

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### Second Michelin star for Michael Kempf and the FACIL restaurant, Berlin

On November 7, 2013 it became official: Michael Kempf received his second Michelin star. Hence, the FACIL is now one of only five with 2 Michelin stars-awarded restaurants in Berlin.

Since 2003 Michal Kempf is the chef de cuisine of the FACIL restaurant, located on the 5th floor of the 5 star superior The Mandala Hotel. During his first year as chef, at the age of 26, he was awarded with the first Michelin star and became Berlin's youngest Michelin-starred chef. Ten years later the second one ensues.

His style of cooking stands for fresh, local products direct from the market – with an emphasis on vibrant vegetables and exotic herbs, all meticulously prepared to preserve their individual flavours. In a nutshell, it's cooking with a passion for precision. At his early age it was already clear to Kempf, who was born in 1977, that he wanted to become a star chef. His career took him from the "Wald- und Schlosshotel Friedrichsruhe" to the restaurant "Fischerzunft" in Schaffhausen, over to "Dieter Müller" at Schlosshotel Lerbach up to the FACIL gourmet restaurant in Berlin. Furthermore since 2011 Kempf is part of the team of the ARD TV cookery show "ARD Buffet".

The Michelin guide book was for the first time published in France and honours since then anually extraordinary achievements of top chefs. Part of the judging criteria are the range of products, professional cooking, creativity, continuity and the final taste. Two stars denote according to Michelin guide "excellent cuisine, skillfully and carefully crafted dishes of outstanding quality. Worth a detour." Currently one can find 37 2-stars restaurants in Germany.

Michael Kempf and his team are delighted about the second Michelin star. "This was definitely an aim of us and I am very proud that we made it", says Kempf. However, the award won't bring on future changes – Kempf will still rely on highest quality, as well as a combination of fresh, regional products with remarkable mixed spices.

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The FACIL gourmet restaurant, located in the very heart of Berlin at Potsdamer Platz on the fifth floor of The Mandala Hotel, has been serving elegantly light fare accented by purist luxury and modern avant-garde since July 2001. The FACIL is the perfect place for unconventional gourmets seeking a culinary experience.