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The National Restaurant Awards 2010

The **100** best restaurants in the UK, **14** awards, almost **400** guests and **1** big party

It was never going to be a quiet night. The National Restaurant Awards, which took place at The Grand Connaught Rooms on 11 October, brought together the country's top restaurant talent to celebrate their achievements in style, not least in being named one of the top 100 establishments in the country. And, for the first time, the event also included the crowning of the Craft Guild of Chefs' National Chef of the Year.

The list, voted for by our academy of chefs, food writers and restaurateurs from across the UK, includes everything from fine-dining institutions to beach bistros, new gastropubs to old country-house hotels, with plenty in between. It's a line-up that can match any nation in the world, and one the sector as a whole should be mighty proud of.



The Ledbury's chef-patron, Brett Graham, bags a pair of National Restaurant Awards

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Victory parade: the award winners take to the stage

The list also reflects two further factors: the ever-increasing quality of restaurants around the regions of the UK, and a plethora of brilliant new additions to the eating-out sector in the last year.

Over the next 30 pages, we profile all 100 of the UK's finest restaurants, including double-winner The Ledbury in London, which took the coveted National Restaurant of the Year title, as well as the Front of House Award.

We also highlight the individual award winners, from the enduring brilliance of this year's Hotel Restaurant of the Year, Northcote in Lancashire, and Andrew Fairlie's Best Restaurant in Scotland through to Highest New Entry Bistrot Bruno Loubet. Below, we kick off by introducing the winner of the new One To Watch category, which rewards a recently opened restaurant that we believe will make an impact on next year's top 100.

The winners' enclosure

- The National Restaurant of the Year - **The Ledbury**, London
- Best Restaurant in Scotland - **Restaurant Andrew Fairlie**, Gleneagles
- Best Restaurant in Wales - **The Walnut Tree**, Abergavenny
- Best Restaurant in Northern Ireland - **James Street South**, Belfast
- Highest New Entry, sponsored by Llanllyr Source Water - **Bistro Bruno Loubet**, London
- Front of House Award, sponsored by Tisssl - **The Ledbury**, London
- Sustainable Restaurant of the Year - **L'Enclume**, Cumbria
- Gastropub of the Year - **The Hardwick**, Abergavenny
- Hotel Restaurant of the Year, sponsored by Martell Cognac - **Northcote**, Lancashire
- Wine List of the Year - **Terroirs**, London
- Restaurateurs' Choice, sponsored by Nespresso - **Restaurant Nathan Outlaw**, Cornwall
- Chefs' Chef of the Year, sponsored by Nestlé Chef - **Claude Bosi** of **Hibiscus**, London
- One to Watch - **Tinello**, London
- National Chef of the Year - **Hrishikesh Desai**, Lucknam Park Hotel, Wiltshire

Turn over for the top 100



One to watch Tinello

Location: **Pimlico, London**

Established: **August 2010**

Key people: **Max and Federico Sali**

Brothers Max and Federico Sali's debut restaurant on the Pimlico Road has been both busy and buzzing from day one. With a shared background working under Italian legend Giorgio Locatelli, first at Zafferano and then Locanda, the pair have taken their mentor's passion and professionalism on board and translated it into a relaxed, great-value family-friendly restaurant. Federico's beautifully fresh Tuscan-inspired dishes are matched by Max's eclectic and well-chosen wine offer. With critics and diners salivating at every turn, Tinello is undoubtedly a restaurant to watch.

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Night of stars!



Photographs
Rob Lawson

The crème de la crème of the UK restaurant industry (plus a smattering of international stars) descended on London's Grand Connaught Rooms to hear the results of our National Restaurant Awards. It was a night of celebration, not only for the 100 restaurants named in our list and the award-winners, but for the industry at large. Plenty of cocktails were consumed as a result...



The Craft Guild of Chefs' David Mulcahy names the National Chef of the Year



National Chef of the Year victor Hrishikesh Desai of Lucknam Park



The Pernod Ricard team laps up the proceedings



St John co-owners Trevor Gulliver and Fergus Henderson with David Chang of New York's Momofuku, second left, and Restaurant's Joe Lutrafo

