

York's only five-star hotel launches new fine-dining restaurant -Legacy at The Grand, York







London, **25**th **August** - <u>The Grand</u>, <u>York</u>, the city's finest hotel, is delighted to announce the opening of their new fine dining restaurant, <u>Legacy</u>.

Head Chef, Ahmed Abdalla, has created a menu which is dedicated to local provenance and showcases classic Yorkshire produce with a modern twist alongside an exceptional wine list.

"I am inspired by the processes of the pioneers of York's past; those individuals who turned their imagination into reality, which can now be seen in iconic buildings, revolutionary railways and the heritage of this great city. I am delighted by the opportunity to look at things through a new lens, delivering traditional ingredients in an exciting new style whilst fully utilising the great produce Yorkshire has to offer." — Ahmed Abdalla, Head Chef.

Abdalla's professional background includes York restaurant, Skosh, Yorebridge House in The Dales and stages at Restaurant Hywel Jones – Lucknam Park and Whatley Manor's restaurant – The Dining Room.

With the restaurant's official opening on the 25th August, Legacy's interiors have been constructed by industry-leading designer, Faber. With sustainability being of great importance for both the build and culinary operation, environmentally conscious choices have been made throughout.

The team at Legacy will invite guests to indulge in a new culinary offering with the opportunity to elevate it further with an overnight stay at The Grand itself. As well as a tasting menu, the restaurant offers an immersive wine pairing crafted by the in-house sommelier.

Guests will be welcomed in to enjoy a glass of English sparkling wine and canapés in the restaurant for a personal introduction from the chef, with an overview of the dishes.

The restaurant's expertly designed interior pays homage to the pioneering spirit of the inspiring engineers and architects of York's past. Legacy boasts innovative cuisine with locality, sustainability and great northern hospitality at its core. The setting will be bold yet elegant, seating up to 26 covers, with interiors demonstrating the building's iconic and historic features with modern twists, including blueprint murals, oak panelling, sculptural lighting, industrial ironwork and crisp colour contrasts.



"We are delighted to be advancing the hotel's culinary offering in such a unique way. Undoubtedly, this will enhance our guests' experience, particularly so for those who are enthused by fine dining and the best of British cuisine. Adding to this, it will elevate our wonderful city's growing food scene, and this is something we cannot wait to be part of!"- Simon Mahon, General Manager

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About The Grand, York

The Grand is housed in one of the historic city's most iconic buildings, offering guests a unique approach to inclusive luxury. A destination for memorable experiences and unforgettable service, The Grand delivers the finest of Yorkshire hospitality, from locally sourced food and beverage to bespoke experiential packages. The award-winning hotel features 207 rooms alongside an intimate and relaxing Spa, state-of-the-art Cookery School, world-class event facilities and exclusive food and beverage outlets including The Rise Restaurant, Terrace & Bar for breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner and The 1906 cocktail bar. With multi-functional rooms, The Grand is also one of the top wedding venues in York for both intimate and grand affairs. The historic building was originally constructed in 1906 as a 'Palace of Business' for one of the most powerful railway companies in Edwardian England. Open as a hotel since 2010, the building underwent an extensive refurbishment and expansion in 2018, with original elements of the building paying homage to its former status as an icon of the golden age of rail travel. The independent hotel is a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts and is recognised by Virtuoso as one of the finest places to stay in York. The Grand has been acknowledged with multiple awards, including 'Hotel of the Year-Group' at the 2022 Cateys Awards, 'Best Afternoon Tea' by 2022 Condé Nast Johansens Award for Excellence and 'Large Hotel of the Year' at this year's Visit York Tourism Awards. www.thegrandyork.co.uk