta on a seasonal tasting menu that boasts originality in spades. Recent highlights included smoked beets with oyster cream as well as grilled fish with beurre blanc and eel crumble. The dimly lit dining room is elegantly easy-going, as Hyde and her small team work with laser-like focus from a kitchen that's simultaneously always in use and always pristine.*

### MICHELIN Green Star

#### **Frilu (Contemporary cuisine)**

*Owner-established Willowolf Farm uses no-till methods to grow fruits and vegetables for Frilu to use throughout the seasons; Chef John-Vincent Troiano hand-picks produce every morning to ensure a truly sustainable farm-to-table experience; compost program uses all kitchen waste to enrichen the farm's soil; Canadian ingredients, bought from local markets and farmers, are used throughout the year.*

#### **White Lily Diner (Creative cuisine)**

*Their organic, no-till farm and greenhouses supply the diner (and more than 15 other restaurants) with produce; they raise chickens to supply the diner with eggs; only hand tools are used on the farm; insect netting and greenhouses mitigate insects and disease; an orchard was recently planted and is being cultivated.*

### Bib Gourmand

The MICHELIN Guide inspectors added four restaurants to the Bib Gourmand list, which recognizes eateries for great food at a great value: **BB's**, **Sunnys Chinese**, **Tiflisi** and **White Lily Diner**.



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### Special Awards

In addition to the Bib Gourmand and Stars, the Guide announced four special awards:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Establishment</b>
Michelin Exceptional Cocktails Award	<b>Bar team</b>	Quetzal
Michelin Sommelier Award	<b>Marco Thompson</b>	Osteria Giulia
Michelin Outstanding Service Award	<b>Front-of-house team</b>	Restaurant 20 Victoria
Michelin Young Chef Award	<b>Chef David Schwartz and team</b>	Sunnys Chinese

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### Hotels

The restaurants join the MICHELIN Guide selection of hotels, which features the most unique and exciting places to stay in Toronto and throughout the world. Each hotel has been chosen by MICHELIN Guide experts for its extraordinary style, service and personality — with options for all budgets — and each can be booked directly through the MICHELIN Guide website and app. The selection for Toronto features the city’s most spectacular hotels, including sustainability pioneers like [1 Hotel Toronto](#), standouts from the “Plus” collection like [the Hazelton](#) and [the SoHo](#), cutting-edge boutiques like [Ace Hotel](#) and [the Drake](#), and dependable luxury stalwarts like [the Ritz-Carlton](#).

The MICHELIN Guide is a benchmark in gastronomy. Now it’s setting a new standard for hotels. Visit the MICHELIN Guide website, or download the free app for iOS and Android, to discover every restaurant in the selection and book an unforgettable hotel.



**The 2023 MICHELIN Guide Toronto selection:**

 (Excellent cuisine, worth a detour)	<b>1</b>
 (High quality cooking, worth a stop)	<b>14</b>
 (Restaurant sustainability leaders)	<b>2</b>
 Bib Gourmands (Good food at moderate price)	<b>21</b>
Recommended restaurants	<b>47</b>
<b>Total</b> number of restaurants in selection	<b>83</b>
Cuisine types reflected in Starred restaurants	<b>6</b>
Cuisine types reflected in Bib Gourmands	<b>17</b>
Cuisine types reflected in selection	<b>28</b>

**Toronto’s 2023 MICHELIN-Starred restaurants**

Restaurant	Distinction	Address
Sushi Masaki Saito		88 Avenue Rd., M5R 2H2
Aburi Hana		102 Yorkville Ave., M5R 1B9
Alo		163 Spadina Ave., M5V 2L6
Alobar Yorkville		57A-162 Cumberland St., M5R 1A8
Don Alfonso 1890 Toronto		1 Harbour Sq., M5J 1A6
Edulis		169 Niagara St., M5V 1C9
Enigma Yorkville		23 St. Thomas St., M5S 3E7
Frilu		7713 Yonge St., L3T 2C4
Kaiseki Yu-zen Hashimoto		6 Garamond Ct., M3C 1Z5
Kappo Sato <b>(new)</b>		575 Mount Pleasant Rd., M4S 2M5
Osteria Giulia		134 Avenue Rd., M5R 2H6
Quetzal		419 College St., M5T 1T1
Restaurant 20 Victoria <b>(new)</b>		20 Victoria St., M5C 2A1
Shoushin		3328 Yonge St., M4N 2M4
Yukashi		643 Mount Pleasant Rd., M4S 2M9



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### Toronto's 2023 MICHELIN-Green-Starred restaurant

