PRESS RELEASE

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BRAVOS 2024 - Terre à Terre is Best Restaurant

More than 30 years after opening its doors, Terre à Terre wins the top spot.

Brighton, UK – 28 March 2024 - One of Brighton's most successful establishments, Terre à Terre has won Best Restaurant in this year's BRAVOS having celebrated its 30th birthday in 2023. This vegetarian fine dining restaurant has been delighting Brighton's diners with its exquisite cuisine for decades but its menu is kept fresh with unique flavour combinations and contemporary culinary techniques. Terre à Terre's commitment to innovation and outstanding hospitality has been recognised by the Brighton public with this BRAVO award.



The team at Terre à Terre celebrate their Best Restaurant BRAVO

"We are staggered and delighted to have won this award, and beyond grateful to everyone who voted for us. Terre à Terre is the product of an incredible team, wonderful customers and a thriving restaurant community. We'd be nothing without all these elements. Brighton and Hove is teeming with amazing independent hospitality venues, we're so proud to be just one of them, and we all need the lovely people of the City to keep supporting us all as they've done so amazingly throughout these difficult times. We feel very humbled to receive this award and look forward to feeding you all for a long time to come! And thank you to the Restaurants Brighton team!" **Amanda Powley, Terre à Terre**

BRAVO NAME DROP ALERT

Fans will be excited to see legendary Brighton DJ Fat Boy Slim announce Terre à Terre's 2024 Best Restaurant win on Instagram on 28 March. His enthusiasm for the venue is clear and he recalls dining there with vegetarian superstar Sir Paul McCartney!

BRAVO BRAVOS

Voted for by the public, the BRAVOS is bigger than ever in its seventh year. This year's voting total smashed through previous records, beating 2023 by 15,000 to reach 71,931 votes. With voting numbers and public engagement growing year on year, the BRAVOS has become firmly established as Brighton's best loved food and drink awards. This endorsement is all the more meaningful given the current economic climate which has produced a challenging environment for hospitality venues. Despite everything, public support is clear and the vibrant local scene continues not only to survive but thrive.



The team at Oeuf Cafe celebrate another BRAVO win

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

Opposites attract in 2024's BRAVOS Best Restaurant Top 20 list. Alongside Terre à Terre sit the city's longest running fish restaurant English's of Brighton at #11 and previous winners Burnt Orange (2022, 2023) which takes the #2, The Little Fish Market (2020) and etch. (2019). Hove hotspot Cin Cin enters the race at #3. At the same time, some of Brighton's most exciting new openings of the past year or so have stormed into the Top 20 including Dilsk at #6, Furna at #7 and Embers at #9. The ones to watch!



Dilsk enter the Top 20 Best Restaurant

HOLDING FIRM AT #1

In other categories, several venues have retained their #1 spot for a second year in a row. Fourth and Church is #1 Best Wine List (2023, 2024), The Eddy takes #1 Best Brighton Pub (2023, 2024), Bonsai Plant Kitchen is #1 Best Vegan Food (2023, 2024) and Crabshack, Worthing takes #1 Best Sussex Restaurant (2023, 2024). Oeuf Cafe and Starfish and Coffee have swapped top spots with Oeuf taking #1 Best Brunch and Starfish and Coffee #1 Best Cafe this year. Starfish and Coffee is celebrating its 5th BRAVO win.



The team at Starfish and Coffee celebrate their fifth BRAVO

"To have won a fifth BRAVO just blows my mind. We have always aimed to be the best in every department of what we do, so to have won the Best Cafe award, which recognises not just our food & drink, but also the environment, the team and our place in the local community means so much to us. We're just absolutely thrilled and can't thank everyone who voted for us enough!" **Tony Marks, Starfish and Coffee, Winner Best Cafe**

EXCITING NEW CATEGORIES FOR 2024

In 2024 the BRAVOS launched some exciting new categories to capture some other areas of interest including Best Lunch which has been won by Lost In The Lanes and Best Coffee which goes to Komodo Coffee. Last year's Sussex Finest category has been split into Best Sussex Restaurant and Best Sussex Pub to better reflect the diversity and buoyancy of Sussex hospitality which, due to international interest in Sussex vineyards and a vibrant local art scene, is drawing Brightonians out of the city and attracting a steady flow of visitors throughout the year.