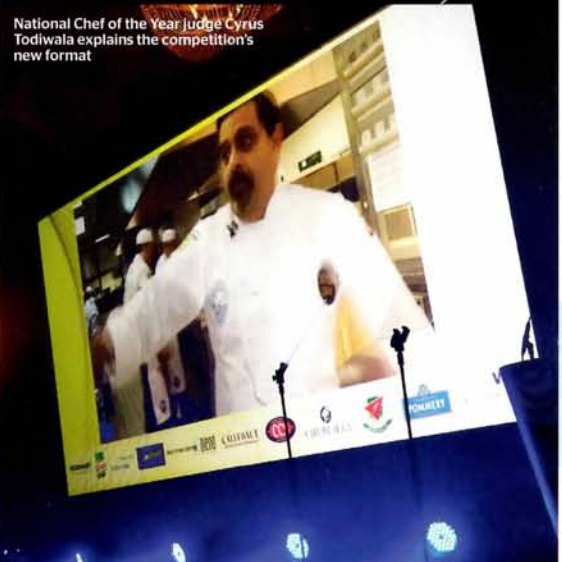


Restaurant editor William Drew whips the audience into a frenzy...



The ever-smiling Vivek Singh, of The Cinnamon Club

The Ledbury's Brett Graham picks up the big award from Massimo Bottura



National Chef of the Year Judge Cyrus Todiwala explains the competition's new format



Nigel Platts-Martin, left, and Philip Howard, co-owners of The Square and The Ledbury



BBC London's Nigel Barden, right, cosies up to Ashley Palmer-Watts of Dinner by Heston Blumenthal



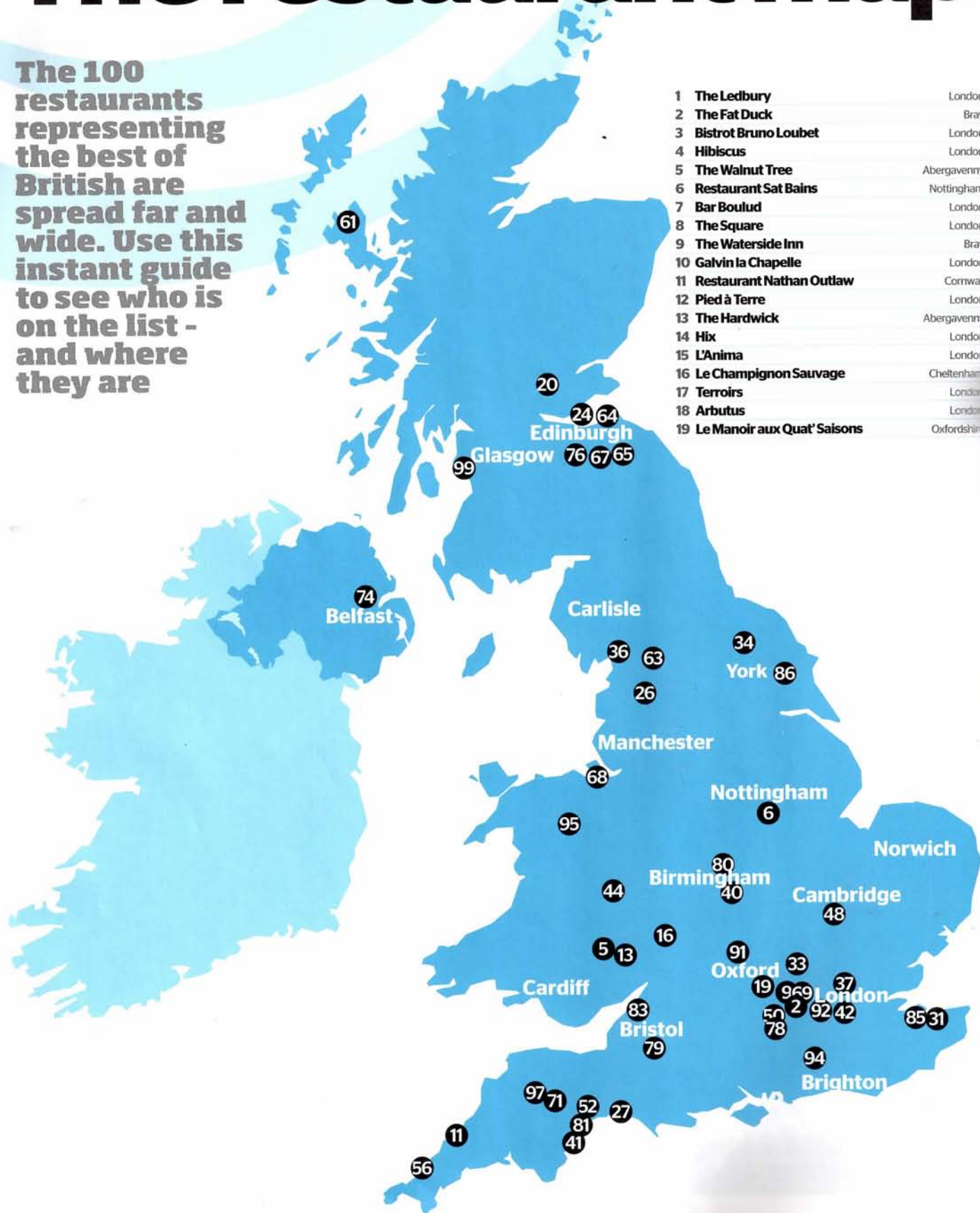
National Chef of the Year runner-up Adam Bennett, with Helen Evans of Simpsons in Birmingham

