## News from the Croatian National Tourist Board

## New MICHELIN Stars for Croatia



Currently, Croatia can boast one restaurant with two MICHELIN stars and ten restaurants with one prestigious MICHELIN star, the most significant and recognizable gastronomic mark globally. Excellent news came after today's announcement of the latest MICHELIN selection for Croatia which can now boast of new stars, in which the restaurants Agli Amici from Rovinj, which as of today has two stars, and the restaurant Dubravkin put from Zagreb, which received one star.

The restaurants Pelegrini (Sibenik), 360° (Dubrovnik), Monte (Rovinj), Noel (Zagreb), Boškinac (Novalja), LD Restaurant (Korčula), Nebo (Rijeka), Alfred Keller (Mali Lošinj) and Korak (Jastrebarsko) successfully kept their stars.

"The new MICHELIN guide is a reaffirmation of the excellence of Croatian gastronomy, which, thanks to the creativity and passion of Croatian chefs, is already recognized in the world, as confirmed by the latest decision of the World Tourism Organization, which declared our chef Rudi Štefan, a global ambassador for gastronomic tourism. The diversity of the offer, the local and authentic ingredients, and the wealth of variety of Croatian dishes are additional reasons for many tourists to come, and the development of eno and gastro tourism is also reflected in our strategy. I congratulate everyone who was included in this globally relevant gastronomic guide this year, and I believe that every year, more and more of our restaurants will find their place in it", said Tonči Glavina, Minister of Tourism and Sports.

When it comes to the MICHELIN Green Star label, restaurants Zinfandel's (Zagreb), Konoba Mate (Korčula), and Korak (Jastrebarsko) have successfully retained theirs. We remind you that this label is awarded to restaurants that are especially dedicated to gastronomy based on sustainability and environmental acceptability.

"Today, Croatia is very well recognized as a high-quality and attractive destination, and the MICHELIN stars confirm the excellence of Croatian gastronomy and the skills of our chefs, who contribute to the satisfaction of our guests with their work and effort. As a destination, we want to continue to excel, and this MICHELIN selection proves that we have another thing to be proud of, which greatly contributes to the promotion of our country as a quality and prestigious gastronomic destination. The fact that today, Croatia has a total of 93 restaurants bearing some of the marks, we will certainly know how to use it in further promotion, both of gastronomy as a product, and of Croatia as a destination as a whole", said Kristjan Staničić, director of the Croatian National Tourist Board and main national partner of MICHELIN. Director Staničić also sent sincere congratulations to all awarded and selected restaurants.

In addition to the mentioned labels, MICHELIN also included the restaurant Fakin from Legrad on the Bib Gourmand list. Today, Croatia has a total of 11 restaurants with this MICHELIN label, which is awarded to restaurants that offer quality menus at affordable prices.

In addition, new labels are the result of a secret tour of Croatian restaurants by MICHELIN inspectors, the top internationally recognized restaurant guide where Croatia's select restaurants may be found.