The team at Crabshack celebrate their BRAVO win

"We are delighted to have won for the second year running. It means so much to us all, especially as it is a completely public vote. We are nothing without our wonderful regulars and thank them all so much for voting for us ! Can't wait to see the award!" Sarah Tinker-Taylor, Crabshack, Winner Best Sussex Restaurant

BRIGHTON TREND WATCH

The BRAVOS Top 20 lists are an amazing way to navigate the awesome Brighton hospitality scene. Diners can use the wisdom of the 'hive mind' to make great choices about where to eat and drink in the year ahead.



Bonsai Plant Kitchen celebrate their Best Vegan Food BRAVO

The results also give a strong indication of the city's changing tastes and priorities. In 2024 'live fire' cooking is a strong culinary trend with a number of the city's best restaurants showcasing this technique; Burnt Orange, Embers, Furna, Bincho Yakitori and Bonsai Plant Kitchen to name a few. There is a growing interest in sustainability and restaurants are progressively starting to communicate their actions to the public, adding a new dimension to the way people choose where to eat. Plant-based restaurants and menus continue to do well in all categories.



Majahma celebrate their Most Sustainable BRAVO

"Woooooowwwweeeee!!! Thank you Brighton! Sustainability is at the core of how we set Majahma up, so you can imagine being voted most sustainable really means the world to us. We're so lucky to be making food we love, in a way we love for a town we love. Thank you all so much for voting for us. Nish, Roo and Team Majahma xxx" Nish Fatania, Majahma, Winner Most Sustainable

ENDS

Winning 1# in each category are:

1. Best Restaurant	-	Terre à Terre
2. Best Roast	-	The Ladies Mile
3. Best Cafe	-	Starfish and Coffee
4. Best Brunch	-	Oeuf Cafe
5. Best Lunch (new)	-	Lost In The Lanes
6. Best Wine List	-	Fourth and Church
7. Best Takeaway	-	Social Board Brighton
8. Best Vegan Food	-	Bonsai Plant Kitchen
9. Eat Well For Less	-	Halisco
10. Most Sustainable	-	Majahma

11. Best For the Family	-	Moksha
12. Best Sussex Restaurant	-	Crabshack
13. Best International Cuisine	-	Nostos
14. Best Team	-	II Bistro
15. Best Brighton Pub	-	The Eddy (The Edinburgh)
16. Best Cocktails	-	Permit Room
17. Best Sussex Pub	-	The Eight Bells Jevington
18. Best Coffee	-	Komodo Coffee

The full Top 20 winners in each category can be seen here from 16:00 Thursday 28 March: <u>https://restaurantsbrighton.co.uk/brighton-restaurant-awards/</u>

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5. Best Lunch (new)	-	Good Noise
6. Best Wine List	-	Gusbourne
7. Best Takeaway	-	<u>Uber Eats</u>
8. Best Vegan Food	-	Sussex Shortlist
9. Eat Well For Less	-	Restaurants Brighton Special Offers
10. Most Sustainable	-	Designs Woodcraft
11. Best For the Family	-	Brighton Fringe
12. Best Sussex Restaurant	-	The Menu Partners
13. Best International Cuisine	-	Restaurants Brighton Jobs
14. Best Team	-	Table Talk Foundation
15. Best Brighton Pub	-	The Cheese Hut
16. Best Cocktails	-	Goldstone Rum
17. Best Sussex Pub	-	Alliance South East
18. Best Coffee	-	Hospitality Industry Discounts

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- 1. BRAVO 2024 IMAGES
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QUOTES

"The BRAVO awards are such an important event in the Brighton and Sussex food calendar as it signposts the general public to where they are going to eat next. Where's new to visit, who's maintaining the standard and happy diners can work their way through their list of favourites. It is so clear what it means to the businesses too, winning a BRAVO could keep a venue at the top of everyone's list for a whole year, therefore attracting more customers and giving a business a leg up in these difficult times for the hospitality industry." **Nick Harvey, Founder of the BRAVOs**

