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The MICHELIN Guide's Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 Selection reveals Malaysia's first two MICHELIN Starred restaurant

- The 2024 selection reveals 127 restaurants, featuring over 30 different cuisine types.
- One restaurant is promoted to one MICHELIN Star, bringing the total number of starred restaurants to 5, including 1 newly promoted two MICHELIN Stars restaurant.
- The MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang recognises an "Opening of the Year" Award winner for the first time.

The highly anticipated MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 has been announced, marking the second edition of this celebrated guide. Inclusive of the Starred, Bib Gourmand, and Selected dining establishments, this year's selection presents a total of 127 eateries that serve as a testament to the rich tapestry of culinary diversity found in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. These establishments offer a wide range of over 30 different cuisine types, including street food.

*"As we unveil the second edition of the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur and Penang, it is a testament to the gastronomic adventures that await everyone in these two remarkable cities. From traditional heritage dishes to contemporary interpretations, the culinary landscape continues to evolve, providing a true reflection of the diverse culinary artistry in Kuala Lumpur and Penang," says **Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the MICHELIN Guide.** "It is also delightful to learn that many young talents are joining the culinary industry, devoting their time and energy to serve great food that is dedicated in showcasing the beauty and uniqueness of Malaysian ingredients and cuisine."*

The First two MICHELIN Starred Restaurant in Malaysia

Dewakan in Kuala Lumpur, which attained the one MICHELIN Star recognition in the first edition of the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang, continues to perform and is the first restaurant to receive two MICHELIN Stars in Malaysia.

"Dewakan" means "food from God", and the chef crafts a heavenly dining experience that is Malaysian down to its very core. Each ingredient is sustainably and locally sourced; even the dinnerware is handmade by local artists. The set



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tasting menu features many items that are fermented or dry-aged in-house, alongside seasonal fruits and herbs.

1 Restaurant Newly Promoted to one MICHELIN Star

Beta, a MICHELIN Selected restaurant in the 2023 edition, has been promoted to a one MICHELIN Star restaurant in the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024. The restaurant offers discerning foodies an exciting way to taste Malaysia's rich culinary heritage with a touch of finesse. The chef reimagines favourites from around the country, often jazzed up with modern techniques and soigné plating. Head to the lounge first for a round of cocktails and appetizers, before sampling the main courses in the theatrically appointed dining room with an open kitchen.

With the newly promoted restaurants, the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 has a total of 1 two MICHELIN Starred restaurant: **Dewakan** in Kuala Lumpur; and 4 one MICHELIN Starred restaurants: **Au Jardin** and **Auntie Gaik Lean's Old School Eatery**, both located in Penang; and **Beta** and **DC. by Darren Chin**, both located in Kuala Lumpur.

In addition to these awarded restaurants, 25 New Dining Establishments Join the MICHELIN Guide selection Selected Distinction

In addition to the Starred restaurants and Bib Gourmand food establishments, the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 welcomes 25 new recommended establishments in the MICHELIN Guide 2024 selection, which showcase the region's diverse culinary landscape, bringing the total number of MICHELIN Selected establishments to 77.

Of the 25 new MICHELIN Selected establishments, 16 are located in Kuala Lumpur, and 9 are in Penang.

The 16 newly added MICHELIN Selected establishments in Kuala Lumpur are: Bōl, Café Café, Entier, Frangipaani, Jwala, Ling Long, Malai, Marini's on 57, Nadodi (relocation), Seed, Shanghai Restaurant, Sushi Masa, Tanglin (Bukit Damansara), Tenmasa, Teochew Lao Er, and Wagyu Kappo Yoshida.

The 9 newly added MICHELIN Selected establishments in Penang are: 888 Hokkien Mee (Lebuh Presgrave), Air Itam Duck Rice, Ceki, Fook Cheow Cafe, Jit Seng Hong Kong Roasted Duck Rice, Penang Famous Samosa, Richard Rivalee, Sambal, and The Pinn (relocation).



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Each of these establishments offers a unique culinary journey, contributing to the rich tapestry of flavours that defines the region's gastronomy. From innovative cuisines to time-honoured traditions, these new selections are a testament to the culinary excellence found in Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

Four MICHELIN Guide Special Awards

In addition to recommending quality restaurants, the MICHELIN Guide also aims to highlight talented individuals who contribute to enhancing the gastronomic dining experience. By doing so, it also acknowledges the diversity of jobs and know-hows involved in the restaurant industry.

