



**THE WORLD'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS AWARDS TO TAKE PLACE ON
25 JUNE AT MARINA BAY SANDS IN SINGAPORE**

13 February 2019 – The World's 50 Best Restaurants, sponsored by S.Pellegrino & Acqua Panna, is thrilled to announce that its 2019 awards ceremony will be hosted at Sands Theatre within the iconic Marina Bay Sands in Singapore on the evening of Tuesday 25th June.

The world-renowned celebration recognises the very best in global gastronomy and will be preceded by a full programme of associated events and activities for international culinary professionals and food lovers alike. Singapore will be the first city in Asia to host the world's biggest annual gathering of chefs, restaurateurs, producers, media and VIPs, reflecting the city-state's global reputation as an exciting and diverse foodie hotspot.





William Drew, Group Editor of The World’s 50 Best Restaurants, says: “We couldn’t be more excited to host our upcoming edition of The World’s 50 Best Restaurants programme in Singapore, culminating in the gala awards in the iconic Marina Bay Sands integrated resort on Tuesday 25th June. The venue, and the host location as a whole, offers everything from street food and heritage dining to upscale celebrity chef establishments. The rich diversity of cuisine on offer in the city is incredible.”

The World’s 50 Best Restaurants is proudly hosting a series of events beyond the awards evening itself, supported by the Singapore Tourism Board. The programme includes **#50BestTalks**, presented by Miele, on Sunday 23rd June, where foodies will have the opportunity to hear about the latest trends in gastronomy from leading figures in the restaurant world. This exclusive thought-leadership event platform will take the form of a live stage show, with tickets available to the public as well as invited guests.

As a special addition to the programme, locals and visitors will also be able to attend a series of **Masterclasses** and **collaborative ‘four-hands’ dinners** conducted by the world’s greatest chefs over the days preceding the awards ceremony and announcement of the list of The World’s 50 Best Restaurants 2019. The Masterclasses will offer exclusive up-close access to the cream of the world’s culinary talent, while the collaborative dinners will provide a series of unique and exceptional dining experiences across Singapore.

As Official Venue partner, Marina Bay Sands will be hosting 50 Best events on its property, including all Masterclasses, #50BestTalks, as well as collaborative dinners and lunches. Guests at the official awards ceremony will also celebrate in style at an after-party hosted by Marquee, the hotly anticipated addition to Marina Bay Sands’ nightlife line-up.

On the evening of Monday 24th June, the chefs and restaurateurs gathered from all parts of the world will attend the traditional Chefs’ Feast at Tanjong Beach Club, where they will taste the best of Singapore’s street food from hand-selected hawker stalls.

A succession of highly coveted special awards – including the elit™ Vodka World’s Best Female Chef, the American Express Icon and the Miele One To Watch, as well as the recipient of the 50 Best BBVA





Scholarship – will also be announced in the weeks ahead of The World’s 50 Best Restaurants live event programme.

Ms Melissa Ow, Deputy Chief Executive, Singapore Tourism Board, said: “We are delighted to host a week-long series of events with The World’s 50 Best Restaurants in Singapore this June. Holding the 50 Best branded events here will not only benefit local enterprises through the creation of new business opportunities, but also help to profile Singapore’s culinary talents and brands on an international stage. We look forward to welcoming the world’s best chefs and visitors to Singapore, in what will be a truly exciting week of gastronomic experiences.”

“Marina Bay Sands is honoured to be the first Asian venue host of The World’s 50 Best Restaurants 2019. The significance of this global culinary event resonates with our endless pursuit to bring the best dining experiences to Singapore. We are looking forward to setting the stage for the gala awards ceremony, masterclasses and collaborative dinners, and extending our hospitality to the guests of The World’s 50 Best,” said Mr George Tanasijevich, CEO and President of Marina Bay Sands.

In 2019, the 50 Best organisation has introduced a number of key changes to its Academy of voters and voting eligibility rules to promote greater diversity and inclusivity. This includes the application of a gender parity policy in selecting voters, as well as the elevation of previous No.1 restaurants to a Best of the Best category, meaning they will no longer be featured in the annual ranking. Best of the Best creates a platform for the best chefs in the world to share their incredible knowledge and passion, and use their status for positive change.

50 Best will continue its focus on highlighting sustainability, creating opportunities for aspiring chefs and providing a platform for positive change through initiatives such as the Sustainable Restaurant Award and the 50 Best BBVA Scholarship, as well as through its #50BestTalks events and digital platforms.

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All announcements and results, including the 2019 list, are published online at www.theworlds50best.com. The awards ceremony itself is streamed live via www.finedininglovers.com and on the [50 Best Facebook](#) page.

Notes to editors

About 50 Best

Since 2002, The World's 50 Best Restaurants has reflected the diversity of the world's culinary landscape. Thanks to its panel of more than 1,000 culinary experts, as well as its structured and audited voting procedure, the annual list of the world's finest restaurants provides a snapshot of best destinations for unique culinary experiences, in addition to being a barometer for global gastronomic trends. The World's 50 Best Restaurants list is independently adjudicated by professional services consultancy Deloitte to protect the integrity and authenticity of the voting process and the resulting list. See more details on The World's 50 Best Restaurants voting process [here](#). The 50 Best family also includes Latin America's 50 Best Restaurants, Asia's 50 Best Restaurants, The World's 50 Best Bars, Asia's 50 Best Bars and the #50BestTalks and 50 Best Explores series, all of which are owned and run by William Reed Business Media. William Reed Business Media is solely responsible for organising the awards, collating the votes and producing the list.





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