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"Thank you to all our customers who voted for us in the BRAVO awards. We have worked so hard since 2018 to have the sexiest sandwiches in Brighton and are looking forward to making many more for all of you! Big thanks to our fantastic staff for putting so much effort into taking part in the BRAVO awards. We are so happy! "**Tomasz Kowalski, Social Board, Winner Best Takeaway Brighton**

"We're delighted to win another BRAVO! The team tries to make everyone feel welcome and being a family business it's great to win the family-friendly category this year." **Oli Trafford, Moksha Caffe, Winner Most Family Friendly**

"It's truly an amazing feeling. Our team has poured (literally) endless effort into crafting something fresh and exciting, complementing Brighton's already exceptional cocktail scene, with a bit of a twist. Since landing on East Street last October, every moment has been a joy - and a cracking good laugh. We're so happy Brighton has welcomed us with open arms,

and we can't wait for what the future has in store for us here at Permit Room!" Minnie George, Permit Room, Winner Best Cocktails

"Thank you to everyone who voted for us! We've worked hard to make our gem of a village pub a real destination and are over the moon to be your Sussex pub of the year!" **Josh, The Eight Bells, Jevington, Winner Best Sussex Pub**

"We are thrilled to win in such an amazing category, Brunch in Brighton and Hove is a fierce category with some amazing restaurants and cafés taking part, so to even be in the runnings was impressive. Our now not so little cafe, and the team continue to amaze us every day, and the support we get from the local community! Winning Best Brunch makes all the hard work, poaching of eggs and endless avocado smashing all worthwhile." **Amber Sterck, Oeuf, Winner Best Brunch**

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"What an amazing surprise to receive this Bravo award almost one year to the day since we opened! We are truly humbled. The coffee we are lucky enough to brew has come on a long journey by the time we receive it, so thank you to all the awesome producers, and to our partners Kofra Coffee who source and roast to perfection. Much love to everyone that voted, and to all the wonderful people that make Komodo such a lovely place to hang out and drink coffee. Thank you! Komodo x" **James Cowan**, **Komodo Coffee, Winner Best Coffee**

"Being part of the Bravo awards is an honour, as it not only celebrates the richness of our local hospitality scene but also underscores our community's vibrant diversity. Now more than ever we need champions to rally behind our struggling restaurant community and Restaurants Brighton through the Bravo Awards are playing a pivotal role in this crucial support." **Kyriakos Baxevanis, Nostos, Winner Best International Cuisine**

"We are so delighted to win the best team award as this is the award that means the most to us. Every one of us dedicates our lives into what we do to provide the best experience possible for our guests. Our ethos at IL Bistro is the customer isn't a king or queen and that's because they're a friend. I believe our attitude towards what we do is the reason we have been trading for nearly 50 years." **Abe**, **II Bistro, Winner Best Team** "We are delighted to have won for the second year running . It means so much to us all , especially as it is a completely public vote . We are nothing without our wonderful regulars and thank them all so much for voting for us ! Can't wait to see the award!" **Sarah Tinker-Taylor**, **Crabshack**, **Winner Best Sussex Restaurant**

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"We're delighted that The Ladies Mile have scooped such a prestigious accolade in the 2024 BRAVOS! Credit should go to Paul & Gayle for running such a great pub and Jamie for heading up the kitchen. They've been smashing out excellent food and even better service for years now and it's great to see that consistency being recognised by happy customers" Leo Day, Golden Lion Group on Behalf of The Ladies Mile Pub, Winner Best Sunday roast

"We are incredibly grateful to all our loyal customers for voting for us, it is an amazing feeling to have won a BRAVO award for the second year running, and a big thank you to the Team at BRAVO for organising this event, and too my team for all their hard work." **Dom Sherriff**, **Bonsai Plant Kitchen, Winner Best Vegan Food**

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