The MICHELIN Guide Service Award

The 2024 MICHELIN Guide Service Award aims to highlight and encourage skilled and talented professionals who dramatically add to the customer experience. This year's MICHELIN Guide Service Award, presented by FunNow, is awarded to **Wan Mohd Zulkifeli**, recognised for his exceptional knowledge, attentiveness, and composed demeanour as he leads the team at **Gai by Darren Chin** (Kuala Lumpur). Mr. Zulkifeli willingly shares his professional skills with the staff, contributing to the creation of a solid service team that ensures a harmonious dining ambiance.

The MICHELIN Guide Sommelier Award

The 2024 MICHELIN Guide Sommelier Award recognises the skills, knowledge, and passion of talented sommeliers of the industry. This year's Sommelier Award is given to **Yap Cze Ying**, who serves as the sommelier and restaurant manager at **Hide** (Kuala Lumpur). Ms. Yap, although she may be somewhat reserved, possesses a well-groomed and welcoming attitude. She also exudes a genuine passion for wine management and hospitality.

The MICHELIN Guide Young Chef Award

The 2024 MICHELIN Guide Young Chef Award recognises a young chef working in a restaurant of the selection, and whose exceptional talent and great potential have impressed the inspectors. This year, the Young Chef Award is given to **Johnson Wong Jia Liang** from **Gēn** (Penang). A Le Cordon Bleu Sydney graduate, Mr. Wong, the chef-owner of Gēn, was born in 1991 and has honed his



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culinary expertise in some of the finest kitchens. He is committed to local ingredients and aims at presenting them with native flavours complemented by his memories of growing up in Malaysia.

The MICHELIN Guide Opening of the Year Award

The 2024 MICHELIN Guide Opening of the Year Award is given to a chef, host, or restaurant manager, for the successful opening of a dining venue over the past 12 months, with a creative degustation concept and a cuisine approach which has had an impact on the local gastronomic scene.

This award, presented by UOB, marks the first-ever Opening of the Year Award in Malaysia. The recognition is given to **Remash Thangaraj** from Jwala (Kuala Lumpur). Opened in 2023, with custom-made tandoors, Jwala, which means "flame" in Sanskrit, serves up refined charcoal-grilled specialties of Northern India.

The full selection of the MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 is attached to this press release. The restaurant selection joins the MICHELIN Guide selection of hotels, which features the most unique and exciting places to stay in Malaysia and throughout the world. Every hotel in the MICHELIN Guide is chosen for its extraordinary style, service, and personality — with options for all budgets — and each hotel can be booked directly through the MICHELIN Guide website and app.

The MICHELIN Guide is a benchmark in gastronomy. Now, it's setting a new standard for hotels. Visit the MICHELIN Guide's official [website](#), or download the MICHELIN Guide mobile app ([iOS](#) and [Android](#)), to discover every restaurant in the selection and book an unforgettable hotel.

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The MICHELIN Guide Kuala Lumpur & Penang 2024 at a glance:

		New	Promoted
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS	127		
Total 2 MICHELIN Stars	1		1
Total 1 MICHELIN Star	4		1
Total Bib Gourmand	45	12	2
Total MICHELIN Selected	77	25	
KUALA LUMPUR	66		
Total 2 MICHELIN Stars	1		1
Total 1 MICHELIN Star	2		1
Total Bib Gourmand	20	4	1
Total MICHELIN Selected	43	16	
PENANG	61		
Total 1 MICHELIN Star	2		
Total Bib Gourmand	25	8	1
Total MICHELIN Selected	34	9	



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KUALA LUMPUR



Two MICHELIN Stars

Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Dewakan PROMOTED	Malaysian Contemporary



One MICHELIN Star

Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Beta PROMOTED	Malaysian Contemporary
DC. by Darren Chin	French Contemporary



Bib Gourmand

Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Ah Hei Bak Kut Teh	Malaysian
Aliyaa	Sri Lankan
Anak Baba	Malaysian & Peranakan



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Congkak (Bukit Bintang)	Malaysian
Dancing Fish	Malaysian & Indian
De. Wan 1958	Malaysian
Hai Kah Lang	Seafood
Heun Kee Claypot Chicken Rice (Pudu)	Cantonese
Hing Kee Bakuteh (Jalan Kepong)	Malaysian
Hor Poh Cuisine NEW	Hakkanese
Jalan Ipoh Claypot Chicken Rice NEW	Street Food
Lai Fong Lala Noodles	Noodles
Nam Heong Chicken Rice	Malaysian
Nasi Ayam Hainan Chee Meng (Jalan Kelang Lama)	Malaysian
Restoran Pik Wah	Cantonese
Roti by d'Tandoor NEW	Indian
Sao Nam	Vietnamese
Sek Yuen NEW	Cantonese
Sri Nirwana Maju MOVED FROM MICHELIN SELECTED	Indian
Wong Mei Kee	Street Food

