

UK's Finest Hotels & Restaurants Celebrated at the AA Hospitality Awards 2024

- **The Seafood Restaurant** (Padstow), owned by Rick Stein, received the prestigious **AA Food Service Award**
- **Senara, Truro & Penwith College** was recognised as **AA College Restaurant of the Year**, showcasing the next generation of culinary talent

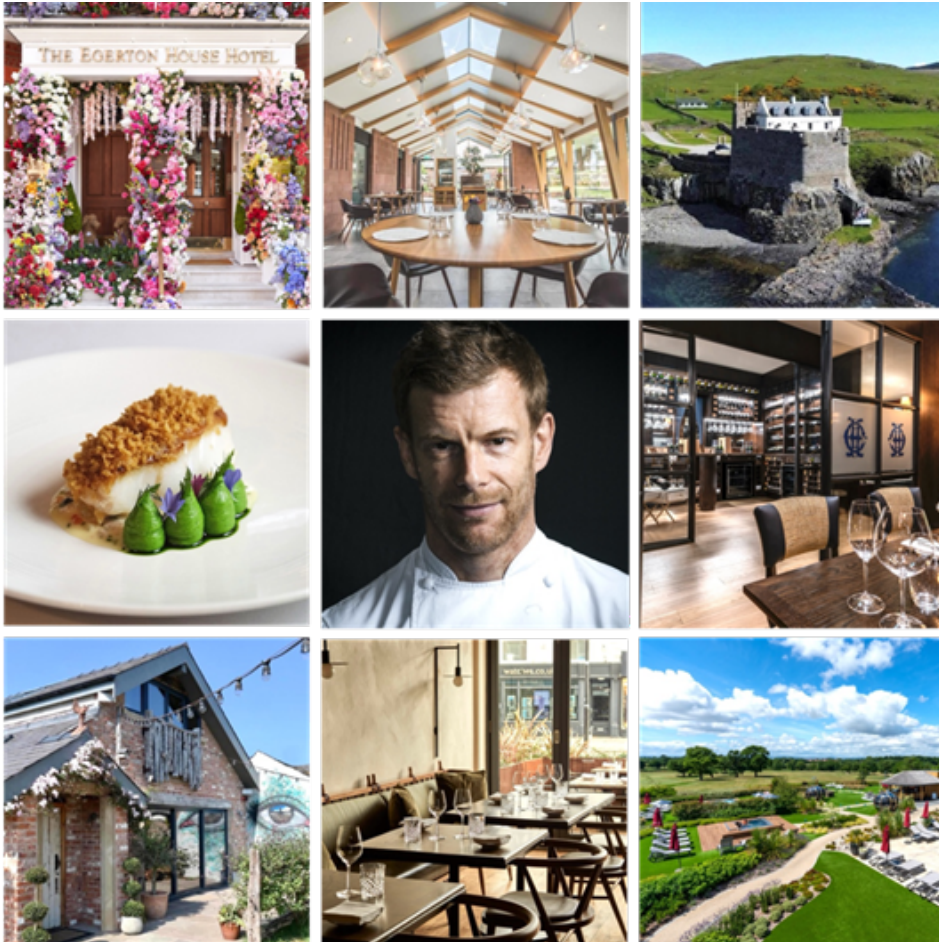


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Top: [Red Carnation Hotel Group](#) (Group of the Year); [Moor Hall Restaurant with Rooms](#) (Wine Award England & Overall winner); [Mingary Castle](#) (Restaurant with Rooms Overall)

Middle: [The Greyhound](#) (Restaurant of the Year England); Tom Aikens (Chefs' Chef); [The Balmoral](#) (Wine Award Scotland)

Bottom: [The Cartford Inn](#) (Inn of the Year); [The Silver Birch](#) (Restaurant of the Year London); [Spa Hotel](#) of the Year).

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London. 24 September. The UK's hospitality elite gathered at JW Marriott Grosvenor House last night for the highly anticipated AA Hospitality Awards 2024, an event that has become the benchmark for excellence in the industry. Hosted by AA Hotel & Hospitality Services, the star-studded evening was presented by BAFTA-nominated

television and radio broadcaster **Angellica Bell**, widely recognised for her winning victory on *Celebrity MasterChef*. The night celebrated the most outstanding hotels, spas, restaurants, overall Inns and B&Bs, alongside with the people who drive them forward.

Attended by 900 guests, the event highlighted the very best in British hospitality, honouring achievements across 16 award categories. Key awards included **AA Restaurant of the Year**, **AA Hotel of the Year**, and the **AA Sustainable Award**, reflecting the industry's commitment to innovation, quality, and environmental responsibility.

AA Chefs' Chef of the Year, sponsored by Wellocks, is the ultimate accolade for any Chef.

This unique award recognises an outstanding chef for their dedication to their craft. A much sought-after accolade, this award gives all AA Rosette-awarded chefs the power to decide who truly deserves the ultimate recognition for their outstanding performance over the past year.

Tom Aikens' triumphant win comes after twelve talented chefs were shortlisted for 2024, representing the very best of the UK's culinary landscape. Tom has restaurants in four different countries, has published three cookery books, is a TV regular, and supports several charities. Cooking at the highest level since the age of 26, he is clearly one of the very best UK chefs, so it's no surprise his peers have voted him as the AA Chefs' Chef for 2024.