Restaurant	Distinction	Address
Frilu <b>(new)</b>		7713 Yonge St., L3T 2C4
White Lily Diner <b>(new)</b>		678 Queen St., M4M 1G8

### Toronto's 2023 Bib Gourmand restaurants

Restaurant	Address
The Ace	231A Roncesvalles Ave., M5R 2L6
Alma	1194 Bloor St., M6H 1N2
Bar Raval	505 College St., M6G 1A5
BB's <b>(new)</b>	5 Brock Ave., M6K 2K6
Campechano	504 Adelaide St., M5V 1T4
Cherry Street Bar-B-Que	275 Cherry St., M5A 3L3
Chica's Chicken	2853 Dundas St., M6P 1Y6
Enoteca Sociale	1288 Dundas St. W, M6J 1X7
Fat Pasha	414 Dupont St., M5R 1V9
Favorites Thai	141 Ossington Ave., M6J 2Z6
Fonda Balam	802 Dundas St., M6J 1V3
Grey Gardens	199 Augusta Ave., M5T 2L4
Indian Street Food Company	1701 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C1
La Bartola	588 College St., M6G 1B3
Puerto Bravo	1425 Gerrard St. E, M4L 1Z7
R&D	241 Spadina Ave., M5T 2E2
SumiLicious Smoked Meat & Deli	5631 Steeles Ave., M1V 5P6
Sunnys Chinese <b>(new)</b>	60 Kensington Ave., M5T 2K1
Tiflisi <b>(new)</b>	1970 Queen St. E, M4L 1H8
White Lily Diner <b>(new)</b>	678 Queen St., M4M 1G8
Wynona	819 Gerrard St. E, M4M 1Y8

**Toronto's 2023 Recommended restaurants**

<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>Address</b>
156 Cumberland	156 Cumberland St., M5R 1A8
Aanch	259 Wellington St., M5V 3E4
Actinolite	971 Ossington Ave., M6G 3V5
Adrak Yorkville	138 Avenue Rd., M5R 2H6
Alder <b>(new)</b>	51 Camden St., M5V 1V2
Aloette	163 Spadina Ave., M5V 2A5
Amal	131 Bloor St. W, M5S 1R1
Antler	1454 Dundas St. W, M6J 1Y6
Ardo	243 King St. E, M5A 1J9
Bar Chica	75 Portland St., M5V 2M9
Bar Isabel	797 College St., M6G 1C7
Bar Vendetta	928 Dundas St., M6J 1W3
Buca	604 King St. W, M5V 1M6
CÀ PHÊ RANG	147 Spadina Ave., M5V 2L7
Canoe	66 Wellington St., M5K 1H6
Chubby's Jamaican Kitchen	104 Portland St., M5V 2N2
Dil Se	335 Roncesvalles Ave., M6R 2M8
Dreyfus	96 Harbord St., M5S 1G6
FK <b>(new)</b>	770 St. Clair Ave. W, M6C 1B5
George	111C Queen St. E, M5C 1S2
Gia	1214 Dundas St., M6J1X5
Giulietta	972 College St., M6H 1A5
Henry's	922 Queen St., M6J 1G6
Jacobs & Co. Steakhouse	12 Brant St., M5V 2M1
Kiin <b>(new)</b>	326 Adelaide St. W, M5V 1R3
Koh Lipe Thai Kitchen	35 Baldwin St., M5T 1L1
Kōjin	190 University Ave., M5H 0A3
La Banane	227 Ossington Ave., M6J 2Z8
Lapinou	642 King St., M5V 1M7
Madrina	2 Trinity St., M5A 3C4
Maha's	226 Greenwood Ave., M4L 2R2
Mimi Chinese <b>(new)</b>	265 Davenport Rd., M5R 1J9
Mother's Dumplings	421 Spadina Ave., M5T 2G6
Musoshin Ramen	9 Boustead Ave., M6R 1Y7
PAI	18 Duncan St., M5H 3G8
Parquet <b>(new)</b>	97 Harbord St., M5S 1G4



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Pho Tien Thanh	57 Ossington Ave., M6J 2Y9
Pompette	597 College St., M6G 1B5
Prime Seafood Palace	944 Queen St. W, M6J 1G8
Ration: Beverley	335 Queen St., M5V 2A4
SARA	98 Portland St., M5V 2N2
Scaramouche	1 Benvenuto Pl., M4V 2L1
Ten	1132 College St., M6H 1B6
Union	72 Ossington Ave., M6J 2Y7
Vela <b>(new)</b>	90 Portland St., M5V 2M9
Viaggio	1727 Dundas St. W, M6K 1V4
The Wood Owl <b>(new)</b>	1380 Danforth Ave., M4J 1M9

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