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Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Akâr	Malaysian Contemporary
Böl NEW	Asian Contemporary

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Bref by Darren Chin	French Contemporary
Café Café NEW	French
Cilantro	French Contemporary
Dominic	French Contemporary
Eat and Cook	Malaysian Contemporary
Elegant Inn	Cantonese
Ember	Asian Contemporary
Entier NEW	French Contemporary
Flour	Innovative
Frangipaani NEW	Indian
Gai by Darren Chin	Thai
Hide	Innovative
Jwala NEW	Indian
Kayra	Indian
La Suisse	European
Li Yen	Cantonese
Limapulo	Peranakan
Ling Long NEW	Innovative
Malai NEW	Thai
Marble 8	Steakhouse
Marini's on 57 NEW	Italian
Nadodi NEW	Innovative
Passage Thru India	Indian
Playte	European Contemporary
Qureshi	Indian
Seed NEW	Innovative
Shanghai Restaurant NEW	Shanghainese

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Skillet	European Contemporary
Soleil	European Contemporary
Sushi Masa NEW	Sushi
Sushi Ori	Sushi
Sushi Taka	Sushi
Tamarind Hill	Thai & Burmese
Tanglin (Bukit Damansara) NEW	Malaysian
Tenmasa NEW	Tempura
Teochew Lao Er NEW	Teochew
The Brasserie	French Contemporary
Ushi	Japanese
Vantador	Steakhouse
Wagyu Kappo Yoshida NEW	Japanese
Yun House	Cantonese

PENANG



One MICHELIN Star

Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Au Jardin	European Contemporary
Auntie Gaik Lean's Old School Eatery	Peranakan


Bib Gourmand

Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
Ah Boy Koay Teow Th'ng NEW	Street Food
Bibik's Kitchen MOVED FROM MICHELIN SELECTED	Peranakan
BM Cathay Pancake NEW	Street Food
Bridge Street Prawn Noodle	Noodles
Communal Table by Gēn	Malaysian
Duck Blood Curry Mee	Street Food
Ghee Lian NEW	Street Food
Green House Prawn Mee & Loh Mee	Street Food
Hot Bowl White Curry Mee NEW	Noodles
Ivy's Nyonya Cuisine	Peranakan
Ming Qing Charcoal Duck Egg Char Koay Teow	Noodles
Moh Teng Pheow Nyonya Koay	Small eats
My Own Café NEW	Street Food
Neighbourwood	European Contemporary
Penang Road Famous Jin Kor Char Kuey Teow NEW	Street Food
Penang Road Famous Laksa	Street Food
Rasa Rasa	Peranakan
Sardaarji	Indian
Siam Road Char Koay Teow NEW	Street Food
Sister Yao's Char Koay Kak NEW	Street Food
Taman Bukit Curry Mee	Street Food



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Teksen	Cantonese
Thara	Thai
Tho Yuen	Cantonese
Wan Dao Tou Assam Laksa	Street Food

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Restaurant Name	Type of Cuisine
888 Hokkien Mee (Lebuh Presgrave) NEW	Street Food
Air Itam Duck Rice NEW	Street Food
Air Itam Sister Curry Mee	Street Food
Ali Nasi Lemak Daun Pisang	Street Food
Bali Hai Seafood Market	Seafood
Bao Teck Tea House	Dim Sum
Bee See Heong	Malaysian
Bite N Eat Dindigul Biryani	Indian
BM Yam Rice	Teochew
Ceki NEW	Peranakan
Chao Xuan	Teochew
Curios-City	Innovative
Fatty Loh Chicken Rice	Street Food
Feringgi Grill	European Contemporary
Flower Mulan	Peranakan
Fook Cheow Cafe NEW	Noodles
Gēn	Innovative
Goh Thew Chik Hainan Chicken Rice	Street Food



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Il Bacaro	Italian
Jawi House	Indian
Jit Seng Hong Kong Roasted Duck Rice NEW	Street Food
Kebaya Dining Room	Peranakan
Kota Dine & Coffee	Peranakan
La Vie	European Contemporary
Lao San Tong Bah Kut Teh	Malaysian
Misai Mee Jawa (Butterworth)	Street Food
Penang Famous Samosa NEW	Street Food
Pitt Street Koay Teow Soup	Noodles
Richard Rivalee NEW	Peranakan
Sambal NEW	Asian Contemporary
The Pinn NEW	Small eats
Tok Tok Mee Bamboo Noodle	Noodles
WhatSaeb Boat Noodles	Thai
Woodlands	Vegetarian