



Amaya

## BEST NEW BARS

### The Farm

Posh restaurant at the back, posh pub and lounge bar at the front.

**The Farm** 18 Farm Lane, SW6 1PP (020 7381 3331) Fulham Broadway tube.

### Momo at Selfridges

A faux-kasbah complete with sheesha room inside a department store.

**Momo at Selfridges** Second Floor Selfridges, 400 Oxford St, W1C 1JT (020 7318 3620) Bond St tube.

### Pearl

A quiet, very smart and sumptuously furnished bar with one of the best wine selections in London.

**Pearl** Renaissance Hotel, 252 High Holborn, WC1V (020 7829 7000) Chancery Lane tube.

### Salt

A very appealing bar with good service and a huge range of whiskies and whisky cocktails.

**Salt** 82 Seymour St, W2 2JB (020 7402 1155) Marble Arch tube.

### Shochu Lounge

The basement of Modern Japanese restaurant Roka. It specialises in shochu: Japanese vodka.

**Shochu Lounge** 37 Charlotte St, W1T 1RR (020 7580 9666) Goodge St tube.

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Our pick of the best bars, gastropubs, cafés and restaurants that opened this year.

## BEST NEW RESTAURANTS

### Amaya

Stunningly good and stunningly good-looking Indian restaurant with an emphasis on light, grilled foods.

**Amaya** Halkin Arcade, Motcomb St, SW1X 8TJ (020 7823 1166) Knightsbridge tube. Meal for two with wine and service: around £100. Set lunches from £14.50 per head.

### The Painted Heron

A new branch of Chelsea's The Painted Heron, this upmarket Indian restaurant is one of London's best.

**The Painted Heron** 205-209 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QS (020 7793 8313) Kennington tube. Meal for two with wine and service: around £75. Set lunches from £10.

### Roka

Zuma's sister restaurant in Fitzrovia. Ordering the Japanese tapas-like dishes à la carte can get expensive, but basic set lunches are reasonably priced (£9 and up). The basement bar is Shochu Lounge (see right).

**Roka** 37 Charlotte St, W1T 1RR (020 7580 6464) Tottenham Court Rd tube. Meal for two with drinks and service: around £85.

### Tapas Brindisa

This little tapas bar serves outstanding Spanish produce at fair prices.

**Tapas Brindisa** 18-20 Southwark St, Borough Market, SE1 1TJ (020 7357 8880) London Bridge tube/rail. Meal for two with wine and service: around £70.

### Yauatcha

The basement serves up tempting dim sum, while the ground floor is a beautiful Chinese teahouse.

**Yauatcha** 15 Broadwick St, W1F 0DL (020 7494 8888) Oxford Circus tube. Meal for two with drinks and service: around £50.

## BEST NEW GASTROPUBS

### The Gun

This historic gastropub on the banks of the Thames has great food and a sensitively refurbished interior.

**The Gun** 267 Coldharbour, Isle of Dogs, E14 9NS (020 7515 5222) South Quay DLR. Meal for two with drinks and service: around £75.

### Matilda

A Tuscan-style gastropub that keeps it simple, with excellent cured meats and cheeses a speciality.

**Matilda** 74-76 Battersea Bridge Rd, SW11 3AG (020 7228 6482) bus 49, 345. Meal for two with wine and service: around £70.

### The Pig's Ear

Superb ales and bistro food, combining the best of French and British eating out. Great service and a zinc bar; this is no ordinary pub.

**The Pig's Ear** 35 Old Church St, SW3 5BS (020 7352 2908) Sloane Square tube. Meal for two with wine and service: around £70.

## BEST CHEAP EATS

### Canela

This Brazilian and Portuguese café provides good quality quiche, cod cakes, salads and cake.

**Canela** 33 Earlham St, WC2H 9LS (020 7240 6926) Covent Garden tube. Meal for two with soft drinks and service: around £20.

### Fish Club

Some of the best fish and chips in London can be found at this takeaway-with-tables.

**Fish Club** 189 St John's Hill, SW11 1TH (020 7978 7115) Clapham Junction rail. Meal for two with wine and service: around £40.

### Ottolenghi

A superb 'southern Mediterranean' deli and café with a pristine, modernist interior.

**Ottolenghi** 287 Upper St, N1 2TZ (020 7288 1454) Highbury & Islington tube/rail. Meal for two with wine and service: around £45.

### Story Deli

A quirky organic café just off Brick Lane. The cakes are fabulous and the pizza is the best this side of Naples.

**Story Deli** 3 Dray Walk, The Old Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, E1 6QL (020 7247 3137) Liverpool St tube/rail. Meal for two with soft drinks and service: around £20.