



**The iconic Amstel Hotel Amsterdam has entrusted French Chef Cyril Lignac
for its new restaurant**

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French Celebrity Chef, TV star and cookbook author Cyril Lignac and the legendary Amstel Hotel Amsterdam, owned by Katara Hospitality, and operated by InterContinental Hotels & Resorts, have partnered to introduce the very first Lignac's restaurant outside France, in the Netherlands.

The acclaimed Chef is set to open a restaurant at the prestigious hotel overlooking the banks of the Amstel river. Scheduled for early 2022, the concept will be based on Lignac's successful venues in Paris.

The residents will discover a tasteful menu, blending Lignac's French roots with international flavours which he gathered from his travels around the world. Designed with heritage in mind, the new restaurant will bring a modern twist to the city's landmark, through the visionary spirit of Katara Hospitality.

The talented Chef will offer an evolved version of his successful seafood cuisine and original cocktails to the heart of Amsterdam.

"I am thrilled to open a new address in such an attractive city and at the Amstel. It is a fantastic and iconic hotel benefiting from one of the best locations in Amsterdam. The proximity with the river is an incredible opportunity to propose elegant and mesmerizing dining experiences. I am very much excited to contribute to the heritage and success of the place while proposing a contemporary offering in a historical building", declared Cyril Lignac.

For over 150 years, the Amstel Amsterdam has kept its authentic charm which will be combined with an innovative culinary scene. This exciting venture will infuse a new breath into the legendary palace and will undoubtedly be the new fashionable location of the Venice of the North.

"We will write a new chapter in our history with the arrival of Chef Cyril Lignac. As part of this exciting new project, we plan to completely renovate our restaurant while preserving the soul of the 'Grande Dame'. We are delighted to welcome Cyril Lignac and his expertise will make the Amstel Hotel shine even brighter in the future", said Rudolf van Dijk.

Having been at the forefront of the hospitality industry for over 50 years, Katara Hospitality has built a portfolio of iconic hotels in Qatar and key international gateways while witnessing unprecedented growth in high-level hospitality projects, Yet the challenge of providing innovative services comes. The company's commitment to invest in the development of the hospitality and tourism industry and enhance its products through this kind of partnerships that plays an integral part of enriching the guest's experiences.

About Amstel Hotel Amsterdam:

Since the opening in 1867 the Amstel Amsterdam has been celebrated as the most prestigious and luxurious hotel in the Netherlands and ranks with the best hotels in the world. The stately hotel is perfectly located on the banks of the Amstel River, at walking distance of the financial district, the exclusive shopping area and various cultural attractions in the city. The hotel attracts a unique range of guests, including royalty and members of the aristocracy, political leaders, (inter)national celebrities and business people from all over the world.

About Katara Hospitality:

Katara Hospitality is a global hotel owner, developer and operator, based in Qatar. With 50 years' of experience in the industry, Katara Hospitality actively pursues its strategic expansion plans by investing in peerless hotels in Qatar while growing its collection of iconic properties in key international markets. Katara Hospitality's portfolio has grown to include 42 owned and / or managed hotels and the company is now focused on achieving its target of 60 hotels in its portfolio by 2030. As the country's flagship hospitality organisation, Katara Hospitality supports Qatar's long-term economic vision. Katara Hospitality has gained global recognition for its contributions to the Qatari and international hospitality landscape through numerous prestigious accolades from the industry.

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