

## **Press Release**

## Berlin remains gastronomic capital of Germany

Michelin Guide: Berlin asserts its top position with two new stars

**Berlin, 6 November 2014** Fifteen Berlin restaurants were awarded a total of twenty Michelin stars to keep its top spot in the German restaurant scene. The capital's restaurants were awarded one more star in total than last year. The Michelin restaurant guide announced today those restaurants in Germany that had received its top honours.

A total of fifteen restaurants in Berlin were awarded at least one of the coveted Michelin stars: ten were awarded one star and five were awarded two stars. Two restaurants were given this honour for the first time this year.

The two-star restaurants named in this year's guide are FACIL, Fischers Fritz, Lorenz Adlon Esszimmer, reinstoff and Tim Raue. Berlin restaurants a.choice in Lichtenberg and Frühsammers Restaurant in Schmargendorf each earned their first Michelin stars this year. Keeping their Michelin stars this year were First Floor, 5-cinco by Paco Pérez, Horvárth, Hugos, Rutz, VAU, Les Solistes by Pierre Gagnaire and Pauly Saal. Hartmann's in Kreuzberg unfortunately lost its star. Five other restaurants were awarded the Michelin Bib Gourmand for offering high-end cuisine at a good price: Restaurant 44, Brasserie Lamazère, Buchholz Gutshof Britz, Jungbluth and fusion house Kochu Karu.

## Berlin's dining scene: a menu of the new and the long-established

In recent years, Berlin has attracted top, innovative chefs to what has become a gourmet metropolis. Berlin boasts more than 15,000 dining establishments, offering everything from gilded currywurst to luxury restaurants. Those who visit the city also appreciate this offering: 93 per cent dine out whilst in Berlin. Nearly 45% of what tourists spend in Berlin goes to the hospitality industry (hotels and restaurants). The German capital inspires its visitors with its lively restaurant scene and creative chefs who love to experiment. The city sets culinary trends and there's always something new to discover beyond the world of Michelin-star dining. Berlin's <u>street food markets</u> are one currently popular option.

For more information about dining out in Berlin, check out our website: visitBerlin.com.

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