



Association
Mondiale de la
Gastronomie

Bailliage de Grande Bretagne

Young Sommeliers Awards Dinner 2026



Sloane Street, London

Friday 15 May 2026

Dear Members and Friends

A great opportunity to meet your friends again from across the country and to support our industry and its young talent in this superb hotel.

Belmond's sister hotel to Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons.

The next generation of young professionals is the lifeblood of our renowned hospitality industry. It is vital that we all nurture fresh talent and encourage 'careers in hospitality' and, as the world's oldest fine-dining association, the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, takes its role very seriously in this respect. Each year, we are proud to encourage young professionals to raise their standards by training for, and competing in, our international competitions.

Excellence - Generosity - Commitment

We also encourage all Chaîne members and the employers of these young people to come and support the finalists from our two competitions. The winners will be announced together with the award of the Gerard Basset Tasting Trophy to the best young sommelier in the Blind Tasting and Food Matching section of the competition.

We will also be delighted to welcome our judges to the Awards, who will be giving us their feedback as to the superb quality of entrants that the 2026 Awards have attracted from across the industry. We are sure that many of you will wish to support these young people and enjoy this exclusive and highly prestigious event.

The Cadogan team lead by General Manager, Maitre Hotelier Russell Platt and Executive Chef, Michael Turner will be doing us proud.

Those wishing to support our candidates at the International Finals, the dates are 14-18 October in Bastad, South West Sweden.

You will also be pleased that the winner of our Young Chefs Competition, Johan de Sousa from the Savoy will be back from the international finals in Istanbul and joining the brigade for the day. Thus, we will be able to congratulate him on his achievement in that competition.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to this inspirational and fun event that supports the heart of our industry.

With warmest regards



Philip Evins

Bailli Délégué

Membre du Conseil Magistral

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