Ignatius Chan, of Iggy's in Singapore

The restaurant map

The 100 restaurants representing the best of British are spread far and wide. Use this instant guide to see who is on the list - and where they are

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| 1 | The Ledbury | London |
| 2 | The Fat Duck | Bray |
| 3 | Bistrot Bruno Loubet | London |
| 4 | Hibiscus | London |
| 5 | The Walnut Tree | Abergavenny |
| 6 | Restaurant Sat Bains | Nottingham |
| 7 | Bar Boulud | London |
| 8 | The Square | London |
| 9 | The Waterside Inn | Bray |
| 10 | Galvin la Chapelle | London |
| 11 | Restaurant Nathan Outlaw | Cornwall |
| 12 | Pied à Terre | London |
| 13 | The Hardwick | Abergavenny |
| 14 | Hix | London |
| 15 | L'Anima | London |
| 16 | Le Champignon Sauvage | Cheltenham |
| 17 | Terroirs | London |
| 18 | Arbutus | London |
| 19 | Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons | Oxfordshire |



National Restaurant Awards

20 Restaurant Andrew Fairlie	Geneagles	47 Koffmann's	London	74 James Street South	Belfast
21 Wild Honey	London	48 Midsummer House	Cambridge	75 Launceston Place	London
22 Marcus Wareing at the Berkeley	London	49 Pétrus	London	76 Ondine Restaurant	Edinburgh
23 Bocca di Lupo	London	50 Mya Lacarte	Reading	77 Kitchen W8	London
24 The Kitchen	Edinburgh	51 Hereford Road	London	78 L'Ortolan	Reading
25 The River Café	London	52 Jack in the Green	Exeter	79 Lucknam Park	Bath
26 Northcote	Lancashire	53 The Modern Pantry	London	80 Purnell's	Birmingham
27 Hix Oyster & Fish House	Lyme Regis	54 Zuma	London	81 Ode	Devon
28 St John	London	55 Le Café Anglais	London	82 Scott's	London
29 Galvin Bistro de Luxe	London	56 Porthminster Beach Café	Cornwall	83 Bell's Diner	Bristol
30 Polpo	London	57 Galvin at Windows	London	84 The Cinnamon Club	London
31 The Sportsman	Kent	58 The Quilon Restaurant & Bar	London	85 JoJo's	Whitstable
32 Maze	London	59 Vijante	London	86 The Pipe and Glass Inn	East Yorkshire
33 The Hand & Flowers	Marlow	60 Zucca	London	87 Cafe Spice Namasté	London
34 The Star Inn	North Yorkshire	61 The Three Chimneys	Skye	88 Indian Zing	London
35 Hakkasan	London	62 Le Gavroche	London	89 Hawksmoor	London
36 L'Enclume	Cumbria	63 Hipping Hall	Lancashire	90 Barrafinna	London
37 Trullo	London	64 The Dogs	Edinburgh	91 The Magdalen Arms	Oxford
38 L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon	London	65 Restaurant Martin Wishart	Edinburgh	92 Petersham Nurseries	Richmond, SW London
39 Roka	London	66 Great Queen Street	London	93 Tom Aikens	London
40 Simpsons	Birmingham	67 21212	Edinburgh	94 Wabi	Horsham
41 The Elephant Restaurant	Torquay	68 Fraiche	Merseyside	95 Tyddyn Llan Restaurant with Rooms	Denbighshire
42 Chez Bruce	London	69 The Hinds Head	Bray	96 Koya	London
43 Restaurant Gordon Ramsay	London	70 Gordon Ramsay at Claridges	London	97 Browns Hotel	Devon
44 La Bécasse	Ludlow	71 Gidleigh Park	Exeter	98 Murano	London
45 Harwood Arms	London	72 Corrigan's Mayfair	London	99 Braidwoods Restaurant	Glasgow
46 Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester	London	73 Racine	London	100 Yauatcha	London