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DINNER BY HESTON BLUMENTHAL IS BESTOWED ITS DEBUT MICHELIN STAR AND HAKKASAN AND OSSIANO RETAIN ONE STAR IN DUBAI'S MICHELIN GUIDE 2023

- *Dinner by Heston Blumenthal - One Michelin Star (2023)*
 - *Ossiano - One Michelin Star (2022/2023)*
 - *Hakkasan - One Michelin Star (2022/2023)*
 - *Opening of the Year - Ariana's Persian Kitchen*
- *Sommelier Award - Arturo Scarmadella, Head Sommelier, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal*
- *Service of the Year - Tomislav Lokvicic, General Manager, La Mar by Gastón Acurio*
- *Additional inclusions in the 2023 Michelin Guide: Nobu Dubai, Ariana's Persian Kitchen, Jaleo by José Andrés, La Mar by Gastón Acurio and Estiatorio Milos*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates – During Dubai's second edition of its Michelin Guide, three restaurants located at the region's leading culinary destination took home one Michelin star, and three of Michelin's five 'Special Awards' were bestowed upon Atlantis Dubai restaurants. Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, which opened at Atlantis The Royal in February of this year, was awarded its first star within only four months of opening, and both Grégoire Berger's Ossiano and Hakkasan Dubai retained their stars for a second year.

Alongside the Michelin stars, three of Michelin's five 'Special Awards' were bestowed upon Atlantis Dubai restaurants, including Ariana Bundy's, Ariana's Persian Kitchen, which took home the debut award of Opening of the Year, Arturo Scarmadella, Head Sommelier of Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, took home the coveted Sommelier Award, and La Mar by Gastón Acurio, General Manager, Tomislav Lokvicic was awarded the Service of the Year Award.

Furthermore, five restaurants across the culinary destination were awarded an honourable mention in the 2023 guide, including Nobu Dubai, which retained its mention from 2022, as well as new additions, including Ariana's Persian Kitchen, Jaleo by José Andrés, La Mar by Gastón Acurio and Estiatorio Milos; all of which are located at the newly opened Atlantis The Royal.

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Timothy Kelly, Executive Vice President and Managing Director, Atlantis Resorts, commented “*For Atlantis Dubai to be home to three Michelin stars, three Michelin Special Awards and five guide inclusions all under one roof allows our guests from all over the world to enjoy the world’s finest cuisines in one destination executed on the highest level. When guests dine with us, they can expect more than just a meal - they embark on a journey of taste and we hope that when they finish, they leave transformed.*

In February 2023, we introduced Atlantis The Royal to the world, and in only four months, five of its restaurants have either achieved a star or made the Michelin Guide. This is quite simply an exemplary achievement, and we look forward to continuing our culinary journey and our goal to establish Atlantis Dubai as the destination with the most Michelin stars in the world.”

Helmed by Chef Tom Allen and regarded as one of the world's most unique and exciting restaurants, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal opened at Atlantis The Royal just four months ago and has already made waves across the region's culinary scene. Alongside one Michelin Star in 2023, Head Sommelier, Arturo Scarmadella took home Michelin's Sommelier Award for his hand-selected and diverse wine list of over 900 references. In addition, in May 2023, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal took home International Brand of the Year and Wine Offering of the Year at the region's 2023 Gault&Millau Guide.

Regarded as one of the most creative and innovative chefs in the region, Grégoire Berger is the celebrated culinary mind behind Ossiano, Dubai's leading progressive fine dining restaurant. Offering a degustation menu inspired by the sea and his memories of travel, Berger is a pioneer in the UAE's fine dining landscape. Andy Toh has worked with Tao Group Hospitality for the last 10 years, achieving the status of Executive Chef of Hakkasan Dubai in September 2016. Celebrated for his use of traditional techniques with very contemporary results, Andy's food celebrates the very best ingredients to highlight Hakkasan's authentic yet modern philosophy.