Winner of AA Chefs' Chef of the Year Award Tom Aikens of Muse, London said on his win: *"There was such an amazing group of chefs up for this award. It's truly incredible to have actually won it. It's not just about me, it's about the whole team. I'm absolutely thrilled, it's fantastic."*

Simon Numphud, Managing Director at AA Media, expressed his pride in the resilience and creativity shown by the UK's hospitality sector in 2024: *"This incredible celebration is a true testament to the strength and innovation within our industry. The dedication and excellence demonstrated by all the hospitality teams have been nothing short of inspiring. Congratulations to all the winners, nominees, and new Rosette holders for their remarkable contributions."*

The AA introduced the renowned star rating scheme for quality in 1908 and have continued to shine a well-deserved spotlight on individuals and establishments who consistently deliver excellence to their guests. The AA Hospitality Awards, now celebrated as the pinnacle of recognition in the industry, have once again showcased the innovation, dedication, and brilliance that define the UK's hospitality landscape. As the stars of hospitality continue to rise, these awards have cemented their place as the ultimate authority in recognising excellence, setting the gold standard for hotels, restaurants, inns and B&Bs across the country. This year, the AA is celebrating 116 years of recognising excellence in hospitality.

AA Hospitality Awards – 2024 winners

The full list of this year's AA Hospitality Award winners can also be found [here on RatedTrips.com](https://www.aa.com/awards):

Chefs' Chef of the Year

- Tom Aikens, [from Muse, London](#)

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Adrian Ellis MI FIH, former General Manager of [The Lowry Hotel, Manchester](#)

Outstanding Contribution Award

- Sue Williams, Positive Hospitality Ltd, Director and formerly General Manager of Whatley Manor Hotel & Spa

Restaurants of the Year

- England – [The Greyhound, Buckinghamshire](#)
- London – [The Silver Birch, London](#)
- Wales – [Thomas by Tom Simmons, Cardiff](#)
- Scotland – [Loch Bay Restaurant, Isle of Skye](#)

Hotels of the Year

- England – [Down Hall Hotel & Spa, Hertfordshire](#)
- London – [The Dorchester](#)
- Wales – [The Parkgate Hotel, Cardiff](#)
- Scotland – [Cromlix, Stirling](#)
- Northern Ireland – [The Ebrington Hotel, Londonderry](#)

Group of the Year

- [Red Carnation Hotel Group](#)

Small Hotel Group of the Year

- [Eden Hotel Collection, Stratford-Upon-Avon](#)

Wine Award

- England – [Moor Hall Restaurant with Rooms, Lancashire](#)
- Wales – [Plas Dinas Country House, Gwynedd](#)
- Scotland – [The Balmoral, Edinburgh](#)

Shortlisted categories (excluding Chefs Chef):

Housekeeper of the Year

- Paula Seddon – [Crow Wood Hotel and Spa Resort, Lancashire](#)

Sustainable Award

- [1 Hotel Mayfair, London](#)

Inn of the Year

- [The Cartford Inn, Lancashire](#)

B&B of the Year

- [Mallard Grange, North Yorkshire](#)

Restaurant with Rooms of the Year

- [Mingary Castle, Highlands](#)

Spa Hotel of the Year

- [Carden Park Hotel, Cheshire](#)

Food Service Award

- [The Seafood Restaurant, Cornwall](#)

College Restaurant of the Year

- Senara – Truro & Penwith College

New 5 Rosettes

- [Woven by Adam Smith \(Coworth Park\), Berkshire](#)
- [The Glenturret Lalique Restaurant, Perth & Kinross](#)
- [Angel at Hetton, North Yorkshire](#)

New 4 Rosettes

- [Restaurant 1890 by Gordon Ramsay \(Savoy Hotel\), London](#)
- [Olive Tree at the Queensberry Hotel, Somerset](#)
- [Bybrook at The Manor House Hotel, Wiltshire](#)
- [Lumiere, Gloucestershire](#)
- [Atrium \(Lords of the Manor\), Gloucestershire](#)

New 3 Rosettes

- [The Flintlock at Cheddleton, Staffordshire](#)
- [The Old Deanery, North Yorkshire](#)
- [HUMO London, London](#)
- [Pignut, North Yorkshire](#)
- [The Vines Restaurant, Cheshire](#)
- [Rookery Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire](#)
- [The Three Horseshoes, Essex](#)
- [The Cottage in the Wood, Cumbria](#)
- [Chartwell at Aldwark Manor, North Yorkshire](#)
- [Mallory Court Country House Hotel & Spa, Warwickshire](#)
- [Skosh, North Yorkshire](#)
- [MUSU, Greater Manchester](#)
- [The Fanny Talbot, Gwynedd](#)

New 4 Red Stars

- [Farlam Hall Hotel & Restaurant, Cumbria](#)
- [Douneside House, Aberdeenshire](#)
- [The Angel Hotel, Suffolk](#)
- [Lygon Arms Hotel, Worcestershire](#)
- [Nutfield Priory Hotel & Spa, Surrey](#)

New 3 Red Stars

- [Penally Abbey, Pembrokeshire](#)

The full list of this year's AA Hospitality Awards winners can be found [on the AA's Rated Trips website here](#).



All of 2024's restaurant award winners and new Rosette holders feature in the 31st edition of the **AA Restaurant Guide 2025**. Offering the definitive guide to the UK's top 1,400 dining destinations, this is the food lover's key to enjoying the best cuisine the country has to offer. [Get your copy on Amazon \(£17.99\)](#).

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You can find all this year's winners in The AA Restaurant Guide 2024 published by AA Publishing (£17.99). [Available online](#) and in all good bookstores.

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