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Tom Allen, Chef de Cuisine, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal comments, *'To be awarded one Michelin star in the first couple of months of opening is incredible. The journey of opening Dinner by Heston Blumenthal at Atlantis The Royal has been a complex but enjoyable challenge for us all, and one that has ultimately resulted in the passionate team we have in place today, all of whom possess an unwavering commitment to the unflaggingly high standards that Heston's restaurants are known for the world over'.*

Grégoire Berger, Executive Chef, Ossiano comments *"We are thrilled to retain our Michelin star. This star is a testament to the tireless hard work and countless hours dedicated by the entire Ossiano team and the vision we all collectively have for Ossiano and its standing in the culinary world. Upon achieving our first star in 2022, the vision for Ossiano was to constantly reinvent ourselves, pushing boundaries and bringing something to the table that has never been done before, and we will continue to drive that vision and aim for two-stars next year!"*

Andy Toh, Executive Chef, Hakkasan, comments, *'We are truly thrilled to retain our Michelin star for Hakkasan Dubai. We continue to join Hakkasan Abu Dhabi, Hakkasan Mayfair and Hakkasan Hanway Place as the fourth one-star restaurant in the Hakkasan family, and this is testament to the support of both Atlantis and Tao Group Hospitality in continuing to drive the brand forward, securing the best talent and the freshest produce to ensure we make our mark.'*

Ariana Bundy, Executive Chef, Ariana's Persian Kitchen, comments, *'Being awarded Michelin's' Opening of the Year for my debut restaurant is such an incredible honour for which I'm truly grateful. It not only means a lot to me and the team at Ariana's Persian Kitchen and Atlantis The Royal, but also for Iranians everywhere, especially Iranian women who will hopefully be inspired to pursue their dreams fearlessly. This is the first time any Persian restaurant has received this accolade and represents significant recognition for this rich and ancient cuisine. This is a true celebration of the tapestry and artistry that has lovingly gone into every dish throughout generations of Persian families'.*

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Arturo Scarmadella, Head Sommelier, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, comments, *'This is such an incredible achievement for me, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, and the team. I'm speechless. So far, it's been such an amazing journey and to introduce so many brands that have previously never been offered has been both exciting and career defining for me. I look forward to continuing to drive Dinner's beverage programme to rival some of the best in the world. I sincerely can't wait to show Dubai what we can really do.'*

Tomislav Lokvicic, General Manager, La Mar by Gastón Acurio comments, *'We are very proud and humbled to receive this award. It represents the tireless amounts of hard work we have put into our guest experience since opening. The crux of the La Mar experience is genuine service paired with an unforgettable and authentic Peruvian culinary experience and to be recognized for this via this award is a dream come true for us.'*

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About Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai

Located at the centre of the crescent of The Palm in Dubai, Atlantis, The Palm is the first entertainment resort destination in the region. Opened in September 2008, the unique ocean-themed resort features a variety of marine and entertainment attractions, as well as 22 hectares of waterpark amusement at Atlantis Aquaventure, all within a 46-hectare site. It is home to one of the biggest waterparks in the world and the one of the largest open-air marine habitats, with more than 65,000 marine animals in lagoons and displays including The Lost Chambers Aquarium, a maze of underwater corridors and passageways providing a journey through ancient Atlantis. Aquaventure Waterpark features 23.5 million litres of fresh water used to power 105 thrilling waterslides and attractions, including several world record-breaking slides, and two river rides featuring tidal waves and pools, water rapids and white-water chargers. Dolphin Bay, the unparalleled dolphin conservation and education habitat, and Sea Lion Point were created to provide guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about some of nature's most friendly mammals. The resort boasts an impressive collection of luxury boutiques and shops as well as extensive meeting and convention facilities. Atlantis, The Palm is also known as the culinary destination in the region where guests can

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take their pick from a collection of 35 world-renowned restaurants including Bread Street Kitchen & Bar, Hakkasan, Nobu, Seafire Steakhouse & Bar and the award-winning underwater restaurant, Ossiano. Atlantis is also home to a buzzing nightlife scene with entertainment destination Wavehouse offering something for everyone, while WHITE Beach is the perfect place to unwind with a drink as the sun slips into the Arabian Sea.

About Atlantis, The Royal

The new iconic landmark of Dubai, Atlantis The Royal welcomes guests to an experience that will completely redefine their perspective of luxury. Crafted by the world's leading designers, architects and artists, this is a destination where everything has been designed to challenge the boundaries of imagination. Atlantis The Royal ignites the horizon with a collection of 795 elegant Rooms, Suites and Signature Penthouses. Featuring stunning views of the Dubai skyline and Arabian Sea, 44 of them have private infinity pools. The resort delivers a curated array of awe-inspiring experiences, inviting guests to swim amongst the clouds in sky pools, be dazzled by fountains that breathe fire or dine at more celebrity chef restaurants than anywhere else in the world. Guests are taken on a journey of the impossible, with artful masterpieces, iconic entertainment and beautiful craftsmanship at every turn, where the highest level of service will set a new standard in excellence.

Atlantis The Royal is the place where something incredible happens at every moment. This is Atlantis The Royal.

This Is It.